



SINGAPORE PRIMARY SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL
FOOTBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS 2017

1. RULES AND REGULATIONS

The game shall be conducted

- 1.1 According to the Laws/Rules established by FIFA and in the absence of a set of recognised rules to govern the occurrence of situations during the championship, the prevailing FIFA rules will be applied.
- 1.2 Governed by the SPSSC General Rules and Regulations 2017
- 1.3 Adhering to the Baseline Safety Standards for National School Games.

2. CHAMPIONSHIPS ORGANISING COMMITTEE

2.1 COMPOSITION

2.1.1 The Championships Organising Committee shall consist of the following:-

- a) The National Convenor
- b) The SPSSC Football Advisor
- c) The Zone Convenors
- d) The Organising Secretaries
- e) FAS
- f) Any other co-opted members deemed necessary

2.1.2 The Championships Organising Committee and the Zone Convenors are empowered to appoint sub-committees and individual members to assist in the organisation and running of the competitions as and when required.

2.1.3 At the Zonal level, the organising committee shall consist of the Zone Convenors, Football Advisor, Organising Secretaries and other co-opted members.

2.2 DUTIES

The Championships Organising Committee shall have the following roles and responsibilities:-

2.2.1 to brief participating schools and draw fixtures

- 2.2.2 to fix venues, dates and time
- 2.2.3 to arrange for equipment and facilities, and perform any other tasks for the conduct of the competitions
- 2.2.4 to appoint referees/linesman and conduct a pre-tournament briefing for all officials especially for all appointed pitch managers¹¹
- 2.2.5 to incur expenditure within the allocated budget approved by the SPSSC
- 2.2.6 to select players to represent SPSSC in approved local and overseas competitions, to appoint coaches to take charge of the teams
- 2.2.7 to deal with matters pertaining to discipline, protest and other aspects of the competition
- 2.2.8 to source for coaching and officiating courses to upgrade the technical knowledge and expertise of teachers (where applicable)
- 2.2.9 to conduct RAMS
- 2.2.10 to ensure that the pitch manager conduct RAMS for the respective venues
- 2.2.11 to implement the Baseline Safety Standards in the organising of National School Games.
- 2.2.12 to conduct briefing for all appointed pitch managers

3. **AGE GROUP DIVISIONS:**

3.1 **Senior Division** 1 Jan 2006
1 Jan 2005 --- 31 Dec 2005
2 Jan 2004 --- 31 Dec 2004

Junior Division 1 Jan 2008
1 Jan 2007 --- 31 Dec 2007
2 Jan 2006 --- 31 Dec 2006

3.2 Students from a lower division will not be allowed to play in a higher division.

¹¹Pitch Managers will be responsible for the safety for the field of play for the competition. Pitch Manager will take care of the area beyond the field of play and may also take charge of the entire competition venue including the field of play depending where the competition is held.

4. ENTRIES

- 4.1 Each school is eligible to enter only one team in each of the following divisions:
- a) Boys Senior Division
 - b) Boys Junior Division
 - c) Girls Senior Division
 - d) Girls Junior Division
- 4.2 When Zone championships are used as qualifying rounds for the National championships, the top 4 teams of each division from each zone will proceed to compete in the National championships.
- 4.3 All entries must be submitted via the SPSSC E-registration football portal to the Convenor concerned on or before the stipulated closing date. All entries are only considered valid if ALL the following documents are submitted:
- Entry Forms
 - Baseline Safety Standards Form
 - Registration of players
- 4.4 The registration of players must include the following details:
- a) Full Name as in NRIC/Student Pass
 - b) Date of birth
 - c) Birth Certificate or NRIC Number or Student Pass Number
 - d) Race
 - e) Nationality
 - f) Jersey Number

5. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- 5.1 For the Senior and Junior Division **Boys**, each competing team shall comprise a **minimum of 9 players to a maximum of 16 players**. For the Senior and Junior Division **Girls**, each competing team shall comprise a **minimum of 7 players to maximum of 12 players**. **NO CHANGES SHALL BE ALLOWED** after the closing date of registration.
- 5.2 Teams, which have qualified from the Zonal to the National competitions, may register a new team list at the time of registration.
- 5.3 **No replacement of player** is allowed once the competition has started.

