

# **TDCAA SOCCER Booklet 2024**

## **SENIOR BOYS OUTDOO SOCCER**

### **PART A: SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Ontario Physical Activity Safety Standards in Education (OPASSE)**

All coaches must review and follow the most recent copy of the [OPASSE GUIDELINES](#) for the sport they are coaching (under Secondary, Interschool)

Please take special note of the following requirements associated with:

Risk Management

First Aid

Special Rules/Instructions

Supervision

Coaches Expectations & Qualifications (for further information on sport specific NCCP training, visit [www.coach.ca](http://www.coach.ca) )

Excursion/Permission Forms: [TCDSB](#)    [OPHEA SAMPLE](#)

#### **Concussion Awareness and Safety**

In accordance with Policy/Program Memorandum No. 158, the TDCAA will follow and support the mandates of Rowan's Law. The following must occur annually, at the commencement of the athletic season:

- a) coaches must complete the on-line [TDCAA Coaches Concussion Code of Conduct](#)
- b) coaches will have student athletes review and follow a Concussion Code of Conduct:

[TCDSB Student Code of Conduct](#) (in section 8)

[OPHEA's Sample Code of Conduct](#)

- c) coaches will provide Ontario Concussion Awareness Resources to student athletes and parents: [Concussion Guides for Athletes and Parents](#)

In the event of a suspected concussion convenors, coaches, and student athletes must follow an established Return to Play Protocol.

Note: TCDSB has established [Concussion Return to Play Protocols](#) for its students and coaches to follow. Non TCDSB participants should reference their Board's or [OPHEA's Concussion Protocols](#)

Coaches may find it useful to have a recognized [Sport Concussion Recognition Tool](#) with them for practices and competition.

## **Supervision – Visiting Teams**

Each school along with the coach should be aware of the local policy in each school regarding visitors.

In situations where teams are specifically bringing fans (fan bus) appropriate supervision from all participating schools that does not include the team coach(es) must be provided. Communication with school administration of participating schools is prudent in these situations.

## **PART B: FROM TDCAA CONSTITUTION**

TDCAA Senior Boys & Girls Soccer is an official TDCAA activity. Soccer follows OPHEA/OPASSE, OFSAA, and the FIFA Rule Book. This will be the official governing rule book governing play.

### **REGISTRATION**

Schools must register for Senior Boys & Girls Soccer at the designated time. A school may withdraw its team before distribution of the final schedule. The school will be charged only the \$ 25.00 registration fee.

A school who withdraws its team after the schedule has been distributed will assume the following actions:

- Automatic \$100 fine.
- Automatically ineligible for competition in senior soccer the following year. (This can be appealed to the TDCAA executive.)

## **ELIGIBILITY/TRANSFERS**

Eligible athletes must satisfy the By-Laws and Standing Rules as per the TDCAA Constitution.

- All eligibility shall be completed electronically through (HUB) which is coordinated through the OFSAA office. Athletic Directors have the code for their schools to access HUB
- Eligibility must be completed before the first league game. (It is recommended that registration be completed before first practice). In a single day meet or tournament format, eligibility must be filed at least three days prior to the meet or tournament.
- Athletes as well as coaches must be included on the HUB site.
- Approved transfers are included on the eligibility form. Athletes who have not been approved must not be included until the athlete has been approved.
- All students who transfer into your school (excluding Grade 9-first year of high school) are ineligible for competition for a period of twelve months from the date of transfer. To become eligible, transfer students must complete the “TRANSFER APPEAL FORM” and forward to the TDCAA Transfer Chairperson (Lorraine Kelly – Senator O’Connor or Tavia Ferreira – St. John Paul II). An athlete awaiting Transfer Appeal decision is ineligible to play in any games (league or exhibition or tournament). This athlete may practice with the team until the transfer has been approved and the athletic director has been notified.
- An athlete whose transfer is denied has the right to appeal the decision to the TDCAA Transfer Appeal Board.

## **ELIGIBILITY/AGE**

- Open
- Eligibility for the TDCAA and OFSAA is based on the athlete’s year of birth. An athlete is eligible to compete in high school sports for five years from the time they entered grade nine and were born in 2007 or later. Athletes must meet both requirements.

