

School Championships Qualifiers

Soccer Technical Package

Unified & Traditional



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SOO School Qualifier Soccer 5-on-5 Rules

1. Qualifier Competition Format

1a. Game Points and Team Ranking

Round robin format within your division

- Game Points Scoring System:
 - 3 points for a win
 - 2 points for a tie
 - 1 point for a loss
- NO overtime at qualifiers (ties will stand)
- Tie breakers at qualifiers to be determined in succession:
 - Highest game points (based on scoring system outlined above)
 - Lowest points against average
 - Highest points for average
 - Draw from a hat

*In the event of a three-way tie, once a team has been eliminated from the tie, the tie breaking process for the remaining two teams will start at the beginning.

For qualification to Provincial School Championships, all teams are placed in a conference with schools from the surrounding regions, meaning that schools are competing against all other schools within their conference, not only teams at their local qualifier. All tie breaking processes remain the same. This model allows for equitable chances of qualification, despite the size of the local qualifier. To learn more about the conference model, please contact schools@specialolympicsontario.com.

1b. Uniforms

All teams must supply their own uniforms. T-shirts or sport uniforms are permitted as long as all uniforms are identical for all players. Numbers on uniforms are not required.

1c. Equipment

*Shin pads are required, and **cleats are not permitted**.

All balls and nets will be provided by SOO. Teams are not required to bring their own practice balls, however they can if they would like. All game balls will be supplied by SOO with no exceptions.

1d. Game Forfeit

Should a team forfeit a game, the following point allocation will be used:

- Game not started: a score of 7-0 will be recorded

- Game started: opponent's score will be recorded as 7, forfeit team score will be current score when forfeit occurred.

2. Rules of Play

2a. Divisioning

- 1) The Head Coach must include a team ranking during online registration for each team.
 - a) A skills assessment form may also be filled out to help with a more accurate divisioning process.
- 2) Teams are grouped in divisions according to their team ranking.
- 3) Each team will be required to play all team members in all games.

2b. Team and Players

1. Traditional teams: minimum 5 and maximum 9 athletes with an ID (5 players and 4 substitutes)
2. Unified teams: minimum 5 and maximum 10 athletes (a Unified roster is permitted to have a maximum of 4 mainstream Unified partners).
 - a) During competition, the 5 person team on the field must be made up of 3 athletes with an ID, and 2 Unified Partners.
3. 5 on 5 soccer includes four field players plus one goalie. Each team must start the game with five players or forfeit the game. If a team falls below five players once the game has started due to injury, the team will be permitted to continue with four players on the pitch. If a team falls below five players due to player ejection, the team will forfeit that game.

2c. The Game

1. The game will be played for 20 minutes, with two 10-minute halves. A two-minute 'half time' break will occur between the first and second half of play.
2. A team will be declared the winner if they reach seven goals. The full 20-minute game time is to be played out, but the score will stand once one-team scores its seventh goal. Thus, the winning team is the first team to score seven goals or the team with the highest score after the 20-minute game.
3. There will be a running clock applied for the full 20 minutes. The clock may stop at the referee's discretion (e.g. if the ball needs to be retrieved from another field).

4. The game will start with a flip of a coin for possession. Possession starting the second half of the game will be granted to the team who lost the coin toss at the start of the game.
5. All games will be played with a size 5 soccer ball.

2d. Competition

1. The referee will handle the ball on all out-of-bounds and stoppage of play.
2. The ball is dead after a foul or violation is called, a goal is scored, or any other time the referee blows his/her whistle.
3. Teams change possession of the ball after a goal has been scored. However, if a player is fouled in the act of shooting and scores the goal, the goal is credited, and the offended team retains possession of the ball.
4. Start of play:
 - a. After a goal has been scored, the game shall be restarted by a kick-off, to be taken by a player of the team against which the goal was scored
 - b. After the first half of play, the teams shall change halves and the kick-off shall be taken by a player of the team opposing that which started the game
 - c. For any stoppage not mentioned elsewhere in these rules, the referee shall restart the game by dropping the ball at the place where it was played when stopped, unless play was stopped in the penalty-area. In this case, the ball shall be dropped on the penalty-area line at the point nearest to where the ball was when play was stopped
 - d. The ball shall be in play as soon as it touches the ground
 - e. A goal may be scored directly from kick-off
5. The ball is OUT of play when:
 - a. The whole of the ball has crossed the goal-line, or touch-line, whether on the ground or in the air
 - b. The play has been stopped by the referee
6. The ball is IN play at all other times including when it rebounds into play from a goal-post, a cross-bar, or a corner flag post, or referee and remains in the playing field.
7. A goal is scored when the whole of the ball has crossed over the goal-line, between the goal-posts and under the cross-bar, provided it has not been

thrown, carried or intentionally propelled by hand or arm, by a player of the attacking team, except by a goalkeeper from within his/her own penalty-area.