- 5.4 If a school chooses not to register the maximum number of players at the time of registration of players to the convenor, the school shall not be permitted to register additional players subsequently.
- 5.5 International students can only be registered to play for their school after they have been issued with the student passes from the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority.
- 5.6 International students who are in the schools on exchange programme are not allowed to represent the school.
- 5.7 Students granted Leave of Absence (LOA) by MOE will be allowed to represent the school.
- 5.8 Registration constitutes representation, that is, once a pupil is registered to play for a school, he or she is deemed to have represented his or her school. Hence, the pupil is not allowed to represent another school in the same sports/games in that same particular year.
- 5.9 Registration of players shall be made online and all fields must be filled in accordingly.
- 5.10 The school must submit the name of their external coach via the E-registration to the convenors with details of his/her contact number, qualifications and other schools that he/she is coaching for the year.
- 5.11 Teachers-in-charge of teams must submit their team sheets with the list of the starting players' names and substitutes' names to the referee before the start of the match. The appropriate team-sheet must be used.

6. **CHAMPIONSHIPS FORMAT**

(Refer to Annex C of SPSSC General Rules and Regulations 2017)

- 6.1 There must be a minimum of **three (3) registered teams** from three (3) different schools before **Team** championships can be organised.
- 6.2 The championships at the preliminary rounds shall be organised on an inter-school league. Where entries are grouped, each group shall have a minimum of **four (4) teams**. **(Please refer to Annex C of SPSSC General Rules and Regulations 2017 for more info)**.
- 6.3 The Zonal championships will be used as qualifying round for the National championships.
- 6.4 At the zonal level, the top 2 teams of each group in the preliminary round will qualify for the quarter-final round. The quarter-final round will be played in a 2-Group format. Each group shall consist of two (2) group Champions and two (2) group Runners-up. The groups shall be determined by drawing of lots. The group Champion and Runner-up team

shall be placed in different groups in the quarter-final round. For example, if A1 is drawn into Group X, A2 shall be placed in Group Y.

- 6.5 For the Semi-finals, the Champion and Runner-up of each group shall enter into a crisscross championship. The winner of group X will meet the runner-up of group Y and vice-versa.
- 6.6 The winners of the two (2) semi-finals will then play in the Final to decide the Champion and Runner-up. The remaining two teams of the two (2) semi-finals will play-off for the 3rd and 4th placing position.
- 6.7 Any deviation from the championships format requires approval from the SPSSC Council or the Standing Committee.

6.8 DURATION OF GAMES

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|------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| i) | BOYS SENIOR DIVISION: | 30 MINS / 10 MINS / 30 MINS |
| ii) | BOYS JUNIOR DIVISION: | 25 MINS / 10 MINS / 25 MINS |
| iii) | GIRLS SENIOR DIVISION: | 20 MINS / 10 MINS / 20 MINS |
| iv) | GIRLS JUNIOR DIVISION: | 15 MINS / 10 MINS / 15 MINS |

6.9 SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS

For 9-A-Side Football (Boys)

Any SIX players and ONE goalkeeper registered for each match may be substituted during a match. A player so substituted cannot re-enter the game during the same match.

For 7-A-Side Football (Girls)

Any FIVE players registered for each match may be substituted during a match. A player so substituted cannot re-enter the game during the same match.

6.10 MATCH OFFICIALS

6.10.1 **Referees shall be appointed by the Convenors. The decision taken by the referee shall be final.** The referee will make the final call with regard to the continuation of a match due to poor visibility.

- a) Referee's fee:
Referee - \$60 per match
Asst. Referee - \$60 per match
- b) Referee's fee shall be co-paid by both playing teams.
- c) Payment to be paid by the teacher in-charge of the team at the end of match.
- d) If a match is called off (before kick-off), half of the referee's fee is required to be paid.
- e) No payment is required if the referees are informed of the cancellation of matches 2 hours in advance.

