

Section 5 Playing Regulations - Men's and Women's Soccer

5.1 Rules

The CCAA National Championship Tournaments shall be governed by the rules as specified by the voting membership at the Annual General Meeting.

Proposed Rule changes must be forwarded to the national Sport Convenor for presentation to the Annual General Meeting.

5.1.1 Rule Changes from NSO's

Rule changes received from the NSO's, following the CCAA AGM and therefore approval of the year's playing rules, shall be accepted for that season up until September 1 of each year (except Soccer which must be approved at the CCAA AGM). These rules will be approved and clarified by the Program Committee and circulated to the participating conferences by October 1st. Rule changes received after September 1 will be submitted for approval at the next CCAA AGM.

5.1.2 Competition shall be governed by the rules of F.I.F.A. with the following modifications.

5.1.2.1 Overtime: 2X15 minute halves. If still tied, penalty kicks (as per FIFA rules).

5.2 Eligibility & Conduct

5.2.1 Eligibility

Refer to CCAA Eligibility Rules

5.2.2 Conduct

As CCAA members, all players and coaches are expected to follow the standard guidelines and principles as per the CCAA Code of Ethics. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action.

5.2.3 Team Composition

5.2.3.1 Only players whose names appear on the official tournament roster and are listed on the Institution's eligibility form and which have been confirmed eligible by the member's PCAA are permitted to participate in the National Championship Tournament, and sit on the team's respective bench.

5.2.3.2 The maximum number of players permitted on the official tournament roster is **eighteen (18)**.

5.2.3.3 The maximum number of players permitted to dress for any National Championship game is **eighteen (18)**.

5.2.3.4 A team must field a minimum of **nine (9)** players to start the match.

5.2.3.5 Teams are permitted 3 staff plus 1 medical personnel on the team bench. If the team does not have any medical personnel, then they are permitted only three staff.

5.3 Participants

The participants may be as follows:

- British Columbia Colleges Athletic Association representative
- Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference representative
- Ontario Colleges Athletic Association champion or highest ranking substitute
- Fédération Québécoise du Sport Étudiant representative
- Atlantic Colleges Athletic Association representative
- Host Provincial Organization - guaranteed entry
- Others as may be approved at the preceding AGM

5.4 Participating Team Accreditation

- 5.4.1 The Host Institution of a National Championship may charge a maximum of \$40 per participant as an accreditation fee.
- 5.4.2 Accreditation includes a ticket to the All-Canadian Banquet, tickets to all games / matches and access to appropriate tournament amenities (Hospitality rooms; VIP Seating, etc.)
- 5.4.3 Participating teams will receive a maximum number of Team / College personnel accreditations: Soccer – 25

Note: For any extra traveling with their teams, the host will determine the cost and what it would include. This notice must be given to the host by the assigned deadline.

5.5 Team Uniforms -Undergarments

- 5.5.1 During tournament and championship play, the highest ranked team shall choose colour of uniform and have choice of bench. A flip of a coin prior to the start of each game between captains and referee shall give the winner of the toss: choice of net.
- 5.5.2 Participating teams in the national championships shall be required to have **two (2)** sets of jerseys and socks (one light, one dark) and bring both sets of jerseys to all National Championship games. Failure to do so will be penalized by a **\$100 fine**.
- 5.5.3 Team members are permitted to wear undergarments at the National Soccer Championships. A jersey or shirt – if undergarments are worn, the colour of the sleeve should be the same main colour as the sleeve of the jersey or shirt. Exception; a black undershirt may be worn if the jersey or shirt colour is dark, a white coloured undershirt may be worn if the jersey or shirt is a light colour. Note: "All players must wear the same colour undershirt."
"Shorts – if undershorts are worn, they are of the same colour as the shorts; coloured shorts – black undershort may be worn, white shorts –white undershorts. "All players must wear the same colour undershorts."Players not complying will not be allow to enter the field until the match officials are satisfied that the equipment conforms with this rule.
- 5.5.4 Players must wear their assigned light and dark uniform number throughout the entire tournament, the number that was given by their institution, which should matches the master roster. Coaches will be asked to complete their 18 team roster with light and dark uniform numbers at the Coaches Meeting. A \$100 fine be assessed to the team/player on every uniform (numbered) change following declaration of 18 team roster, unless otherwise required due to the official laws and/or rules of the game.
- 5.5.5 Players are not permitted to wear anything that is dangerous to themselves or other players. NO jewelry: that includes rings, bracelets (except medical alert bracelets - which must be either made of Velcro or similar soft material, or covered with a sweatband), earrings, necklaces, other visible body piercing, etc. The practice of taping jewelry is not acceptable.
- 5.5.6 Team Warm-up Dress

