

Boys & Girls Soccer

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I. RULES

A. CIAC

1. CIAC rules governing points allocated for wins and ties will be adhered to in determining divisional standings. 3 points for a win and 1 point for a tie.
2. CIAC rules specified for the state tournament (in regard to overtime) shall be followed for FCIAC quarterfinals, semi-finals and the conference championship.
3. All Sports Teams and individual athletes must have a minimum of 10 physical exertional school practice days before the date of the first scheduled competition
4. No team/athlete shall practice/compete with their school more than 6 consecutive days to provide a day of rest. Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays may be used unless prohibited by local board policy.

B. FCIAC

1. Benches shall be placed 10 yards from touchlines for competing teams. Wherever possible these should be on the same side of the field where game timing of the game is done. Benches must be on the opposite side of the field from the spectator seating
2. An adult must be provided by the home team as the official timer.
3. Minimum field dimensions shall be 100 yards by 65 yards
4. All conference games will consist of two 40-minute halves with no overtime played in regular season contests
5. All conference games will be played in accordance with Federation rules unless otherwise specified herein
6. All rained-out games will be played on the next mutually open date (field availability taken into consideration)
7. Incomplete games:
 - a. If the first half is not completed, the entire game will be replayed
 - b. If the first half is completed, the game will be considered a final score and not made up

II. DETERMINING SCHEDULING

- A. Makeup of the divisions will be as determined as written in the FCIAC League Operations; 3. Scheduling; e. Establishment of divisions.
- B. The soccer schedules will follow the league two-year scheduling policy when all 16 schools' field a team and will flip home and away in second year.

III. TOURNAMENT – 8 TEAM TOURNAMENT

- A. Resolving a tie in points between 2 teams
 - a. Competition with each other
 - i. If game won by one team, they are the higher seed.
 - ii. If a tie, see (B. c.) below
- B. Resolving ties in points between 3 or more teams
 - a. If one team defeated all other teams, they will be seeded highest
 - b. If two teams remain, they will be ranked by competition with each other (see a. above)
 - c. If not resolved by (a.) then
 - i. A team with more wins in their point total will be seeded higher
 - d. If not resolved by c (a) then
 - i. all teams in the league are placed in rank order
 - ii. team which defeated or tied the highest seeded team will be seeded highest

- iii. If number is now reduced to two team, team winning the game between the two teams is seeded next highest
 1. If they tied, then go back and repeat (c. i.)
- iv. If a tie can still not be broken, a coin flip will be used to determine the rank order for the playoffs which could include eliminating a team from the top 8.
 1. Once a team is eliminated by a coin flip from a three-way tie you go back to (A.) to determine further order.

IV. OFFICIALS

- A. Assigning of all officials will be done through the FCIAC Soccer Assigning Commissioner
- B. Two officials MUST be used in all varsity contests. Where one official works a sub-varsity game he will be paid in accordance with fee agreement established by the CIAC.
- C. Only officials who are members of a recognized Board of Soccer Officials may be used in any scheduled varsity contest.
- D. If they have not been notified, officials arriving at sites of postponed game shall be paid in full. Officials shall be notified no later than 2 hours prior to the scheduled start of game which is being postponed.
- E. All Coaches of teams competing in the FCIAC playoffs will have an opportunity to nominate officials they feel are deserving of working the FCIAC playoffs
- F. For quarter final games, the official board of the host school will assign the officials
- G. Assigning of officials for the FCIAC playoffs
 1. For the quarterfinals, the board which services the host school will supply officials for that game. For the semi-finals and championship games the Southern Board will provide all game officials

V. AWARDS

- A. The Eastern and Western division champions shall be awarded the FCIAC divisional trophy
- B. The winner of the FCIAC Championship soccer game shall be awarded the FCIAC soccer championship shadow box. Starting with the 2022 season the championship game for both boys and girls will follow the same overtime rules which were used for the quarterfinals and semifinals with penalty kicks used if still tied after the OT period. A champion will be determined.
- C. Thirty medals shall be awarded to the FCIAC championship team members. Additional medals may be purchased by the winning school if needed.
- D. For boys soccer the team with the best overall league record will receive the Ralph King Cup. This award signifies league supremacy and will be on display at the winning school for the next year. In the event of a tie, the trophy will be displayed for half the year at each school. It shall be presented at the FCIAC Championship soccer game.
- E. An All-Conference team shall be chosen at the conclusion of each season. This team shall be chosen at a soccer coaches meeting called by the soccer committee chairperson no later than November 25th of the current year.