6.10.2 There shall be 4 referees appointed for semi-final matches onwards.

6.10.3 **An Official or a Pitch Manager¹ would be appointed to carry out the following tasks:-**

- a) to clearly mark out 2 technical areas for both the teams and designated area(s) for the supporters;
- b) to ensure that **only the registered players** and a **maximum of 4 officials** to be allowed in each technical area. The schools concerned must introduce them to the Pitch Manager before the start of the match;
- c) to submit the result and the completed team sheets to the Zone/National Convenor for any yellow or red card cases which may require immediate follow-up actions;
- d) to assist the referee **only when necessary** with regards to temporary stop or abandoned game due to lightning or the pitch is unplayable due to heavy rainfall;
- e) to ensure that the Referee STOPS the game IMMEDIATELY in accordance to the Lightning Risk Alert warning. For example when the pitch manager receives the following LWS alert, he/ she will only stop the match as shown below:
2/4/2016 (15.54hrs*) – Lightning Risk Alert for (School) on 2/4/2016 from 1600hrs** onwards.
*Alert received
**Match to be stopped
The match can only be resumed when the school subsequently receives the cancellation of Lightning Risk Alert warning.
- f) Pitch Managers are to also ensure that the Referee STOPS the match IMMEDIATELY in accordance to the Lightning Risk Alert and/ or Siren or in the event lightning is spotted (without LWS alert or siren).

- g) to inform the Convenor in writing of any irregularities contravening the tournament rules involving Football Trs I/C, supporters or External Coaches.
- h) to conduct **RAMS** and **Safety Check list (include 2m safety distance from goal/touch lines)**.
- i) to provide a set of instructions for visiting teams, where necessary.
- j) Pitch manager* has to be another official appointed by the school. The teachers-in-charge of the **either team playing in the game** is not allowed to play a dual role as a Pitch Manager.

¹Pitch manager must be competent to carry out the necessary tasks required to oversee the match

- 6.11.1 In the league competition, the winner shall be the team with the highest number of points scored from all matches played.
- 6.11.2 In the event of two or more teams equal in points at the end of the league, the team having the best goal difference will be placed first.
- 6.11.3 If a tie still persists, then the team with the greater number of goals scored FOR shall be the winner.
- 6.11.4 In the event of a tie between two or more teams, the team which had won the match between the teams concerned would be ranked higher.
- 6.11.5 In the event that the Tie is still unresolved between teams concerned after considering the matches played between them, a penalty shoot-out shall be taken to resolve the tie.
 - 5 penalty kicks will be taken from each side to determine the winner
 - If there is still a draw, the result will be determined by sudden death penalty shootout. (i.e. the remaining team members will take the penalty kicks from both teams until there is a clear break)
 - Players who are suspended are not allowed to take part in the penalty shootout.

6.11.6 In the semi-finals and the final, an extra time of FIVE minutes per half shall be played if the match ends in a draw.

If it is still a draw at the end of the extra-time, kicks from the Penalty spot shall be used to determine the winner.

(Re: FIFA on Kicks)

6.12 **MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS**

For 9-A-Side Competition (Boys)

The minimum number of players required before a match can start is **SEVEN (7)**. If a team fails to field the required number 15 minutes past the indicated starting time, the referee will call off the match and report the matter to the Pitch Manager immediately. When a team has only 5 players or less during play, the Referee shall call off the match and duly report the matter to the Pitch Manager immediately. A decision will be made by the Football Sub-Committee.

For 7-A-Side Competition (Girls)

The minimum number of players required before a match can start is **FIVE (5)**. If a team fails to field the required number 15 minutes past the indicated starting time, the referee will call off the match and report the matter to the Pitch Manager immediately. When a team has only 4 players or less during play, the Referee shall call off the match and duly report the matter to the Pitch Manager immediately. A decision will be made by the Football Sub-Committee.

6.13 **ATTIRE / EQUIPMENT**

6.13.1 In the event of a clash of jersey colours, the **FIRST NAMED TEAM** shall have to change their attire. No team is allowed to play without proper attire. Teams are strongly advised to bring along a second set of jerseys or bibs with numbers in case they are required to change ~~and a second set of socks of different colour~~. All jerseys must be clearly numbered (from 1 – 16) for boys and (from 1 to 12) for girls.

6.13.2 i) Use of shin-guards or shin-pads is compulsory for all players.
ii) Referees shall not allow any players without shin-guards to play.
iii) Footwear is compulsory for players. Boots with metal studs are not permitted.

6.13.3 Players are required to use the same registered number throughout the competition. Serious action will be taken against the player and the team if the player is found to be playing under a different jersey number. The player or his team may be disqualified.