There is no appeal to this rule.

Please link to TDCAA website for dates for each new school year.

**FOR 2023 – 2024**

SEASON	NOVICE	JUNIOR	SENIOR
2023 - 2024	2009 (GRADE 9)	2008 - 2009	2006 - 2009
AGE GROUP	14 YEARS OLD	14 -15 YEARS OLD	15-18 YEARS OLD

## ELIGIBILITY / ACADEMICS

An athlete must be a bona fide student at their school.

### Students with Less Than 22 Credits:

- Non-semester schools – must be registered in a minimum of six (6) full day school credit courses.
- Semester schools– must be registered in a minimum of three (3) full day credit courses in the semester that soccer takes place.

### Students with More Than 22 Credits:

- Non-semester schools – must be registered in a minimum of four (4) full day school credit courses.
- Semester schools – must be registered in a minimum of two (2) full day credit courses in the semester that soccer takes place.

## LEAGUE STRUCTURE

- A) START TIME – All games shall begin no earlier than 3:00pm unless agreed upon by the school principals of the participating schools or because of permit restrictions. **All double headers must start no later than 3:30pm if all participating schools agree. As agreed upon by the soccer coaches in previous meeting, these time starts ensure student-athletes get home at a reasonable time, along with the teacher-coaches.**
- B) MAXIMUM NUMBER OF GAMES – 12 (including playoffs)
- C) AWARDS – In sports where there are less than six teams, only gold medals will be presented.

- D) **DEFAULTED GAME** – If a team defaults a regular season game, they will not be eligible for playoffs. A school may appeal the decision to the TDCAA Executive provided there were extenuating circumstances.
- E) **CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL BUSES** – If the TCDSB cancels buses for weather conditions, all scheduled games are automatically cancelled.

## **PART C: SPORT SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

### SENIOR BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER RULES: EXCEPTIONS TO OFSAA AND FIFA RULES

Competitions shall be governed by the official rules of the **FIFA Rule Book/OFSAA** with the following **TDCAA/OFSAA** exceptions:

#### **SCHEDULING:**

- Schedule will be developed by the convenor.
- Location: If a school does not have a home field, or a safe and suitable home field, it must play all its games away. No Parks & Recreation fields may not be used unless a written permit has been obtained and convenor has been notified by Peter Morris (permit coordinator). If not, all games will be forfeited unless prearranged by the coach. If you do not provide a home field during the regular season, you will not be scheduled playoff games at home.
- Single Games begin at 3:00 pm or 3:30 pm. Double-Headers: First Game 1:30pm, Second Game 3:00pm, unless otherwise noted.
- All games will consist of two 40-minute halves with a five-minute halftime.
- A tentative copy of the schedule shall be sent to coaches to check for conflicts. Coach and athletic director will have one week to sign off on their schedule.
- A final schedule will be sent to both athletic director and coach.

#### **RESCHEDULING: NO GAMES WILL BE RESCHEDULED UNLESS**

- Weather or field conditions do not permit the game to be played i.e. severe conditions such as thunderstorms and/or huge puddles and/or gaping holes NOT light rain or puddles.
- If an official does not show up for the game:

- No changes will be permitted to the final schedule unless made by the Executive.
- If a game is cancelled, or rescheduled for any inappropriate reason, a \$100.00 fine will be assessed

**Rescheduling of games must be approved by the convenor.** A Spring start to the schedule may be met with inclement weather challenges. Our philosophy must be to try to avoid postponements of games. Furthermore, postponements must be for legitimate reasons i.e. a catastrophic event, a school closure; a death etc. rather than a few puddles on a field. In any event, the visiting coach and referee should phone the home team between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on game day to ensure field location etc. The coach of the home team should ensure that their school's telephone receptionist have the required information as to location, time, and conditions.

