



## SINGAPORE 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
- 1.2 Governed by the SSSC General Rules and Regulations 2017
- 1.3 In the absence of a set of recognised rules to govern the occurrence of situations during the competitions, the prevailing FIFA rules will be applied.
- 1.4 Adhering to the Baseline Safety Standards for National School Games

### 2 COMPETITION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

#### 2.1 COMPOSITION

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

- a) The National Convenor
- b) The SSSC Football Advisor (Sec/JC/MI)
- c) The Zone Convenors
- d) The Organising Secretaries
- e) FAS
- f) The SPSSC Football Advisor (Pri)
- g) Any other co-opted members deemed necessary

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

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

#### 2.2 DUTIES

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

- 2.2.1 To brief all participating schools and draw fixtures
- 2.2.2 To fix venues, dates and times
- 2.2.3 To arrange for equipment and facilities, and perform any other tasks for conducting the competitions

- 2.2.4 To appoint referees/ linesman and conduct a pre-tournament briefing for all officials, especially for all appointed Pitch Managers<sup>1</sup>\*
- 2.2.5 To incur expenditure within the allocated budget approved by the SSSC
- 2.2.6 To select players to represent SSSC in approved local and overseas competitions; and also 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 nominate players for SSSC's Colours Award
- 2.2.10 To conduct RAMS
- 2.2.11 To implement the Baseline Safety Standards in the organization of the National School Games

### 3 DIVISION

3.1 All students shall compete in their respective age groups as follows:

A Division*	2 Jan 1997 - 31 Dec 1997
	1 Jan 1998 - 31 Dec 1998
	1 Jan 1999 - 31 Dec 1999
	1 Jan 2000 - 31 Dec 2000
	1 Jan 2001
B Division*	2 Jan 2000 - 31 Dec 2000
	1 Jan 2001 - 31 Dec 2001
	1 Jan 2002 - 31 Dec 2002
	1 Jan 2003
C Division*	2 Jan 2003 - 31 Dec 2003
	1 Jan 2004 - 31 Dec 2004
	1 Jan 2005

#### **Except for the following conditions:**

- 3.1.1 All students in the Junior Colleges and Centralised Institute below the age of 17 must compete in the 'A' Division.
- 3.1.2 Year 1 to Year 4 students in the Integrated Programme (i.e. Through-Train Programme) and International Baccalaureate Programme will compete in their respective age group. Those in

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<sup>1</sup>Pitch 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.

Year 5 (equivalent to JC 1) and Year 6 (equivalent to JC 2) must compete in the 'A' Division.

- 3.1.3 All students in the 'C' Division will not be able to opt to represent the school in the 'B' Division, even if their tournament has ended.

## 4 ENTRIES

4.1 Each school is eligible to enter one boys' and one girls' team for the following divisions:

- i A Division
- ii B Division
- iii C Division

4.2 'C' Division Boys' Zone competitions shall be used as qualifying rounds for the National competitions where the top 4 teams of each division from each zone will proceed to compete in the National competitions.

**4.2.1 The top 2 teams from the School League Qualifier shall qualify for the School Premier League. The 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Placing from each group will continue to play in the School Zonal League. (Only applies to 'B' Division Boys)**

4.3 All entries must be received by the Convenor concerned on or before the stipulated date. All entries are only considered valid if the Baseline Safety Form is uploaded in the eRegistration portal.

4.4 The registration forms of players must be **received** by the Convenor concerned on or before the stipulated closing date **which must be at least three (3) working days before commencement** of the respective competition.