6.13.4 However, if a player has lost/did not bring his jersey, he can play under a different jersey number provided the Referee, Pitch Manager and the Teacher-in-charge of the opposing team are informed and the information is duly recorded and endorsed in the Team Sheet.

6.13.4 Only size 4 balls shall be used in the SPSSC Football championship.

6.13.5 Most of the matches will be played on school fields. The size of fields could vary. However, the size of the field for boys' competitions must be the recommended size, excluding the perimeter of 2m safe zone.

6.13.6 Participating schools with suitable-sized fields **must** offer their school field for the competition. Schools offering their school field should ensure that the safe zone of 2m is clear of items, such as benches, unused goal posts, etc.

6.14 YELLOW CARD AND RED CARD

6.14.1 For every 2 yellow cards (2 separate matches) received in a particular championship; the player shall automatically be suspended for **ONE** match following the match in which he/she received the 2nd yellow card.

6.14.2 When a player is sent-off (Red Card), yellow card(s) received during that particular match, will not be taken into account for Rule 6.14.1 The player is deemed to have received a Red Card only for that match.

6.15 Teachers I/cs are responsible to ensure that they do not field players who are under suspension. If they are doubtful, they should contact the Zone/National Convenor for clarification before allowing the player to play.

6.16 Zone/National Convenors are not responsible to keep track for all yellow and red cards received by schools during matches. It is the responsibility of the teacher-in-charge to verify with the referee immediately after the game regarding the yellow/red cards and final score status. Any discrepancies should then be highlighted to the referee concern and also to the Convenor or his representative immediately after the game.

6.17 A player, who is sent-off (**RED Card**) by the referee, shall automatically be suspended for 2 matches following the match in which he received the RED Card. The Football Sub-Committee may meet to decide on further actions to be taken depending on the severity of the referee's match report.

6.18 A player who is sent-off or did not conduct himself/herself in an acceptable manner may be asked to appear before the Football Sub-Committee together with his football teacher i/c if instructed to do so.

6.19 YELLOW CARDS AND RED CARDS/ Disciplinary Cases received in the Zonal Championships WILL BE CARRIED OVER to the National Championships.

6.20 When a game is called-off due to poor pitch condition or bad weather, any player who is serving suspension would be deemed as **NOT** having completed the suspension. The said player will have to serve the suspension at the very next game involving his school.

6.21 KICK-OFF RULE

All kick-offs (ie. start of game, start of 2nd half or kick-off after a goal is scored) shall be indirect kicks. The kick-off rule shall be applied to all SPSSC Boys & Girls Football Championships from 2017 onwards. The ball is allowed to go in any direction as long as it moves.

6.22 KICK-IN RULE

All Throw-ins shall be replaced by kick-ins in all SPSSC Boys & Girls Football Championships from 2017 onwards. All kick-ins shall be indirect kicks. Opposing players must maintain a distance of at least 2 metres from where the kick is being taken.

7. GRACE PERIOD

Fifteen minutes (15 min) late grace period is allowed. The Convenor or his/her representative may at his/her discretion extend this grace period if he/she thinks the extension of grace period is justifiable (eg. in special cases when delay may be caused by traffic jams, etc). **However, the team concerned must contact the Convenor or his/her representative at the venue concerned to inform him/her of the delay.** Teams must abide by the decision of the Convenor or his/her representative.

8. POSTPONEMENT

8.1 The Convenor or his/her representative shall, at his/her discretion, decide to postpone a match if he/she thinks the venue is unfit for play, or for any other valid reasons for which he/she deems a postponement is in order. Teams must abide by the decision of the Convenor or his/her representative.

9. WITHDRAWAL AND WALKOVER

9.1 Any withdrawal or walk-over is considered contrary to the spirit of the game.

9.2 Schools participating in the championships should not withdraw or give walk-over.

- 9.3 For each withdrawal or walkover, a written explanation duly endorsed by the Principal shall be submitted to the Convenor within **two (2)** working days. A copy is to be sent to the **SPSSC** Football Advisor.
- 9.4 In play-offs for top 4 placing, any walk-over will disqualify the team from placing.
- 9.5 A team which fails to turn up or turns up later than the grace period shall concede a walkover to the opposing team. The school concerned should then write a letter to the Zone/National Convenor (a copy to the Football Advisor) within Two (2) working days citing reasons for the failure of the team to turn up or for turning up late. The SPSSC Football Sub-Committee will then deliberate and inform their decision to the Principal of the school.
- 9.6 Schools which concede walkovers may be liable to disciplinary action.
- 9.7 A team that concedes a walk-over will get zero (0) points. The opposing team will be awarded three points (3) and (3) goals.
- 9.8 In the event of both teams failing to turn up, neither team is entitled to a walk-over. The Football Sub-Committee will take appropriate actions against the two teams. The Principal of the team concerned will have to submit a letter of explanation to the Football Sub-Committee.

