

Soccer 2024 Preseason Meeting

MINUTES

March 21, 2024
4:00 PM

- 1.0 Welcome and Introductions
PICS, LED, SJ, BF, SG, RS, HA, JPP, AOB, ROM, MCN, JHP, EG, OL, PK, ABJ, BEAU, ML, STA, JP, SCN, HT, VR, MMM, DAA
- 2.0 Registration and Eligibility
Excel will be used for Registration, will be sent out once league structure is done and conflict calendars are in. Will be due April 30th before your first game. Players can be added and subtracted as the season goes up to max of 30.
Eligibility rules mirror ASAA – Under 19 as of Sept 1, minimum 800 instructional minutes, three years of high school only after entry into Grade 10. Students must play 3 regular season games to be eligible for playoffs. (Will be modified if any divisions/pools are small)
- 3.0 Referees
We need to be respectful of those we do get assigned. Our alternative is no referees if we scare off those who are helping us sustain our leagues.
Please remember that this isn't FIFA, we aren't unifying a nation. This is youth sports, and we need to act accordingly. Referees WILL make mistakes. Your emotional reactions need to be appropriate and it is the coaches job to control behaviour of yourselves, assistant coaches, players & spectators.
- 4.0 Minor Officials and Home School Responsibility
Must ensure proper field markings and nets at least 15 minutes prior to game time. Nets are not negotiable, lines for the first few games might be flexible, but preference is to having them.
Must supply standard game ball and game sheet. Responsible for contrasting uniform colours, or pinnies if necessary. In playoffs, home team gets choice of uniform colour. Discuss in advance.
Winning team submits game sheet and scores on metroathletics.ca, but home team is responsible in a tie.
HOME TEAM MUST SUPPLY TWO LINESPEOPLE.
Home school responsible for booking game fields when on school



sites. Communication to the metro office is necessary if off campus fields are being used.

5.0 Booking of Facilities

Metro will be responsible for booking fields for home games for Bev Facey /SCA (SAP D or E), St. Albert (Forrest), Archbishop Jordan (MP), Spruce Grove Schools (Fuhr). Away only, EC, possibly JHP. Anyone additional, please identify where your fields are or if you do not have one. If you wish to play on a booked field, once the schedule is released, it is your school's job to confirm where your game will be and arrange for your fields to be lined.

6.0 League Structure

6.1 Review of League Rules and Information

Standings are 3 pts for a win, 1 for a tie.

Yellow card policy will again be in effect. It is mandatory to submit game sheets so these suspensions are correct

Red cards are AUTOMATICALLY a 1 game suspension, even if you do not receive an email from the office, you MUST sit that player or coach. Suspensions include spectating the next game.

Any additional players added must be reported to the Metro office.

Pulling Junior players up for 1 game is permitted, once they play a second game they are now tied to the Sr team. Pulling Jr players up for playoffs is not permitted as they need 3 games to play in playoffs.

This only applies to league, if you play tournaments, play with who you wish.

Unlimited substitutions allowed in all leagues.

League games can end in ties, playoffs go to two non-sudden-death 5-minute halves followed by a shootout.

Staff sponsor must be present for all games.

Rules will be posted on metroathletics.ca, mouse over Sports and click on Soccer, there will be a number of updated documents.

There will be no reschedules. Where a game cannot be played, it will be considered a 0-0 draw. If only one team cannot play it will be considered a default. A default/forfeit is considered a 5-0 score.

6.1.1 Game Durations - New 2024 - Game Durations will be 60 minutes, two 30 minute halves. 40 minutes of the game must occur to be considered a final result. This change was made due to the constant weather issues we run into that begin to roll in at 5:00 pm. This will also help combat the issue of Club players leaving teams to get to club events.

A reminder that the CSA Weather rule states the following: If you hear thunder, immediately suspend play and wait 30 minutes. If thunder occurs again, the 30 min time restarts. Wait until the game can resume, or if the time remaining does not allow completion. If lightning is visible, but thunder is not audible, it is at the discretion of all parties

to assess and continue.

You have until 6:00 pm to finish your games, so whilst applying the Thunder rule, you aim to get in 40 min (min play) or delay until you can restart, or the restart time will occur after 6:00, then the game can be called. Teams and officials should wait the appropriate amount of time to fit in the remainder of the game if possible with time left.

- 6.2 Conflict Calendars –Due to the short season and weather always being an issue, the only conflicts that will be accepted are Commencement Ceremonies & Grad for seniors, and 1 date for juniors.
- 6.3 Start Dates, Play Dates and Times, Playoffs
May 1st Likely, based on City decisions.
Most often Senior Boys & Junior Girls – Tuesday/Thursday
Senior Girls & Junior Boys – Monday/Wednesday
Playoffs projected to start the week of May 27th, finals June 3-6.
Please make sure to be on time for your games. Respect your opponents time, as well as the referees.
- 6.4 Divisional Structure **TO BE CONFIRMED ONCE SCHEDULE IS CREATED, BELOW ARE INITIAL THOUGHTS.**
 - 6.4.1 Junior Girls – Only 3 teams, we need at least 2 more to run a Jr Girls Division
 - 6.4.2 Junior Boys – See website
 - 6.4.3 Senior Girls - See website
 - 6.4.4 Senior Boys - See website
- 7.0 Adjournment