4.5 The registration forms must include the following details:

- (i) Full Name as in NRIC / Student pass
- (ii) Date of Birth
- (iii) NRIC No. or Student Pass No.
- (iv) Race
- (v) Nationality
- (vi) Jersey Number

## 5 REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

5.1 Each competing team shall comprise a minimum of 13 players to a maximum of 20 players.

- 5.2 'C' Division Boy's teams, which have qualified from the Zone competitions to the National competition, may register a new team list at the time of registration.
- 5.2.1 Teams, which have qualified from the School League Qualifier to the School Premier League or the School Zonal League may register a new team list at the time of registration. (Only applies to 'B' Division Boys)**
- 5.3 The date of posting in the Joint Admission Exercise (JAE) of students announced by MOE shall be the day in which a student would be deemed as a bona fide member of the school or JC or CI.
- 5.4 Students requesting for a transfer after the Joint Admission Exercise may not represent their new school until the transfer has been officially effected.
- 5.5 **Only** in the event that any of the player(s) registered is/are transferred or has/have to leave school **during the preliminary rounds**, schools shall be allowed to **replace the affected player(s)**.
- 5.5.1 Schools must write in to inform the Convenors of the replacement **at least one (1) working day before the next match**.
- 5.5.2 However, **no replacement of player** is allowed once the competition reaches the semi-final stage or after 2 games have been played a team in a single group round league.
- 5.6 If a school chooses not to register the maximum number of players at the time of submitting the registration form to the Convenor, **the school shall not be permitted to register additional players** subsequently.
- 5.7 International students can only be registered to play for their school **after** they have been issued with the student passes by the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority.
- 5.8 International students who are in the schools/junior colleges/centralised institute on exchange programme are not allowed to represent the school.
- 5.9 Students granted Leave of Absence (LOA) by MOE will be allowed to represent the school.
- 5.10 Registration constitutes representation, that is, once a student is registered to play for a school/junior college/centralised institute, he or she is deemed to have represented his or her school/junior college/centralised institute. Hence, the student is not allowed to

represent another school/junior college/centralised institute in the same sports/games in the same year.

- 5.11 Registration of players to be done online. Relevant sections are to be filled in accurately. All information must be verified and confirmed accordingly, especially registering the players according to their division. For decision on registration of ineligible players, refer to Para 21 on 'Disqualification'
- 5.12 The school must submit the External Instructor Details and Expectation Acknowledgment Form which would include the name of their external coach, his/her contact number, qualifications and other schools he/she is coaching for the current school year.
- 5.13 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 COMPETITION FORMAT

- 6.1 There must be a minimum of **three (3) registered teams** from **three (3) different schools** before a team competition can be organised.
- 6.2 The competitions 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**.
- 6.3 The 'C' Division Boy's Zone competitions will be used as qualifying round for the National Competition.
  - 6.3.1 **The top 2 teams from the School League Qualifier shall qualify for the School Premier League. The 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Placing from each group will continue to play in the School Zonal League. (Only applies to 'B' Division Boys)**
- 6.4 For the semi-finals, the champion and runner-up of each group shall enter into a criss-cross competition. The winner of group X will meet the runner-up of group Y and vice-versa.
- 6.5 The winners of the two semi-finals shall then play at the final to decide the champion and runner-up. The losers of the two semi-finals will play for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> positions.
- 6.6 Any deviation from the competition format requires approval from the Council or the Standing Committee.
- 6.7 **DURATION OF GAMES**

i) **Boys**

	Division	Play Time	Interval	Play Time
		(Minutes)		
a)	A	40	15	40
b)	B	40	15	40
c)	C	30	10	30

ii) **Girls**

	Division	Play Time	Interval	Play Time
		(Minutes)		
a)	A	40	15	40
b)	B	35	10	35
c)	C	30	10	30

**6.8 SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS**

- i) **A, B & C Division Boys / Girls:**  
Any SIX (6) players of the maximum of NINE (9) substitutes registered for each match may be substituted during a match.
- ii) A player so substituted cannot re-enter the game during the same match.
- iii) A substitute card has to be produced by the substitute player when he approaches the referee to replace a teammate. It is the onus of the teacher-in charge to bring along the substitution cards for all matches to be played.

