

Kingston Area Secondary School Athletic Association – K.A.S.S.A.A.

Boys and Girls Soccer Guidelines – Revised 2016

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1 League Format

- 1.1 The KASSAA teams will be divided into four leagues (Junior Boys, Senior Boys, Junior Girls & Senior Girls);
- 1.2 Each KASSAA school (as defined in Article 3.0 of the KASSAA constitution) may enter only one team into each of the four divisions.

2 League Schedule

- 2.1 A schedule will be drafted and circulated to all the schools by the league convenor prior to the pre-season coaches meeting. This schedule will have all schools playing at least 6 regular season league games.
- 2.2 Teams will normally play two games per week, and should only exceed that in extreme situations (ie. for re-scheduled or playoff games).
- 2.3 Unless alternate arrangements have been made, starting times will be in accordance with KASSAA Article 2.0. The games will be scheduled as follows;

Monday and Tuesday - Junior games followed by Senior games.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - Senior games followed by Junior games.
- 2.4 The final league schedule will be posted on the KASSAA website.

3 Cancellations and Re-Scheduled Games

- 3.1 If a match is suspended for any reason, refer to KASSAA guidelines.
- 3.2 The decision to cancel a game due to weather should be made prior to 11:00 am on the day of the game. The Coach in consultation with his/her Athletic Director and/or school administration shall follow the following procedure;
 - A) school AD or administration contact the League Convenor
 - B) League Convenor contacts other school's AD
 - C) League Convenor contacts Referee and/or Media
- 3.3 Any other requests for the alteration of the League Schedule shall follow the KASSAA Constitution.

4 Field Preparation Requirements

- 4.1 The field shall be properly lined & clearly visible to both the players & officials.
- 4.2 Corner flags must be provided before each game (1.5m or 5ft high).
- 4.3 The home team is responsible for providing the game ball.
- 4.4 The field shall be available for a 30 minute warm up before the start of the first game, where possible.
- 4.5 Each team shall have their duplicate two (2) game sheets completed before the start of the game.
- 4.6 The goal posts and nets are encouraged to be white.
- 4.7 The official game ball for the KASSAA league will be size 5.

5 Referees and Officials

- 5.1 Officials shall be coordinated by the League Convenor.
- 5.2 For regular season league games, only one referee will normally be assigned.
- 5.3 For Semi-Final and Finals: 1 Referee and 2 Referee Assistants will be used.
- 5.4 For games where only one referee is assigned, each team shall supply a volunteer to act as a Referee's Assistant. The designated Referee's Assistant shall only call out-of-bound balls.
- 5.5 The referees shall use current FIFA and OSA rules and interpretations with the exception of the specific changes made in Playing Regulation section below.

6 Playing Regulations

6.1 A team must field a minimum of seven (7) players or risk forfeiture.

6.2 The Home team must change their jersey colours at the Referee's discretion.

6.3 The game will normally consist of two (2) equal 40 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime.

6.4 Where multiple regular season league games are to be played back-to-back at a rented facility, and scheduling does not allow for 40 min halves, halves may be shortened for all games at that facility on that day to 35 min.

6.4 Substitutions:

i) The referee must be informed of any substitution at all times.

ii) Substitutions are unlimited and may be initiated during kick-offs, goal kicks, a team's own throw-ins, and at the referee's discretion.

iii) The opposing team can substitute at the same time as the initiating team is substituting in any of the above situations.

iv) The referee must also allow substitutions for player injuries and yellow carded players (see Section 6.5 below) but only the injured or yellow-carded player may be substituted.

6.5 Player Conduct:

6.5.1 1 Yellow Card (Caution): If a player receives a yellow card, that player must immediately leave the field and be replaced by a substitute. No other player substitutions may occur at this time. The yellow-carded player may re-enter the game at the next substitution opportunity.

6.5.2 2 Yellow Cards (Caution) shown to the same player in the same game = 1 Red Card – see below.

6.5.3 1 Red Card (Dismissal): If a player receives a red card, that player is expelled from the rest of the game (including extra time and/or penalty kicks) and the expelled player is NOT replaced by a substitute. The red-carded player will be suspended for the following game including playoffs. Further suspension may be given based on the severity of the incident in accordance with the KASSAA Constitution.

6.5.4 Yellow Card Accumulation: If a player accumulates 3 Yellow Cards (Caution) in the regular season, the player will be suspended for the next game. After suspension, the player's card accumulation will be reset. This rule extends into the playoffs.

6.5.5 As per KASSAA policies, a player receiving 2 Red Cards in a season will be suspended from further league or playoff action. The school athletic director may appeal this suspension on behalf of the athlete as per the KASSAA Constitution.

6.6 Players are allowed to wear black, white or the same colour Lycra shorts and/or undershirts under their regulation uniform shirt or jerseys.

6.7 Knee braces are allowed to be worn as long as they have been approved by the referee prior to the start of the game. The braces must be properly padded or sleeved to absorb force or hard edges.

7 Reporting of Games

7.1 The completed game sheets will be collected from the referee by each coach at the end of the game.

7.2 The winning team coach or, in the event of a tie the home team coach, will enter the game result information on the KASSAA website as soon as possible after each game.

7.3 KASSAA will maintain an updated record of all cards and scoring for all coaches to review.

7.4 The winning coach is encouraged to contact the Kingston Whig-Standard, and other Media to report the game results.

8 Standings

8.1 The winning team will be awarded 3 points, each team will be awarded 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss.

8.2 Teams who win by Default or Forfeit will be awarded a 2-0 win.

8.3 Tie Breakers for the standings and play-off games shall be determined by KASSAA Constitution Article 14.7

9 Playoffs

9.1 Playoffs will be organized according to By-Law 7 of the KASSAA Constitution.

9.2 Playoff games will be the same duration as league games.

9.3 Overtime in Playoffs

i. If a playoff game is tied after regulation time, two (2) 10 minute halves will follow in their entirety, irregardless of any goals scored. There will be a 1 minute break between the two halves.

ii. If a tie exists after extra time, then a standard FIFA penalty kick shootout will decide the winner.

9.4 The Championship game will be played at a neutral field as decided by the League Convener. The team who finished the season with the highest points will be considered as the Home Team.

10 Eligibility

10.1 Coaches

10.1.1 A member of the school's staff, either as a coach or a staff advisor, must be present at all times during the game.

10.1.2 All Coaches shall respect the Code of Behaviour, appendix 2, KASSAA constitution.

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10.2 Players

10.2.1 All competitors in KASSAA contests must be eligible under Article 10.2 of the KASSAA constitution.

10.2.2 At all times while in the competition venue, athletes are expected to show respect toward the official(s), coaches, spectator(s), opponent athletes and teammates.

10.3 AELS Eligibility List

10.3.1 The AELS website shall be used to create an eligibility list that includes all coaches, staff supervisors, managers and players.

10.3.2 The coach shall submit an eligibility list to the league convenor using the OFSAA AELS website prior to the second league game of the season.

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