10. **ABANDONED GAME**

- 10.1 The referee is required to submit a written report on an abandoned game immediately to the pitch manager.
- 10.2 If a match cannot be continued due to poor lighting, pitch condition or inclement weather, the following procedures shall apply:
 - A) Match to be continued from where the play and time were stopped with the score remaining the same at a date, time and venue stipulated by the convenor
 - B) If 75% of the match has been played and the match cannot proceed due to poor lighting, pitch condition or inclement weather, the result shall stand. **The 75% completion of the match (ie. 75% rule) shall be applied to all Zonal and National rounds group matches only.****

The 75% rule cut-off playtime is reflected in the table below:

Div	Gender	Total time per match	75% Rule (Ref time)
Senior	Boys	60 mins (30mins per half with 10mins interval)	45 mins
Junior	Boys	50 mins (25mins per half with 10mins interval)	38 mins
Senior	Girls	40 mins (20mins per half with 10mins interval)	30 mins
Junior	Girls	30 mins (15mins per half with 10mins interval)	23 mins

When a game is called-off due to poor pitch condition or bad weather, any player serving suspension will be deemed as **NOT** having completed the suspension. The said player will continue to serve the suspension when the match is continued on another day. Any yellow card received during this match will be accounted for when the game resumes on another day unless suspension for the previous yellow card has been served. Player receiving the red card due to violent misconduct will be dealt with by the Football Disciplinary Sub-Committee.

C) The 75% rule will not be applied at the Zonal and National Championships semi-final games onwards (ie. Semi-final, 3rd/4th placing & Final). The teams concerned will come back on another day to play the remaining time with the score from where the play was stopped at a date, time and venue stipulated by the convenor.

10.3.1 Recommended kick-off timings:

Boys Senior Division: 1st match at 3.00 pm and 2nd match at 4.15 pm

Boys Junior Division: 1st match at 3.00 pm and 2nd match at 4.05 pm

Girls Senior Division: 1st match at 3.15 pm and 2nd match at 4.15 pm

Girls Junior Division: 1st match at 3.15 pm and 2nd match at 4.05 pm

10.3.2 In case of inclement weather, the 1st and 2nd matches must be completed within the following stipulated duration (subject to visibility). If not, the matches will be postponed.

1st match: must start by 3.20 pm and end by 4.30 pm

2nd match: must start by 4.35 pm and end by 5.45 pm

2nd postponed match to be played in the morning.

10.4 The Football Sub-Committee will deliberate on all abandoned games except for (10.2). Decision made by the Football Sub-Committee is final.

10.5 Any team that causes a game to be abandoned will be liable for disciplinary actions.

10.6 Schools are not allowed to leave the venue until a decision is made by the convenor or his representative.

10.7 For decision on abandoned game, refer to Para 21 on disqualifications.

11 **PROTEST**

11.1 Any clarification on points of laws/ rules must be lodged immediately by teacher-in-charge **ONLY** to the referee. Any decision taken by the referee shall be final.

11.2a All protests shall be referred to the Championships Organising Committee. The protest(s) must reach the Committee within **ONE (1)** working day following the match to which it relates. The protest must be in writing and duly signed by the principal.

11.2b A protest fee of one hundred and fifty dollars plus **GST*** will be charged. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee will not be required. If it overruled, the protest fee of \$150 plus **GST*** will be deducted from the protesting school's account, via IFAAS.

11.2 The Championships Organising Committee shall meet to deliberate on the protest within **SEVEN (7)** working days. The decision will be made known in writing to the school concerned.

11.3 **In the event that the National and Zonal Championships Organising Committees are involved in a protest, the affected school concerned will inform the SPSSC Secretary and shall not be involved in any further deliberations on the matter.**

12 **APPEAL**

(Refer to Annex D of SPSSC General Rules and Regulations 2017)

12.1 Upon the release/ disclosure of the decision of the Championships Organising Committee, **ONLY** schools may appeal to the Council.

