

Soccer School Championship Qualifiers

Equipment

- Shin pads are required; cleats are not permitted.
- Teams must provide their own uniform; t-shirts are permitted as long as all t-shirts are identical.

Divisioning

- All teams are divisioned to play teams of similar ability.
 - Coaches will fill out a team ranking assessment at registration and can use our [Skill Assessments](#) as a guide.
- Team rankings and selected classifications are used to establish division.
- Schools may enter the recreational or competitive category.
 - Recreational: intended for athletes new to the sport, there for fun, not School Championships qualification.
 - Competitive: intended for athletes hoping to qualify and mid-high skill.

The Game

- 4 players on the field + 1 goalie.
- The game is played on a turf or grass soccer field.
- Games are 20 minutes long, broken into two 10-minute halves.
 - Includes a 2-minute halftime and a **running clock**.
- Each team may use one 1-minute time out per game.
- A minimum of 5 players is required to play, and teams can have a max of 9.
- There will be no overtime.
- Tie breakers are based on the following: succession game points (wins, ties), lowest points against, and random computerized draw.

Competition

Objective: To score more goals than your opponents by kicking the ball into the opposing team's net.

- The game begins with a coin toss for possession of the ball. The team that wins possession will kick off.
- Teams will change halves of the field for the second 10-minute period.
- The ball is out of play when it passes the goal line, the touchline or when play is stopped by the referee.
- A goal is scored when the whole of the ball crosses the goal line between the posts under the crossbar.
- After a goal is scored, a goal-kick is granted to the non-scoring team.
- When the ball goes out of bounce, kick-ins will be used as opposed to throw-ins.

Penalties

- Penalties will be penalized by awarding a free-kick to the opposing team.

Scoring

- One point shall be awarded for every goal each team scores.
- The team who reaches 7 points first, or the team with the most points at the end of the 20-minute match, wins the game.