**NOTE: Rain, Teacher-Parent Interviews and Night School are not normally reasons for postponing. Any rescheduled games must be played by a season ending date**

#### **Forfeited Game: The following infractions will constitute a forfeiture**

- Failure to show up for a game. There will be 15-minute grace period.
- Withdrawal from the season in which case the forfeited games will be retracted.
- Field cancellation.

**Defaulted Games:** As per the TDCAA constitution. The win automatically awarded to the non-defaulting team. The score will be awarded to the non-defaulting team. Any appeals related to the defaulted games must be made to Paul Solarski, Co-executive Director. The team who causes the default shall be responsible for all costs associated with game (referee's fee, field costs...)

#### **GAME SHEETS**

Only Official Game Sheets completed properly will be accepted. Please include all referee reports with your submissions. Original game sheets no longer need to be submitted unless specifically requested. **Failure to submit the OFFICIAL game sheet properly completed, within 24 hours of game completion, will result in a \$ 25.00 fine for each offense.**

**OFFICIALS:** At least one certified official must be provided. In case of game cancellation, the umpires shall be paid if they could not be notified in advance.

**Schools will be responsible for payment of officials as instructed by the convenor.**

The official must sign the game sheet before it is sent to the convenor.

ASSIGNOR: Phil Papanicolau (Boys) and Ian Adair (Girls)

**HOME TEAM RESPONSIBLE FOR:**

- A properly inflated **FIFA SIZE 5** approved soccer ball (game ball).
- **FIRST AID EQUIPMENT.**
- Official **TDCAA GAME SHEET** filled in and presented to the referee before the start  
of the game, along with the **REF FEES.**
- Providing **CORNER FLAGS** (minimum 5 feet tall) and **SOCCER NETS** with  
pegs to  
secure the net.
- **PROFESSIONAL LINED FIELD.**
- An extra set of shirts or pinnies (in case of uniform colour conflict)
- **THE REFEREE'S FEE \$45.00 for BOYS (80-minute games)**
- PLEASE REPORT THE SCORE TO YOUR DESIGNATED CONVENOR  
([christian.martinuzzi@tcdsb.org](mailto:christian.martinuzzi@tcdsb.org)) AND TO [tdcaascores@gmail.com](mailto:tdcaascores@gmail.com) and  
[morrisis@sympatico.ca](mailto:morrisis@sympatico.ca) .

**VISITING TEAM RESPONSIBLE FOR:**

- Official **TDCAA GAME SHEET** filled in and presented to the referee before the start  
of the game, along with the **REF FEES.**
- **FIRST AID EQUIPMENT.**
- **THE REFEREE'S FEE \$45.00 per team for the BOYS (80-minute games)**

- PLEASE REPORT THE SCORE TO YOUR DESIGNATED CONVENOR ([christian.martinuzzi@tcdsb.org](mailto:christian.martinuzzi@tcdsb.org)) AND TO [morrisis@sympatico.ca](mailto:morrisis@sympatico.ca) and [tdcaascores@gmail.com](mailto:tdcaascores@gmail.com)

#### REPORTING SCORES:

RESULTS OF ALL GAMES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY BOTH TEAMS TO:

- 1) TDCAA Web Site – Joe Sileika – [tdcaascores@gmail.com](mailto:tdcaascores@gmail.com)
- 2) Standings – Peter Morris – [morrisis@sympatico.ca](mailto:morrisis@sympatico.ca)
- 3) Convenor – [christian.martinuzzi@tcdsb.org](mailto:christian.martinuzzi@tcdsb.org)
- 4) **Please highlight any ejection. Please make sure to identify any JUNIOR player who is playing up on the senior game sheet. Each JUNIOR player can play a maximum of two regular season games. JUNIOR players are not permitted to play in the playoffs.**

**REPORTING SCORES: When you report your scores to your convenor, to TDCAA website and Peter Morris, the following must be stated:**

1. Sport Played. Example – Senior Boys' Soccer
2. Date and Location of the Game. Example – Thursday, April 25, 2023
3. Home Team and Score. Example – Bishop Allen 2
4. Visiting Team and Score. Example – Father Redmond 2

\*You have until NOON the day following your game to report the scores to the three groups listed above. Peter will always acknowledge receipt of the e-mail  
**PENALTY- \$20.00 fine will be assessed both teams if the score is not reported.**