**6.9 MATCH OFFICIALS**

- 6.9.1 Only qualified referees from FAS shall be appointed. The decision taken by the referee will be final. The referee shall make the final call with regard to continuation of a match due to poor visibility.
  - a) Referee has to be paid after each match by the teacher in-charge of the team responsible for making the payment for that particular match.
  - b) If the matches are called off, the referees must still be paid.
- 6.9.2 There shall be FOUR (4) referees appointed from semi-final stage onwards.
- 6.9.3 **THREE (3) referees will be deployed for all 'A' Division Boys matches.**

6.9.4 **An Official or a Pitch Manager<sup>1</sup> 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 FOUR (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 action;
- d) To assist the referee **only when necessary** with regard 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 and/ or Siren or in the event lightning is spotted (without LWS alert or siren). The game can only be resumed when the Lightning Risk Alert warning is cancelled within 30 minutes.
- f) To inform the Convenor in writing of any irregularities contravening the tournament rules involving Football Teacher I/Cs, supporters or External Coaches.
- g) To conduct **RAMS** and **Baseline Safety Checks (include 2m safety distance from goals/ touch lines). The Baseline Safety checks have to be conducted on each match day before the 1<sup>st</sup> match commences**
- h) To provide a set of instructions for visiting teams, where necessary
- i) Pitch manager\* has to be another official appointed by the school. The teacher-in-charge of the team is not allowed to play a dual role as a Pitch Manager.

\* Pitch manager must be competent to carry the necessary tasks required to oversee the match

**6.10 MODE OF DECIDING WINNERS**

- a) In the league competition, the winner shall be the team with the highest number of points scored from all matches played.
- b) 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 higher.
- c) If a tie still persists, then the team with the greater number of goals scored "FOR" shall be the winner.
- d) 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.
- e) In the semi-finals and the finals, if the match ends in a draw, **extra-time** for each half for the various divisions will be:

- i) A Division Boys / Girls and B Division Boys - **10 min** per half
  - ii) B Division Girls and C Division Boys / Girls - **5 min** per half
- f) If it is still a draw at the end of extra-time, kicks from the Penalty Mark shall be used to determine the winner. (Re: FIFA on Kicks)

## 6.11 MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS

The minimum number of players required before a match can start is NINE (9). If a team fails to field the required number within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting time, the referee will call off the match and report the matter to the Pitch Manager immediately.

## 6.12 ATTIRE / EQUIPMENT/ PITCH

6.12.1 In the event of a clash of jersey colours, the **FIRST NAMED TEAM** shall have to change. 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.

All jerseys must be clearly numbered (from 1-25)

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

6.12.3 Players who have been registered using a certain number must use the same number throughout the competition. Serious action will be taken against the player who is found to be playing under a different jersey number. The player or his team may be disqualified.

6.12.4 However, if a player has lost/did not bring his/her jersey, he/she 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.

6.12.5 **ONLY** size 5 balls shall be used in the SSSC Football Championships

6.12.6 Most of the matches will be played on school fields. The size of the pitches could vary. However, the size of the



field for boys' competitions must be of the below mentioned dimensions excluding the perimeter of 2m safe zone:

- 'B' Division Boys - at least 80m (length) and 50m (breadth)
- 'C' Division Boys - at least 70m (length) and 45m (breadth)

6.12.7 Participating schools are **must** offer their school fields for the tournament. Schools offering their school field should ensure that the safe zone of 2m is clear of items, such as benches, unused goal posts, etc.

### 6.13 YELLOW CARD AND RED CARD

6.13.1 For every two yellow cards (during two separate matches) received in a particular competition, the player shall automatically be suspended for **ONE** match following the match in which he/she receives the second yellow card.

6.13.2 Two yellow cards received within the same match, will equate to a red card and subsequently, the player will be suspended for **TWO** consecutive matches following the match in which he/she is expelled.

6.13.3 When a player is sent-off (**Red Card**), yellow card(s) received during that particular match, will not be taken into account for Rule 6.13.1 The player is deemed to have received a Red Card only for that match.

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

6.13.5 A player who is sent-off or **did not conduct himself/herself in an acceptable manner** may be asked to appear before the Sub-Committee together with his Football Teacher I/C if instructed to do so.

6.13.6 YELLOW CARDS AND RED CARDS/ Disciplinary Cases received in the Zone Tournament WILL BE CARRIED OVER to the National Tournament (or the School Premier League for 'B' Division Boys).

