

PLAYING REGULATION –SOCCER (Boys and Girls)

- 1. AGES:** All competitors must meet the current OFSAA age requirements as per the OFSAA Age Classification Policy.
- 2. EVENTS:** There will be a competition for a GHAC Senior Champion in all Classifications in which both the HSSAA and the HWCAA are fielding teams
- 3. Eligibility:** All competitors must meet the eligibility requirements as per the Article XI, Section I of the GHAC Constitution.
- 4. Entries:** As per the GHAC competitive structure, Appendix II of the GHAC Constitution.
- 5. Rule Book:** The Rules of Soccer as they appear in the FIFA Handbook, and the OSA regulations, shall govern play with the following exceptions listed in the general regulations.
- 6. Officials:** Rated referees and linespersons will be assigned by the host convenor.
- 7. Uniforms:** All players must wear identical numbered shirts and shorts. All players must wear shinguards. The referee has sole discretion as to the safety of casts and braces and may rule as per the FIFA protocols.
- 8. Starting Time:** To be determined in conjunction with the schools competing by the host convenor.
- 9. Duration:**
 1. Each game shall consist of two (2) forty (40) minute halves.
 2. If the game is suspended due to weather conditions or curfew, it will be considered complete if ten (10) minutes of the second half have been played.
 3. Five (5) minute rest time between halves
 4. Tied Games: Two (2) – Ten (10) minute halves (golden goal rule applies). If the game is still tied, teams shall take penalty kicks as per the FIFA rules.

10. General Regulations:

1. Unlimited substitutions
2. Substitutions may occur at goal kicks, goal scored, at half time, on your own throw-in, and on an opponents throw-in once the opponent has initiated a substitution.
3. A "cooling period" after a caution can be initiated at the referee's discretion.
4. OSA policy in effect for all cautions.
5. Each team may dress a maximum of twenty (20) players for each game. The team eligibility list may have any number of players. Students who are not on the game roster must not be dressed in any team attire and are not permitted to warm-up with the team. However, these students are permitted within the competition (bench) area.

11 .Awards: A GHAC Plaque will be awarded to the Champion of GHAC in each GHAC Championship game