#### **CAUTIONS AND EJECTIONS**

Attached at the end of these regulations are the specific consequences for carded players. You are reminded that any player or coach who receives a **RED CARD (direct or accumulative)** from the referee must automatically sit out the next game. You must immediately contact within 24hrs the following:

- 1) Convenor: Christian Martinuzzi
- 2) Discipline Chairs: David DiMauro
- 3) Co-Executive Director TDCAA: Paul Solarski
- 4) Your Athletic Director

Three yellow cards (cumulative) will also result in an automatic one game suspension. Player/coach is not eligible to continue playing/coaching until the disciplinary committee indicates it.

All suspensions carry over into playoffs including yellow cards.

- ***If there is a card that has been issued and not reported because a coach requests a referee to disregard the submission, that coach will be suspended immediately and must report directly to the discipline committee. This is a very serious offense as it has legal implications for the coach if there happens to be a lawsuit.***

Caution: A player upon receiving a caution (Yellow Card) from the referee, must be substituted for immediately. The player may return to the field of play on the next appropriate time.

**There is a zero-tolerance policy for fighting.** Any player involved in a physical altercation of any kind will be suspended for the remainder of the season and banned from play-offs. We ask that coaches make this explicitly clear to all players prior to the start of the season. It will be up to the TDCAA Disciplinary Committee to override this ruling in the case of reasonable self- defense. Any player leaving the bench during an altercation will be given an automatic red card, if the entire bench enters the playing field then each player will be shown a red card and face a TDCAA disciplinary hearing.

## **POINTS FOR WIN / TIE / LOSS**

Win – 3 Points

Tie – 1 Point

Loss – 0 Points

**UNIFORMS:** If possible, each team should have a distinctive uniform with numbered shirts. Teams should also have a set of pinnies available in case of a uniform colour conflict.

## **PLAYOFF FORMAT FOLLOWING LEAGUE PLAY**

- The top four teams in each division will qualify for the playoffs

### **LEAGUE TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES:**

- In the event of a tie on points in the standings at the end of the regular season, any ties will be broken:

#### **When Two Teams are tied**

- 1) Winner of pool game between tied teams
- 2) Most games won during pool play
- 3) Goal differential (goals for – goals against) in all games with maximum of four (4) in any one game
- 4) Least goals scored against
- 5) Most goals scored for (maximum of four (4) in any one game
- 6) Penalty shootout

#### **When Three or More Teams Tied**

- 1) The team which defeated both teams in pool play
- 2) Most games won during pool play
- 3) Goal differential (goals for – goals against) in all games with maximum of four (4) in any one game
- 4) Least goals scored against
- 5) Most goals scored for (maximum of four (4) in any one game
- 6) Penalty shootout

This format will determine the position of all tied teams:

- In the case of two teams tied in the standings, one of which was awarded a victory as a result of a forfeiture, only the head to head play will be used to break the tie. If the game between the two teams was a tie, goal differential will be reviewed.
- Furthermore, in the event that one of the teams tied in the standings had forfeited a game during the regular season, **that team is ineligible for the playoffs unless reinstated by the TDCAA Executive. In that case the team will be placed below the other teams tied.**

### **TIED GAMES IN THE PLAYOFFS**

- Two ten-minute halves – **NO golden or silver goal rules apply**

- If still tied, each team will select five (5) players from those on the field at the conclusion of the overtime.
- These five (5) players shall take kicks alternately. The first team to kick being the winner of the coin toss.
- The winner will be the team scoring the most penalty kicks.
- If still tied, the remaining players shall take penalty kicks ( one from each team) alternately, the winner being the team which is ahead after any pair of penalty kicks.
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**PLAYOFF STRUCTURE:** As was voted upon by the senior boys' soccer coaches. All playoff games will take place on a NEUTRAL TURF FIELD.

**QUARTER FINALS** - Home team in quarter finals will be the team with either the higher finish in the season or, if the same, the better record in league play if both teams played an even number of games.