6.13.7 When a game is called-off due to poor pitch condition or bad weather, any player serving suspension would 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 received during this match will be accounted for when the game resumes on another day. Player receiving the red card due to violent misconduct will be dealt with by the discipline committee.

6.13.8 Teachers I/C 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.

6.13.9 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 teachers-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.**

## 7 GRACE PERIOD

Fifteen minutes (15 min) grace is allowed. The Convenor or his representative may at his 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, floods, 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 WITHDRAWAL AND WALK-OVER

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

8.2 Schools participating in the competition should not withdraw or give walk-over.

8.3 For each withdrawal<sup>†</sup> or walk-over, 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 Game Adviser.

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<sup>†</sup> All results involving the team will be null and void.

- 8.4 In play-off for top 4 placing, any walk-over will disqualify the team from placing.
- 8.5 **A team which fails to turn up or turn up late after 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 turn up late. The Football Sub-Committee will then deliberate and inform their decision to the Principal of the school.
- 8.6 Schools, which concede walkovers, may be liable to disciplinary action.
- 8.7 A team that concedes a walk-over will get zero (0) points. The opposing team will be awarded three (3) points and three (3) goals.
- 8.8 In the event of both teams failing to turn up, neither team is entitled to a walk-over. The Sub-Committee will take appropriate action against the two teams. The Principal of the team concerned will have to submit a letter of explanation to the Football Sub-Committee.

## 9 POSTPONEMENT

- 9.1 The Convenor or his 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.

### 9.2 POSTPONED GAME (Play has NOT started)

- 9.2.1 The referee is required to submit a written report on the Postponed Game within one (1) working day.
- 9.2.1 If a match has not started due to inclement weather, it will be played on another day.

### 9.3 INCOMPLETE GAME (Play has started)

- 9.3.1 Match to be continued from where play was stopped with the score remaining the same at a time and venue stipulated by the convenor. This applies to all matches including semi-finals and final.
- 9.3.2 If 75% of the match has been played and the match cannot proceed due to inclement weather, the result will

stand (refer to table below). This does not apply for Semi-Finals and Finals (i.e.100% of the match must be played for the result to stand for semi-finals and final).

<u>Division</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Total Time per Match</u>	<u>75%</u>
<u>A</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>80 (40mins per half with 15mins interval)</u>	<u>60mins</u>
<u>B</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>80 (40mins per half with 15mins interval)</u>	<u>60mins</u>
<u>C</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>60 (30mins per half with 10mins interval)</u>	<u>45mins</u>
<u>A</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>80 (40mins per half with 15mins interval)</u>	<u>60mins</u>
<u>B</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>70 (35mins per half with 10mins interval)</u>	<u>55mins</u>
<u>C</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>60 (30mins per half with 10mins interval)</u>	<u>45mins</u>

9.3.3 The following rules shall apply to incomplete games when it resumes on another day:

- The game shall resume where play was stopped at the incomplete game
- Play time to continue till Full Time or at least achieving 75% completion before the game is considered to be completed
- The score continues from the incomplete game
- The same set of players (at the incomplete game before play was stopped) shall start
- If a player is unavailable, a substitution (if permitted) can be made prior to the start of the game
- Any yellow or red card received at the incomplete game shall be carried forward to the game when it resumes

9.4 Recommended kick-off timings:

'A/B' Division Boys: 1<sup>st</sup> match at 3pm and 2<sup>nd</sup> match at 4.45pm

Other Divisions: 1<sup>st</sup> match at 3pm and 2<sup>nd</sup> match at 4.30pm

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

1<sup>st</sup> match: If match is not commenced by 3.30pm, it will be postponed.

2<sup>nd</sup> match: If match is not commenced by 5.15pm, it will be postponed.

