

PLAY-OFF POLICES & RULES

Spring 2010

The following information is relevant to the conducting of the GAASA Spring Play-offs to be played June 5th-6th (high school divisions will be played June 1st & 3rd) at the specified sites.

- As a closed tournament it is only open to members currently playing the fall season in the GAASA, there is no need for team check-in prior to playing their first game.
 - **Teams are to go directly to the field that they will be playing and present the official GAASA stamped game report/roster with their passes when asked for by the referee.** Do not use scrap pieces of paper, the stamped league roster or other non-conforming media. On the game report in the game information box indicate whether it is a semi-final or final game, date, home or visitor (the higher seeded team is home) and age group/division. Also have all players listed properly including their uniform number and be sure to sign on the bottom where indicated for the coach.
 - Only players who have been directly rostered to the participating team, either at registration or as a late register may participate in the play-offs. Players who have been transferred to a team by playing more than three games with that team (pursuant to the guidelines currently listed in the GAASA coaches' manual) are not eligible. Violation of this policy will result in the forfeiture of any games and awards earned by the team as well as additional punishment as deemed necessary by the league.
 - **All games will be of regulation length and in the event of a tie the game will be decided by kicks from the line on the field in use unless otherwise specified at the conclusion of regulation. These kicks will be conducted at only one goal to be chosen by the referee crew conducting the kicks and will be conducted in accordance with current FIFA rules using only those players on the field at the conclusion of regulation time.**
 - There will be no grace period for the purpose of warming up prior to the start of a game. Every effort will be made to begin games at their designated time and it is the responsibility of the teams to be ready to begin the game when indicated by the referee.
 - The referee's have been asked to use the international walk-out (the teams line up on either side of the referee on the team side of the field and walk to the middle of the field, acknowledge the spectators and then assume their positions for the start of the game) for all finals.
 - Conduct that is unbecoming to the game by players, coaches and spectators may result in the expulsion of the individual(s) from the tournament site. This is above and beyond the issuing of yellow/red cards by the referee which may also result in the removal of an individual. Additional sanctions may be applied by the league toward the parties involved as well as the club the team is representing. This has not been a problem for the league in the past and there is no anticipation of this season's event being any different. This tournament is put on for the benefit of the players and the enjoyment of all in attendance.
 - Awards for this event are as follows: team trophy and individual medals for the season division champion; t-shirts for the play-off winner and finalist as well as individual medals for the play-off winner to be presented at the conclusion the championship game. Awards for the championship game will not begin until both teams are in attendance at the tournament tent.
 - All teams and spectators are responsible for policing their area at the conclusion of a game for the purpose of removing trash. We are guests at the fields in use for the tournament and as such we should respect our hosts by not leaving behind unnecessary objects. **No Pets Allowed at the play-off sites.**
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