Participating Teams at National Championships during warm-up shall wear team warm-ups/ tracksuits, which are consistent in colour and form. It is strongly recommended that all student-athletes receiving medals and possibly tournament all-star/MVP awards be dressed in their warm-ups or College apparel and that all athletes taking part in the closing ceremonies be dressed similarly and/or neatly.
- 5.5.7 No team personnel including coaching staff and therapist will be allowed on the bench area at any CCAA national championship competition if they do not meet the dress code as outlined in Code of Ethics 2.2.3. No athlete will be allowed on the field/court of play if they do not meet the dress code of matching uniforms, warm up gear (including shorts). It is the duty of the national convenor on site to implement this rule. Should the National convenor not be present, the CCAA Executive Member attending would then ensure this rule is enforced.

- 5.12.1 Previous Match Results - the winner of the match between the teams concerned shall be used to determine the final standing;
- 5.12.2 Goal Difference - by deducting goals against from goals for, the team with the highest goal difference shall be awarded the higher standing;
- 5.12.3 Most Goals Scored - if (1) of (2) do not break the tie, the team scoring the most goals in all their matches shall be awarded the higher standing;
- 5.12.4 Fewer Goals Against - if (1) of (2) or (3) do not break the tie, the team having the fewest number of goals scored against them in all their matches shall be awarded the higher standing;
- 5.12.5 Penalty Shots will be held re: FIFA Rules. Should this apply to all teams in the pool, the highest seeded team shall have a bye first, and shall have Penalty Shots against the winner of the first round of Penalty Shots.
- 5.12.6 3 team tie breaking formula. As one team is eliminated from the tie breaking process the two remaining teams continue on in the process. They do not return to the start of the process.

5.13 Discipline

5.13.1 Cautions/Ejections

- player and team officials
- **two (2)** yellow cards - ejected from the game and suspended from the team's next scheduled game
- red card - ejected from the game and suspended minimum of 1 game, which must be served at the next scheduled championship tournament or league game(s).

- 5.13.1.1 The tournament's grievance/protest committee chaired by the soccer convenor and consisting of no less than two (2) other persons, will review all red cards.

5.13.2 Suspension

5.13.2.1 Conference League:

A player who is under suspension by his/her league/association shall not be eligible to play in the championships so long as the suspension is in effect. Provincial soccer convenors shall report, regardless of if there were or were not any infractions, suspensions etc., immediately following their provincial championships to the National convenor or CCAA Office.

5.13.2.2 CCAA National Championships:

Any player who receives 2 yellow cards throughout the tournament will be automatically suspended for his/her team's next game. Example: A player who receives a card in the first game and then another card in the second game is suspended for the 3rd game of the championships.

NOTE: Ejections for spitting, harassing, swearing etc OR any "INTENT TO INJURE" dismissal such as threatening, fighting, or physical/violent contact with another player or with any game official will result in more serious consequences. – A discipline hearing will be held following the relative game, by the tournament discipline committee.

- 5.13.2.3 Coaches ejected from a game or serving suspensions will not be permitted to have any

contact or communication of any kind with their teams 60 minutes prior to game time and until the conclusion of the game. That is he/she will not be allowed in the playing facility and any connected viewing area.

5.14 General

- 5.14.1 All players must be registered with their Provincial College Sports Governing Organization and the CCAA. CCAA eligibility sheets are required at the Championships.
- 5.14.2 Game sheets shall be completed and given to the referee prior to each game.
- 5.14.3 Protests of game results must be filed with the CCAA Soccer Convenor within **one (1)** hour after the conclusion of the game in protest, and must be accompanied by a fee of **\$100.00** payable to the CCAA.
- 5.14.4 Soccer goals are to be securely anchored, moveable goals must be counterweighted.
- 5.14.5 Please note that all rule changes as per FIFA shall be instituted into CCAA playing rules **one (1)** year following.

5.14.6 Fields

- 5.14.6.1 The host site must have an alternative field for play in the event of extreme weather conditions and field damage. Wherever there is a discrepancy at the National Championship between the quality of the playing surfaces, it should be noted that the largest and best surfaced field will be used for the final, regardless of location. This decision will be made by the National Convenor and Host.
 - 5.14.6.2 Only Grass Fields or synthetic grass surface will be used for the Championships. Astro turf should not be used to play National Championship games. In cases where weather conditions could become a problem for the tournament organizer, an Astro turf field may be kept on reserve. Every attempt must be made to play all games on natural grass or Field Turf.
 - 5.14.6.3 In the case of severe weather or other unforeseen circumstances which prohibits games/matches to be played, a committee consisting of 3 to 5 members represented by 1) Host 2) Head Official 3) National Convenor 4) CCAA Executive/Staff on site 5) Technical Director of Tournament shall be empowered to make the final decisions on the direction taken. The Committee will be struck at the Coaches meeting and will ensure each team/coach is aware of any possible changes to schedule. The first consideration the committee will make with pending bad weather is to move up the game start time. Hosts will need to ensure officials and facilities are available throughout the event.
- 5.14.7 Host must display a scoreboard during play.