- 9.6 In a single match venue cases where kick off time are at 3pm, If match is not commenced by 5.15pm, it will be postponed. If match has started and is stopped due to inclement weather, both teams are to continue to wait for weather to clear before resuming the game if the game can be completed by 6.15pm.
- 9.7 All Postponed / Incomplete matches are to be played on Friday mornings at 8.00 am. This is provided that either of the teams involved have not played two complete matches within the space of a week. (Only applies to 'B' Division Boys)**
- 9.8 Any team causing a game to be abandoned by not turning up for the match or by walking out shall be liable for disciplinary action. The team shall be considered as having conceded a walk-over. A written explanation duly endorsed by the Principal must be submitted to the Convenor within 2 working days. The Pitch Manager and Referee shall submit a report each to the Convenor.
- 9.9 Schools are not allowed to leave the venue until a decision is made by the convenor or his representative.
- 9.10 For decisions on abandoned game, refer to Para 20 on 'Disqualification'.

## 10 PROTEST

- 10.1 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 will be final.
- 10.2 a) All protests shall be referred to the Competition 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.
- b) 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.
- 10.2 The Competition Organising Committee shall meet to deliberate on the protest within **SEVEN (7)** working days. The decision will then be made known in writing to the school concerned.
- 10.3 In the event that the National and Zonal Championship Organising Committees are involved in a protest, the affected school concerned

will inform the SSSC Secretary and shall not be involved in any further deliberations on the matter.

## 11 APPEAL

- 11.1 Upon the release/ disclosure of the decision of the Competition Organising Committee, ONLY schools may appeal to the Council.
- 11.2 a) Notice of appeal shall be lodged with the Secretary of the Main Council within TWO (2) working days upon receiving the Competition Organising Committee's Decision. *The appeal must be in writing and duly signed by the Principal.*
- b) 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.
- 11.3 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 SSSC General Rules and Regulations)

## 12 SUSPENSION

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

- i the School
- ii the Singapore Schools Sports Zone Councils
- iii the Singapore Schools Sports Council
- iv FAS

## 13 AWARD OF LEAGUE POINTS AND RANKING

- 13.1 i) Three (3) points for a Win  
ii) One (1) point for a Draw  
iii) Zero (0) point for a loss / walk-over
- 13.2 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.

#### **14 TIE IN LEAGUE POINTS**

- 14.1 If two or more teams are equal on the basis of the criteria (14.2), 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;
- 14.2 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.
- 14.3 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.
  - 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.

#### **15 PRIZES**

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

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|---------------------|---|---------------|
| i 3 teams           | - | 2 team prizes |
| ii 4 teams          | - | 3 team prizes |
| iii 5 or more teams | - | 4 team prizes |

#### **16 TEACHER-IN-CHARGE OF TEAM**

- 16.1 Each participating team must be accompanied by a teacher<sup>2</sup> who shall remain with the team throughout the duration of play. (Please refer to Annex C for role of the teacher-in-charge)

- 16.2 Teacher in-charge must be an Education Officer (EO) or a Contract Adjunct Teacher.
- 16.3 Teachers-in-charge may seek clarifications from the referee regarding the laws of the game after the match.
- 16.4 Teachers-in-charge should not interfere with the final decision taken by the referee on points of rules during the game. If such interference results in disruption of any match, a report shall be made by the Pitch Manager to the Competition Organising Committee for appropriate action.

## **17 REFEREES / OFFICIALS**

- 17.1 All participating schools must make payment for referees arranged by the Convenor for all matches, regardless of hosting school, semi-finals, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> placing or final match.

## **18 EXTERNAL COACHES / TEAM OFFICIALS**

- 18.1 External coaches are expected to conduct themselves with decorum during competitions.
- 18.2 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.
- 18.3 Schools must ensure that their external coaches adhere to the SSSC Rules and Regulations and the code of conduct.
- 18.4 External coaches who breached the Rules and Regulations and the code of conduct will be referred to the respective Championship Organising Committee by the respective convenors and/ or the schools which engaged him/her for appropriate action to be taken.
- 18.5 External coaches/ team officials who are sent off will be immediately suspended from all SSSC Zone/ National matches. Suspension period will depend on outcome of disciplinary committee.
- 18.6 External coaches/ team officials who are suspended by FAS will also be suspended from all SSSC Zone/National matches during the said period.
- 18.7 External coaches/ team officials are strictly required to adhere to the suspension period. Failure to comply shall to liable for further suspension.



