

# Soccer

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## RULES & REGULATIONS

Soccer is to be conducted under the official rules of FIFA. The following rules & regulations will apply.

The SIS Code of Conduct essential points must be clearly read out by the referee to both teams & signed by the referee & coaches before the game commences.

### Team Requirements

1. A maximum of 11 players are permitted to take the field.
2. Schools may have unlimited substitutes.
3. All jumpers are to be marked.
4. Shin guards must be worn.

### Match Requirements

1. Matches are to commence at 1.00pm, or as otherwise agreed by both schools.
2. Match length for all levels is 2 x 30 minute halves.
3. A half time interval of 5 minutes will apply.
4. The host school will ensure the grounds are accurately & clearly marked & should include corner flags. The penalty area, goal area & centre circle must not be scaled down on smaller grounds. Goals must always be 8yds by 8ft.
5. Each school will provide a competent linesperson.
6. Goalkeepers must wear a jumper whose colour contrasts with the opposition.
7. The host school will book & provide referees in accordance with SIS requirements.

All Levels – 1 Accredited Referee is required

### Sport Specific Playing Conditions

1. Ball size for all age groups should be a Size 5 ball.
2. No time on shall be played but injury time shall be added by the referee when necessary.
3. Any player sent off for misconduct may not be replaced.
4. The **Mercy Rule** margin is 5 goals. The rule will apply if a team is leading by 5 goals at any stage during the game. The winning team must remove 1 player from the field.
5. For a result to be declared the match must have reached a minimum of 2 x 20 minute halves, then the score as it stands when play ceased shall be taken as the final result. Should the match not reach half time then it is deemed a draw.

When a score is tied at the end of play, coaches will negotiate the action required.

It is usually at the discretion of the visiting school, based on the time available.

The game will go into a shootout. A shootout is a penalty kick competition. Both teams select five players to take the penalty kicks & then the teams alternate until one team wins. A team wins a shootout by scoring more goals than its opponent.