**Quarterfinals**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> East vs 4 <sup>th</sup> West | (Game 1) |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> East vs 3 <sup>rd</sup> West | (Game 2) |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> East vs 2 <sup>nd</sup> West | (Game 3) |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> East vs 1 <sup>st</sup> West | (Game 4) |

**SEMIFINALS** - Home team in semi-finals will be the team with either the higher finish in the season or, if the same, the better record in league play if both teams played an even number of games.

**Semi-finals**

- Winner of Game 1 vs Winner of Game 3 (Game 5)
- Winner of Game 2 vs Winner of Game 4 (Game 6)

**FINALS – CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

**Final – Gold Medal Game**

- Winner of Game 5 vs Winner of Game 6 (Game 7)

## **SUPERVISION:**

For all TDCAA activities, there must be sufficient supervision of players at all times.

- Teams should not arrive at the visiting school before the coach arrives. If the coach is unable to arrive with or ahead of players, the home team should be informed.
- The Coach must remain with players at all times after the conclusion of the game. If players are travelling on TTC/cabs/cars, a coach must remain with the players until all players have safely left the school or boarded the bus.
- If TTC bus stop is some distance from the school or site of the game, the coach must travel with the players and remain with the players until they have safely boarded the bus.
- A game cannot begin unless there is a teacher coach on the bench. A community coach must be accompanied by a teacher from the school before a game can commence.

## **SOCCER DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

Type	Description of Misconduct	First playing seasonal offence
1	First Caution.	No action – must be recorded on the game sheet.
1.2	Receives a second caution (yellow) in the same game (not directed at game official) see 1.1.3 if directed at game official	1 game suspension – does not need to attend sports court unless the second caution was a direct red.
1.3	Receives a second caution in the same game (anything directed at the game official that is considered abusive and offensive language and gestures.)	Disqualification from season and playoffs. Must attend sports court with TDCAA disciplinary committee.
1.4	Second Caution (different games)	No action – must be substituted
1.5	Third Caution.	Removal from current game, with substitution, and a one game suspension. Must attend sports court with TDCAA disciplinary

		committee.
1.6	Fourth Caution.	Removal from current game, with substitution, and possible disqualification from season. Must attend sports court with TDCAA disciplinary committee.
1.7	Fifth Caution.	Not applicable
2	Dismissed or reported by game official for “using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures” directed at anyone other than the game official(s), this includes coaches, players and parents. This rule also applies to both coaches and players.	2 to 4 game suspension. Must attend sports court with TDCAA disciplinary committee.
3	Dismissed or reported by a game official, or other registrant, for using racist or sexist comments made during the game, or in the vicinity of the playing field or either during or after the game, towards the official, coaches, players and parents. This rule also applies to both coaches and players.	Disqualification from season and playoffs.
4.1	Dismissed for “Denying an opponent a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball.”	1 game suspension. No sports court required.
4.2	Dismissed for “Denying an opponent a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player’s goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or penalty kick.”	1 game suspension. No sports court required.
5.1	Dismissed for “Serious Foul Play”. Must occur on the field of play, against an opponent while the ball is in play.	1 to 2 game suspension. Must attend sports court with TDCAA disciplinary committee.
5.2	Dismissed for “Serious Foul Play” where in the opinion of Sports Court, there was an obvious “attempt to injure” or “a complete disregard for the safety of an opponent”. Must occur on	4 to 6 game suspension or disqualification from season and playoffs. Must attend sports court with TDCAA disciplinary committee member.

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6	Dismissed or reported for "Spitting" or "Spraying water" at an opponent, official or parent.	Disqualification from the season and playoffs. Must attend sports court with TDCAA disciplinary committee.
7	Inappropriate Conduct. Example: Behaviour involving physical force such as pushing, shoving and throwing to the ground.	1 to 2 game suspension. Must attend sports court with TDCAA disciplinary committee.
8	Fighting or Violent Conduct with the intention of harming an individual. Behaviour involving slapping, chocking, tackling to the ground and fist fighting.	Disqualification from the season and playoffs. Must attend sports court with TDCAA disciplinary committee.