## **19 SUPPORTERS**

- 19.1 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.
- 19.2 Visiting teams and supporters (including parents/ guardians) are required to adhere to host school's instructions.
- 19.3 Supporters are expected to behave themselves appropriately during the competitions.
- 19.4 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.

## **20 DISQUALIFICATION**

School team will be disqualified if it commits any of the following:

- a) fielding unregistered player
- b) fielding an ineligible player (overaged, under-aged or suspended)
- c) fielding student without a valid student pass
- d) fielding a non-bona-fide student
- e) team/ participant not accompanied by teacher
- f) team /participant which caused a game/ match to be abandoned

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

## **21 ATTIRE**

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

## **22 MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR**

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

## **23 AMENDMENTS**

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

## **24 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.

**25 DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

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

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**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 FOOTBALL ADVISER.**

1. PLAYING TIME:       From 40 min to 30 min each way  
                              From 35 min to 25 min each way  
                              From 30 min to 20 min each way

RESTING PERIOD: From 10 min to 15 min

2. Participating schools to supply plenty of water for their players during the game. Players will be allowed to go to the sidelines 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 the substitutes for the game except those who are under suspension, very sick to play or with MC.**
5. The committee may consider changing playing time from afternoon/evening to night if it is deemed necessary. The committee may also postpone the games if Air Quality is unhealthy.

**ANNEX B**



**SSSC CODE OF CONDUCT**

Affirming the urgent need to inculcate the proper sense of fair-play and sportsmanship among players and spectators in inter-school games and athletic competitions, this Council calls on players, principals, sports secretaries, teachers-in-charge of games and Umpires to ensure that the highest standard of sportsmanship are at all times maintained and towards that end, recommends the adoption of the following:-

**PLAYERS**

- a. Must be made aware by their own school (principals, sports secretaries, teacher I/Cs of games) that they should play fair and clean games and those who fail to do so will be punished.
- b. Must not argue with nor dispute the Umpire's decision.
- c. Must play their own game and not be influenced by exhortation by the crowd to indulge in ungentle man behaviour.
- d. Are also encouraged to shake hands before the start of the match and to give three cheers at the conclusion.
- e. Are encouraged to shake hands and apologise for any offence committed in the course of the game.
- f. Must not under any circumstances use foul language or indulge in name calling.
- g. Must at all times be courteous (in manner and speech) to all teachers and officials present.

**PRINCIPALS AND SPORTS SECRETARIES/TEACHERS I/C OF GAMES, ETC.**

- a. Should see that supporters are in uniform and wear their school badge.
- b. Should brief school at assemblies on proper spectator behaviour and should discourage spectator from booing and cat-calling, etc and where there are cheer groups, they should refrain from any personal remarks.
- c. Should ensure that there is proper supervision of their students (players and spectators) at all times, i.e. before, during and after the match.
- d. Must ensure that their players are properly attired.
- e. Must ensure that their players are familiar with the rules of the game.
- f. Must remind their players that any protest/appeal must lodged only through the teachers-in-charge of the match and not through any player or external coach.
- g. Must identify their own students who are masquerading as outsiders and take appropriate action against them.
- h. Must take the necessary steps to discourage spectators from misbehaviour of any kind.
- i. Must impress upon their players the need to be punctual at all matches.

**REFEREES**

- a. Should be properly attired.
- b. Are expected to be strict in handling a match.
- c. Should not allow players/spectators/coaches to interfere with his Umpiring duties.
- d. Should if necessary, report a player guilty of misconduct to the Competition Sub-Committee of the match concerned for further action. Upon receipt of two such complaints against the same player, the Sub-Committee is empowered to suspend that player for the remaining games of the tournament.
- e. Should ensure that the playing area is not encroached upon by spectators and, if necessary, should suspend play until the situation is remedied.
- f. Must ensure that no player is permitted to wear articles (rings, belts, watches, etc) which may constitute a danger to other players. (Studs on player's boots must be checked).