5.15 Officials:

5.15.1 Assignments:

The Canadian Soccer Association shall be responsible for the assigning of match officials to all games at the CCAA National Championships. This will be done in coordination with the CCAA office. The Canadian Soccer Association will also assign a Supervisor of Officials and National Assessor(s), as required, to this Tournament.

- 5.15.2 Officials, in accordance with the classification and definition below, shall be assigned for the duration of the event

5.15.3 Referees shall be classified by the CSA as Provincial Referees or above. Assistant referees shall be classified by the CSA as Regional Referees and above. Fourth Officials shall be assigned to all games. Female Officials may be assigned to the Championship on the same classification basis.

5.15.4 Definitions:

- a) Local Officials defined as those officials living within a radius of 50kms of the Host city/campus and appointed to the Tournament by the Host Provincial Soccer Association.
- b) In Province Non-Local Officials defined as those officials living beyond a radius of 50kms of the host city and appointed to the Tournament by the Host Provincial Soccer Association.
- c) Out of Province Officials defined as those officials living outside the host province and appointed to the Tournament by the Canadian Soccer Association.

5.15.5 Number of Officials:

- a) Combined Men's and Women's Competition – The total number of officials assigned to a combined tournament will be a maximum of 16 broken down as follows; 6 to 8 Nationally Appointed Officials and 8-10 combined Local Officials and In Province Non-Local Officials (Based on tournament schedule).
- b) Men's or Women's Single Competition – The total number of officials assigned to a single competition will be a maximum of 12 broken down as follows; 4-6 Nationally Appointed Officials and 6-8 combined Local Officials and In Province Non-Local Officials (Based on tournament schedule).

5.15.6 Per diems

The rate of the per diem allowance to be paid by the Host shall be \$43.00/day. (\$10 breakfast, \$12 lunch, \$21 Dinner). If the host provides meals to officials during the tournament then these meals shall be deducted from the overall per diem host cost. Local Officials shall receive four (4) days Lunch per diem allowance In Province Non-Local Officials and Out of Province Officials shall receive four and a half (4.5) days per diem.

5.15.7 Game Fees

The rate for game fees shall be equivalent to the rate paid with the respective hosting province. Game fees shall be paid by the Host. The Scale of Fees for Referee, Assistant Referees and Fourth Officials to be notified to the CSA no later than eight (8) weeks prior to the start of the Tournament.

5.15.8 Payment of Game Fees and Per Diems

No later than six (6) weeks prior to the start of the tournament, the CSA shall forward an invoice to the Host Tournament Convener for the cost of game fees for all officials. The CSA shall also forward to the Host Tournament Convener an invoice for the costs of per diems for all [*In Province Local and Out of Province*] officials. The Host Tournament Convener shall make pay these invoices no later than four (4) weeks prior to the tournament.

5.15.8.1 Submission of Expense Reports

Game fees and per diems will be paid to the officials upon submission of a properly authorized expense report form approved by the Supervisor of Officials by the CSA direct. Match Officials are to submit the expense report form to the CSA Headquarters within 7 days of the tournament ending. A final account will be prepared for the Host Tournament Convener within 28 days of the final day of the Tournament.

1. 5.15.8.2 Accommodations

The Host shall pay for the accommodations of the In Province Non-Local Officials and out of Province Officials (driving and flying) on the basis of two officials per room. Local Officials will be responsible for their own accommodations.

2. 5.15.8.3 On-site Transportation

The Host will be responsible for the provision and payment of on-site transportation

for In Province Non-Local and Out of Province Officials. Airport pickup for those In Province Non-Local and Out of Province Officials who fly to the host city will be the responsibility of the Host.

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5.15.9 All Canadian Banquet; The Host shall invite the Supervisor of Officials to attend the All-Canadian

5.15.10 Meetings: The Supervisor of Officials shall attend the Coaches meeting, he or she may be accompanied to this meeting by the CSA appointed National Assessor(s) The host shall provide a meeting room daily for referees to meet at the respective official's hotel.

5.15.11 Travel: The Host shall be responsible for all in Province Non-Local Official travel costs. The mileage rate shall be .40 cents/km. The CCAA shall be responsible for up to half the costs of Out of Province Official travel costs per event. The CSA shall be responsible for up to half the costs of Out of Province Official travel costs per event.

