

Qualifiers

1. Tie Breakers

- Tie breakers at qualifiers to be determined in succession:
 - Highest game points (based on the scoring system outlined above)
 - 3 points for a win
 - 2 points for a tie
 - Lowest points against average
 - Random Computerized Draw

2. Qualifying

- For qualification for 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 qualifying process, our quotas for the year and our conference model, please visit our resources page on our website: [School Programs Resources](#).

3. Equipment

- Note SOO Soccer Nets Are a Modified 12' by 6' Size. If your school is interested in purchasing them or learning how to set them up, please follow the link below: [SKLZ Soccer Nets](#)
- Games are played outdoors on a modified soccer field approximately 60' by 30') – exact sizing is at the discretion of the host and subject to the number of fields needed. Typically, a traditional soccer field can hold 3 SOO fields.

4. Divisioning

- The Head Coach must include a team ranking during online registration for each team.
- A skills assessment form may also be filled out for reference to help with a more accurate divisioning process. Please find basketball skill assessments here. [Skill Assessments](#)
- Traditional
 - Recreational: Teams in the recreational category have athletes who are relatively new to the sport or are just there for fun and do not want to compete/advance to the 2024 School Championships.
 - Competitive: Competitive Traditional athletes intend to compete in the School Championships if selected or have a mid-high skill level.
- Unified
 - Unified partners are there to compete alongside higher-level SO Athletes. Unified Partners are **intended to score points, impact the game in a meaningful way** and compete in this category. This includes passing, shooting/scoring and defence. Unified partners should be tasked with defending the opposing unified partners where possible. **Note: Unified Partners are not permitted to take over games but are expected to contribute to winning.**
- Teams are grouped in divisions according to their team ranking and selected classification. On the registration forms schools will be asked to select **what level** their team would like to compete in. Teams can select more competitive play where athletes have a moderate-high skill-set and understanding of the rules, or select less competitive play where athletes are new/learning the sport and Unified partners take on a more facilitatory role.
- Each team will be required to ensure all their players barring injury play during each game.

5. Unified

- Unified Sports brings people with intellectual challenges and disabilities together on the same team as people without intellectual disabilities. This program is dedicated to promoting inclusion through shared sports training and competition experiences.

- Unified Sports looks to develop **meaningful competition** where coaches work together to create a balanced competitive environment. **Coaches are responsible for ensuring the meaningful involvement of all players in the game.**
- Please review our principle of meaningful involvement to understand and apply the Unified Competition Model: [SO Unified Sports Principle of Meaningful Involvement](#)
- Also, see our Unified Coaching Guides and Training Resources
 1. [Unified Sports Coach Guidelines](#)
 2. [Unified Coaching Course](#)

Provincial Championships

1. Competition Format

- **The Divisioning Round**
 - The first day of competition will feature the divisional round.
 - This round is intended to establish the skill levels and comparable skill levels between teams in an effort to create the fairest divisioning for round-robin play.
 - Teams will play a minimum of 3 divisioning games.
 - 2 games will be played against teams believed to be of similar skill levels based on play at qualifiers.
 - 1 game will be played against someone in the division above or below.
 - Divisioning games will be the largest determinate of the final divisions for the round-robin games on day 2.
 - Games will be played as follows:
 - 10-minute games (2, 5-minute halves with a one-minute halftime)
 - Max goals allowed are 5 (after that, scores will not be kept).
 - All players must play in the divisional round.
 - The remaining rules and regulations will remain the same as in qualifiers, as seen below.
 - There will be no overtime in division games.
 - Division selections and decisions are final and cannot be protested.
- **Round Robin Format within your division**
 - Game Points Scoring System:
 - 3 points for a win.
 - 2 points for a tie.
 - Tie breakers at Championships to be determined in succession:
 - Highest game points (based on the scoring system outlined above).
 - Lowest points against average.
 - Highest points average.
 - Random Computerized Draw.
 - Overtime
 - Overtime will only come into effect in medal games. Otherwise, ties will stand at the end of regulation time.
 - In the event of a tie, an extra 2 minutes of time will be added to the clock.
 - The team who lost position (with the coin flip) at the start of the game will start with the ball.
 - If teams are still tied after 2 minutes, a shootout will occur. Teams will alternate penalty shots and matching makes with makes. The game is won once a team makes a shot and the other team misses. Teams must alternate kickers after each shot.
 - 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.

2. Max Points Scored

- A team will be declared the winner if they reach **9 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

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team is the first team to score nine goals or the team with the highest score after the 20-minute game.