

Super Soccer Rules 2023

1. Rules of Play:

We follow the NWT Soccer Rules of Play (Mar 2023) listed on their website. There are some modifications/clarifications to note below.

2. Team Registration/Roster

A team must register by the deadline listed on the nwtschoolsports.com website. Failure to do so will put their entry into the tournament at serious risk.

Registration fees for teams from Yellowknife schools: \$300

Registration fees for teams from non-Yellowknife schools: \$200

A roster must also be submitted prior to the first game and becomes official after the team's first game begins (changes can happen prior to this point).

3. Player Eligibility:

All coaches must carry with them, the proof of age of all of their players during tournament play. Teams that cannot prove the age of their players upon demand will forfeit their games and may be removed from the tournament.

i. Proof of age is (PHOTOCOPY) of one of the following: Birth certificate; Health care card; Passport; Driver's License.

b. The category the player is eligible to compete is determined by the birth year of the player. For the 2023 Super Soccer Tournament:

19U player must be born in 2004 or later

15U player must be born in 2007 or later and be part of a school with grades 9-12.

c. Proof of age must be provided by the coach upon request. This request may only come from the tournament whip.

d. Use of over aged players: In the past, some teams have asked that they be permitted to use over age players in some categories in order to field a team.

i. For example, some of the smaller schools may have only 5 or 6 players who may be 15 and under and one more who is 16 years old and is too old for the age group. Should this team play in the 15 and under category or the 19 and under category, valid arguments can be made for both sides and am not going to list them or get into this discussion at this time. The committee has debated this dilemma for many hours each year. As it stands, if this case is similar to one that you as a coach may be in, you must put your team in the 19 and under category. Some special cases have been made in the past to some smaller schools who are competing for the first time. This however must be approved by the tournament committee before the tournament entry deadline.

ii. The tournament committee goal is not to try to favor some teams over others, we are trying to have as many students play soccer and have a competition where the playing field is fair for all teams.

e. Players in the high school divisions must be regular full time students. Players must play for the school they attend and can only play for one team in the tournament. (Some exceptions have been

made in the past for some of the smaller schools to combine players to make one team.)

4. Duration of Play

i. The game shall be a 5 minute warmup followed by two 22 minute halves with a 3 minute intermission.

ii. Preliminary games may end in a draw. Playoff games will have a 5 minute sudden victory overtime with teams playing at the same end they finished the 2nd half using. With the exception of a championship game, if the game is still tied after the 5 minute overtime period, a 5 player shootout will be played. If the game is still tied after these 5 shooters, it will continue with 1 shot for each team until a winner is decided. It is important to note that the same 5 shooters shall be used in the same order for this 'one-on-one' portion of the shootout. In a championship game, the teams will play a sudden victory overtime period of 10 minutes. If no goal is scored by the end of that period, the game will be decided by a 5 player shootout.

iii. Abandoned games will only be made up if the tournament whip deems it necessary for the tournament.

iv. The tournament whip has the authority to shorten the warmup/halves if it is needed to run the tournament.

5. Safety

i. It is important to note that no jewelry will be allowed to be worn as NWT Soccer has indicated that this is a safety hazard and the tournament agrees with this. Taping over jewelry does not remove this

hazard and is not acceptable. Jewelry must be removed prior to game play.

6. Standings

Game will have a maximum goal differential of 8 goals. This will be reflected on the scoreboard and on the official final score of the game.

A win is worth 3 points, a draw is worth 1 point, and a loss is worth 0 points

7. Rules for Tie Breakers:

If two or more teams are tied at the end of the preliminary round, the following criteria will be applied, in order:

a.

i. The team having the best ratio of won/lost games, considering games between the tied teams, will be ranked higher;

ii. The team with best goal differential will be ranked higher

iii. The team with the least goals against will be ranked higher.

iv. As determined by the Organizing Committee: If it is still tied at this point, then a coin toss will be used to determine the rankings as long as all teams involved in the tiebreaker make the playoffs. If one or more of the teams involved in the tiebreaker will miss the playoffs then both teams will be called upon to engage in a 5 player shootout.

The teams will do a coin flip to decide which team will shoot first. Teams will have 5 different players each take penalty shots. If it is still tied after that, it will continue in a one-on-one shootout until a winner is decided. It is important to note that the same 5 shooters shall be used in the same order for this 'one-on-one' portion of the shootout.

b. When you apply these rule to break a tie, you should follow the following sequence:

i. When two teams are tied, the tie-breaking criteria are applied one after the other until the tie has been broken.

ii. When three or more teams are tied, the tie-breaking criteria are applied one after the other until all the tied teams have been ranked.

8. DISCIPLINE and APPEAL POLICY

It is the responsibility of every athlete, coach and official to conduct themselves in a dignified and proper manner during the Super Soccer Tournament.

b. All competitors must be under the supervision of their adult coaches and/or designated adult guardians while on school property.

c. All athletes traveling to Yellowknife, by virtue of being away from their homes and parents, are understood to be under twenty-four supervision by their coaches and/or guardians.

Procedures for convening a Discipline/Protest Committee are as follows:

The gymnasium and school area are controlled by a tournament "whip", who, in turn, may have assistants or (after-hours) Security Guards. Alleged infractions shall be reported to the tournament whip. If the protest is a sport-related matter, the tournament whip shall render, in writing, a fair and reasonable decision.

b. If an alleged infraction occurs outside the school venue during the Tournament, the incident shall be reported to the Chairperson of the Discipline/Protest Committee, who shall render, in writing, a fair and reasonable decision.

c. If the contingent involved with or affected by the alleged infraction is not satisfied with the decision of the tournament whip, they may appeal to the Chairperson of the Discipline/Protest Committee.

d. A written protest shall be presented to the Chairperson of the Discipline/Protest Committee with a \$20.00 payment. This payment will be refunded if the protesting contingent wins the appeal. The contingent must lodge their protest within three hours of the alleged infraction or tournament whip decision.

e. The members of the Discipline/Protest Committee will meet and review the infraction or protest, rendering a decision as soon as possible. The decision of the Discipline/Protest Committee is final and there shall be no further appeal.

Co Chairpersons of the Discipline Committee
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