5.15.12 CSA National Assessor & Official's Supervisor
CSA shall be responsible for the all costs associated with the Supervisor of Officials and Nationally appointed Assessors

5.16 Blood Rule

5.16.1 Premises

5.16.1.1 in the case of blood injuries, there must be absolutely no risk that anyone be contaminated by a players bodily fluids.

5.16.1.2 in the case of blood injuries there shall not be a disadvantage to either participating teams in the treating of such a wound.

5.16.2 Procedures

5.16.2.1

In the event of an open and bleeding wound, the referee must stop play and have that player removed from the field of play according to the appropriate sport federation ruling (FIFA, FIBA, VC, and IBF).

5.16.2.2

If a player leaves because they are bleeding and or injured the team has a choice, use one of their substitutes, or play short a player until the bleeding or injured player can return. If they have already used their 5 substitutes and the bleeding or injured player cannot return they would have to play short for the remainder of the game.

5.16.2.3

The injury must be treated immediately according to the Canadian Academy of Sport Medicine Policy on "Dealing With a Bloody Wound".

5.16.2.4 Dealing With a Bloody Wound

5.16.2.4.1 If bleeding occurs where other participants may be exposed to blood, the individual's participation must be interrupted until the bleeding has been stopped. The wound must be cleansed with antiseptic and securely covered.

5.16.2.4.2 All clothing soiled with blood must be replaced prior to the athlete resuming training competition. Clothing soiled with blood and other body fluids must be washed in hot, soapy water.

5.16.2.4.3 All equipment and surfaces contaminated with blood and other body fluids should be cleaned with a solution of one part household bleach to nine parts water. This solution should be prepared fresh daily.

5.16.2.4.4 While cleaning blood or other body fluid spills, the following must be done:

- wear waterproof gloves;
- wipe up fluids with paper towel or disposable cloths;
- disinfect the area as described in 14.2.4.3 above;
- place all soiled waste in plastic bag for disposal;
- remove gloves and wash hands with soap and water.

5.16.3 In the case where a uniform must be changed, there will be no penalization to a team if a uniform of a different number is used, as long as, that number has not been utilized already in the game by another member of that team. The change of number shall be recorded at the technical table. The use of a pinnie of the same colour would also be allowed under these circumstances, again either the same number shall be used, or another number that has not been used already by another member of the team.

5.17 Draw and Seeding

5.17.1 Seeding will be dependent upon the previous years National Tournament. The equity of the pools is the first priority but an effort shall be made to avoid two colleges from the same conference playing against each other during the pool play portion of the championship.

5.17.2 This seeding will be completed following all Provincial Championships and no later than **eight (8)** days prior to the National Championship event. The top seeded conference from the previous year will always have the day off before finals.

5.17.2.1 Game times may only be changed for travel reasons if the teams arrive less than 24 hours prior to kick off. If the first game is changed than all pool games shall be flipped from morning to afternoon.

5.17.2.2 Consideration will be made to avoid two (2) colleges from the same conference competing against each other during pool play but the priority is to have balanced pools.

5.17.3 Format

Four (4) day - six (6) teams.

Men		Women	
<u>Pool A</u>	<u>Pool B</u>	<u>Pool A</u>	<u>Pool B</u>
1. BCCAA	2. OCAA	1. BCCAA	2. OCAA
4. ACAA	3. ACAC	4. ACAC	3. FQSE
* 6 Host OCAA	*5 FQSE	*6 Host OCAA	*5 ACAA

*Note: Convenor has the flexibility to move 5 and 6 to ensure teams from same conference are not in the same pool..

Schedule:

- Day 1: Top seeded team in each division plays the lowest ranked team in the division.
- Day 2: The second seeded team in each division plays the lowest ranked team in the division
- Day 3: The Top seeded team in each division plays the second ranked team in the division
- Day 4: Championship round remains the same.

Tie Games: In division play, all games played to an overtime (i.e., 2 - 15 minutes of overtime (golden goal) and penalty kicks if required). If 2 teams playing have both won their first game, this game must be played to a result with two 15 minutes of overtime (golden goal) and penalty kicks if required.

MEN'S SCHEDULE

Day 1/Wed.	1 vs 6 2 vs 5
Day 2/Thurs.	4 vs 6 3 vs 5
Day 3/Fri.	1 vs 4 2 vs 3
Day 4/Sat.	5 th /6 th match Bronze Medal match Gold Medal match

WOMEN'S SCHEDULE

Day 1/Wed.	1 vs 6 2 vs 5
Day 2/Thurs.	4 vs 6 3 vs 5
Day 3/Fri.	1 vs 4 2 vs 3
Day 4/Sat.	5 th /6 th match Bronze Medal match Gold Medal match