12.2a Notice of appeal shall be lodged with the Secretary of the Main Council within **TWO (2)** working days upon receiving the Championships Organising Committee's Decision. *The appeal must be in writing and duly signed by the Principal.*

12.2b Upon receiving the notice of appeal from the school, the appeal fee of three hundred dollars (\$300) **plus GST*** will be deducted from the school's account via IFAAS.

12.3 The Board of Appeal will deliberate on the appeal. The decision of the Board of Appeal shall be final. (Please refer to Annex B of the SPSSC General Rules and Regulations)

13 **SUSPENSION**

A player suspended by any one of the following bodies is barred from participating in SPSSC competitions for the period of suspension:

- i. The School
- ii. The Zone Council
- iii. The Singapore Primary Schools Sports Council
- iv. FAS

14 **AWARD OF LEAGUE POINTS**

- i) 3 points for Win
- ii) 1 point for a Draw
- iii) 0 for a loss / walk-over

14.1 The ranking of each team in each group will be determined as follows:

- a) greatest number of points obtained in all group matches;
- b) goal difference in all group matches;
- c) greatest number of goals scored in all group matches.

15 TIE IN LEAGUE POINTS

15.1 If two or more teams are equal on the basis of the criteria (14.1), their rankings will be determined as follows:

- a) greatest number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned;
- b) goal difference resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned;
- c) greater number of goals scored in all group matches between the teams concerned;

15.2 In the event that the Tie is still unresolved between the teams concerned, the team which had won the match, between the teams concerned, would be ranked higher.

15.3 In the event that the Tie is still unresolved between teams concerned after considering the matches played between them, penalty shoot-out will be taken to resolve the tie. (Re: FIFA Rules on Kicks).

- o 5 penalty kicks will be taken from each side to determine the winner
- o If there is still a draw, the result will be determined by sudden death penalty shootout. (i.e. the remaining team members will take the penalty kicks from both teams until there is a clear break)
- o Players who are suspended are not allowed to take part in the penalty shootout.

16 PRIZES AND PLAQUES

16.1 The number of prizes and plaques (for team championships only) to be awarded at the Zonal and National Championship shall be as follows:

- 3 team/participants - Prizes and plaques for 1st & 2nd
- 4 team/participants - Prizes and plaques for 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- 5 or more teams/participants - Prizes and plaques for 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th

17 TEACHER-IN-CHARGE OF TEAM

(Refer to Annex E of SPSSC General Rules and Regulations 2017)

- 17.1 Each participating team must be accompanied by a teacher who shall remain with the team throughout the duration of play. (Please refer to Annex E)
- 17.2 Teachers-in-charge are not allowed to interfere with the final decision taken by the referee on points of laws/rules during the game. If such interference results in disruption of any match/game, a report shall be made by the Convenor and the matter would be brought to the attention of the Championship Organising Committee for appropriate action.

18 REFEREES / OFFICIALS

- 18.1 All participating schools will make payment for referees' fees as arranged by the Convenor.
- 18.2 Council will bear the referees' payment through reimbursement from NSGO.

19 EXTERNAL COACHES / TEAM OFFICIALS

- 19.1 External instructors are expected to conduct themselves with decorum during competitions. (Please refer to Annex E of SPSSC General Rules and Regulations 2017)
- 19.2 External coaches are not allowed to approach the game officials to query their decisions or to interfere with the referee's decisions during the game.
- 19.3 Schools must ensure that their external coaches adhere to the SPSSC Rules and Regulations.
- 19.4 External coaches who have breached any of the rules and the schools which engaged him/her will be referred to the respective Championship Organising Committee by the respective convenors for appropriate action to be taken.
- 19.5 External coaches/team officials who are sent off will be immediately suspended from all SSSC/SPSSC Zonal/National matches. Suspension period will depend on the outcome of disciplinary committee.
- 19.6 External coaches/team officials who are suspended by FAS will also be suspended from all SSSC/SPSSC Zonal/National matches during the said period.
- 19.7 External coaches/team officials are strictly required to adhere to the suspension period. Failure to comply shall be liable for further suspension.

