



This is to be read in conjunction with the [Return to Play information](#) outlined in the following links:

[2021 Winter Sport COVID-19 Safety Guidelines](#)

[2021 Winter Sport COVID-19 Infographics](#)

1. See General Regulations Governing Sporting Competitions.
2. Soccer is conducted under the rules of FIFA unless otherwise stated.
3. **Duration of games:** The duration of games will be 2 x 40 minute halves with half time interval of ten minutes for Firsts. All other games will be 2 x 30 minute halves with half time interval of five minutes. No 'Time on' shall be played, but 'injury time' may be added at the discretion of the referee.
4. **Referees:** Referees for Firsts games should be qualified and accompanied by competent Linespersons. If a qualified Referee is unavailable the game can proceed with consent of both teams. The referee shall be the controller of the game and be the final arbiter on whether a game proceeds when weather or ground conditions are exceptional.
5. **For all Firsts Girls Soccer matches the 'Home' school must engage Referee's Assistants (lines people).** They need to be qualified and competent.
6. Grounds must be marked clearly and accurately, and should include corner flags, and goal nets. The penalty area, goal area and centre circle must not be scaled down on smaller grounds. Goals must always be the standard size.
7. Size 5 Soccer ball must be used. Junior games will use a Size 4 Soccer ball.
8. All players must wear the approved soccer uniform of the school. Goalkeepers must wear a different coloured shirt to those worn by both teams. Players must wear shin-guards.
9. First XI teams will wear numbers.
10. Interchanging players is permitted, and may occur only at a break of play and with the referee's permission. **Firsts are only permitted 5 interchange players one of which may be a Goal Keeper.** Intermediates an unlimited number.
11. Offside rule will be applied at all levels.
12. Common sense to apply in relation to handball. **Note:** A player should not be penalised if they protect their chest by using their arms, but they may not direct the ball with their arms.
13. A 1st XI player who commences a first game on the interchange bench may play in the seconds or their age group team on the same weekend.



14. **Redraws where required - Refer to General Reg 17 for method of calculation**
  
15. **Premiership:** The Premiership shall be decided on points. Win: 3 points; draw: 1 point; loss: 0 points. Should any two or more teams be equal on points and have played each other, the winner of that game shall take precedence. Otherwise the teams shall be declared equal.