8. Free Kicks:

- a. For any infringement of the rules when the ball is in play, the referee may award a free-kick to the non-offending team. The free-kick shall be taken from the place where the infringement occurred, unless the free-kick is awarded to the attacking team within its opponents' penalty-area. In this case, the penalty-kick shall be taken from the penalty-mark
- b. At the taking of a free-kick, the ball shall be stationary and all opponents shall be not less than 6 yards (5.5M) from the ball until it has been kicked. The ball shall be in play when it is kicked and moved
- c. A player taking a free-kick within his/her own penalty-area shall kick the ball into play beyond the penalty-area. The ball shall be in play when it has been kicked and moved and has passed outside the penalty-area. All opponents shall be outside the penalty area and not less than 6 yards (5.5M) from the ball until it has been kicked

For any infringement of this rule, the free-kick shall be retaken.

- a. A player taking a free-kick shall not play or touch the ball a second time until it has been played or touched by another player. For any infringement of this rule, a free-kick shall be awarded to the opposing team.
- b. A goal may be scored directly from a free-kick

9. Penalty Kicks:

- a. A penalty-kick shall be taken from the penalty-mark. All players, with the exception of the defending goalkeeper and the player taking the kick, shall be outside the penalty area but within the field of play, not less than 6 yards (5.5M) from the ball until it has been kicked.
- b. The goalkeeper shall remain on his/her own goal line facing the kicker, and between the goal posts, until the ball has been kicked.
- c. The player taking the penalty-kick must kick the ball forward. The ball shall be in play when the ball is kicked and moves forward. The player shall not play or touch the ball a second time until it has been played or touched by another player.

For any infringement of this rule:

- a. By a member of the defending team, the kick shall be retaken if a goal has not been scored.

- b. By a member of the attacking team, if a goal is scored it shall be disallowed and a free-kick awarded to the defending team, to be taken from the place where the infringement occurred.
- c. By a member of both teams, the kick shall be retaken whether a goal has been scored or not.
- d. If, after the kick has been taken, the ball or the goalkeeper is interfered with by an outside agent, the kick shall be retaken.

10. Kick-Ins will be used when:

- a. The whole of the ball has crossed the touch-line, either on the ground or in the air, the ball shall be kicked-in from the point where it left the field of play, by a member of the team opposing that of the player who last played or touched it.
- b. The player taking the kick-in shall:
 - Face the field of play and
 - Kick the ball from on, or behind, the touch line.
 - The ball will be in play immediately after it enters the field of play.

If the player taking the "kick in" plays, or touches, the ball a second time before it has been played or touched by another player, a free kick shall be awarded to the opposing team.

- a. At the taking of a kick-in, all opponents must be at least 2 yards (1.8 meters) from the ball.
- b. A goal may not be scored directly from a kick-in.

11. Goal Kicks:

- a. When the whole of the ball has crossed the goal-line, either on the ground or in the air, excluding that portion between the goal-posts, having last been played or touched by a member of the attacking team, a goal-kick shall be awarded to the defending team.
- b. The ball shall be kicked into play from a point within that half of the penalty area nearest to where the ball crossed the goal-line.
- c. At the taking of a goal-kick, all opponents shall be outside the penalty-area until it has been kicked into play. The ball shall be in play when it has traveled directly beyond the penalty-area.
- d. If the player taking the goal-kick plays or touches the ball a second time before it has been played or touched by another player, a free-kick shall be awarded to the opposing team.

- e. A goal may be scored directly from a goal-kick.

12. Corner Kicks:

- a. When the whole of the ball has crossed the goal-line, either on the ground or in the air, excluding that portion between the goal-posts, having last been played or touched by a member of the defending team, a corner-kick shall be awarded to the attacking team.
- b. The corner-kick shall be taken from within the corner-arc nearest to where the ball crossed the goal-line. All opponents shall be not less than 6 yards (5.5M) from the ball until it has been kicked. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves.
- c. If the player taking the corner-kick plays or touches the ball a second time before it has been played or touched by another player, a free-kick shall be awarded to the opposing team.
- d. A goal may be scored directly from a corner-kick.

13. Substitutions may be made on a dead ball. When one team makes a substitution, the other team must be given an opportunity to substitute as well. Players entering the game must report to the scorer's table and be beckoned into the game by the referee.

14. One 60-second timeout is allowed per team per game. When a timeout is called, the clock will be stopped. A player injury timeout may be called by the referee. The referee may stop the clock at his/her discretion and is advised to do so at any time. For example, allowing the clock to run when the ball bounces well out of play gives one team an unfair advantage. Consequently, the clock should be stopped.

3e. Fouls & Penalties

A player who, in the opinion of the referee, intentionally commits any of the following offences, shall be penalized by the awarding of a free-kick to the opposing team:

- a. Kicks or attempts to kick an opponent
- b. Trips or attempts to trip an opponent
- c. Jumps at an opponent
- d. Charges an opponent
- e. Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent
- f. Holds an opponent
- g. Pushes an opponent

- h. Handles the ball deliberately, (except a goalkeeper from within his/her own penalty area)
- i. Tackles an opponent to gain possession of the ball, making contact with the opponent before touching the ball

Should a player commit one of the above offences within his/her own penalty area, a penalty-kick shall be awarded.