20 SUPPORTERS AND VISITING TEAMS

- 20.1 Schools sending supporters to any competition shall ensure that their pupils are in proper school uniform/attire and that there is sufficient number of teachers on duty to maintain discipline.
- 20.2 Visiting teams and supporters (including parents/ guardians) are required to adhere to hosting school's instructions and safety & security guidelines.
- 20.3 Supporters are expected to behave themselves appropriately during the competitions. (Please refer to SPSSC Spectators' Creed)
- 20.4 Supporters are not allowed to approach the game officials (referees, pitch managers) to query decisions. They could only raise matters with the teacher-in-charge of the school they are supporting or representing.

21 DISQUALIFICATION

21.1 A school team will be disqualified if it commits any of the followings:

- A) if it fields an ineligible player who is:
 - i. an over aged player
 - ii. an under aged player
 - iii. an unregistered player
 - iv. a suspended player
 - v. a player without a valid student pass
 - vi. a non bona fide pupil
- B) team/player not accompanied by a teacher
- C) team/player which caused the game/match to be abandoned

21.2 All results involving the team which has been disqualified will be considered null and void.

22 ATTIRE

All players and officials must be suitably attired in accordance with the requirement of the sport. The attire for players should bear the school colours/logo/badge or name.

23 PLAYING FIELD DIMENSIONS

For Boys 9-A-Side football, the breadth of the playing field is between 30m – 50m and the length is between 50m – 70m. The goal post size for Boys is 6.4m (L) by 2.1m (H).

For Girls 7-A-Side football, the breadth of the playing field ranges from 18m – 25m and the length is between 25m – 42m. The goal post size for Girls is 4m (L) by 2m (H).

24 MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

All matters not provided for in the Football Rules and Regulations shall be dealt with by the respective Football Organising Committees.

25 AMENDMENTS

The Singapore Primary Schools Sports Council shall have the right to delete, add or amend the rules and regulations laid down herein.

26 DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

Fixed disciplinary hearings will be convened to look into disciplinary cases in the championships. Players/teachers/coaches under disciplinary investigation will be suspended pending the completion of disciplinary outcome.

27 SPORTSMANSHIP

Before and at the end of all games, the referee will initiate a shaking of hands between opposing players, reserves, teachers, coaches and all officials.

Mrs Chandler Jay Siva
Principal, West Grove Primary School
National Football Convenor, SPSSC

ANNEX A

TO BE IMPLEMENTED DURING 'HOT SPELL' OR 'HAZY CONDITIONS. CONVENORS WILL RELAY THE MESSAGE TO THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS AFTER GETTING THE LATEST INSTRUCTION FROM THE CONVENOR AND FOOTBALL ADVISOR.

1. PLAYING TIME: Senior Div Boys: From 30 mins to 20 mins each way
 Junior Div Boys: From 25 mins to 15 mins each way
 Senior Div Girls: From 20 mins to 15 mins each way
 Junior Div Girls: From 15 mins to 10 mins each way

RESTING PERIOD: From 10 mins to 15 mins

2. Participating schools to supply a lot of water for their players during the game. Players are allowed to go to the sideline and drink water at any time during the game. (It would be better for them to get their drinks when the ball is out of play.)
3. Use of cap if necessary – for goalkeepers
4. **During this period, schools are allowed to use all substitutes for the game except those who are under suspension or very sick to play.**
5. The committee may consider changing playing time if it is necessary. The committee may also postpone the games if Air Quality is unhealthy.

IMPLEMENTED IN 2001:

1. GOALKEEPING CHANGES:-
 - a) The four-step rule no longer exists.
Goalkeepers may control the ball with their hands for a maximum of SIX SECONDS. The distance they cover or the number of steps they take during that time are immaterial.
2. PENALTY SHOOT-OUT AMENDMENT:-
 - a) Both teams must start the shoot-out with the same number of players on the pitch.
A team of 9 playing against a team reduced to 8, by dismissal or injury, will have to exclude one player for the penalty shoot-out.

IMPLEMENTED IN 2002:

3. CELEBRATION OF A GOAL
 - a) Players will be cautioned if they remove their shirt as this constitutes unsporting behavior. They will also be cautioned if their celebrations are provocative and intended to incite or ridicule opponents or opposing spectators.
 - b) Players guilty of excessive time wasting while celebrating a goal will also be cautioned.