

2019-2020 — SeaTac Soccer Guidelines

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Season End: 11/23/19

- I. **Score Reporting:** The home team coach is responsible for reporting the game score to the appropriate official outlet(s).
- II. **Rules:** A combination of NFHS, and FIFA rules will apply. The NFHS, and WIAA rules apply for game management; FIFA rules apply during the contest. FIFA rule modifications and WIAA Rules info can be found here: <http://www.wiaa.com/subcontent.aspx?SecID=1154>
- III. **Officials:** Schools should require 3 game officials for all Varsity league matches.
 - If only “1” official is present for the start of the game, the visiting can request the game be rescheduled.
- IV. **Start Time:** The home team is responsible for dictating and communicating the start time of the match, as well as ordering officials.
- V. **Late Arrivals:** Officials are to allow 10 minutes for “late arrival” before a game is forfeited. Coaches and/or Athletic Directors are encouraged to carry a cell phone in the event of an emergency or a traffic delay. If there is an emergency or a serious traffic delay, every effort will be made to reschedule the game. If the game cannot be rescheduled, the game will be considered a “forfeit” by the team that couldn’t fulfill its obligation.
- VI. **Minimum # of players:** Seven players must be on the field to start a contest, and a minimum of seven players must remain on the field or else a forfeit is declared (Rule 3, section 1).
 - A. **Substitutions:** With the permission of the referee, either team may substitute an unlimited number of players at any stoppage.
 - B. **Blood Rule:** An athlete who is bleeding, has an open wound, has any amount of blood on his/her uniform, or has blood on his/her person, shall be directed to leave the field until the bleeding has stopped, the wound is covered, the uniform and/or body is appropriately cleaned, and/or the uniform is changed before returning to competition. That player shall leave the field but may be replaced.
- VII. **Overtime:** During league play and non-league play, in the event of a tie at the end of regulation time, the match will go to a shootout. Non-League games will NOT be awarded points and will not count toward league standings
- VIII. **Points:** Win=3 Pts, Shootout Win=2 Pts, Shootout Loss=1 Pt, Loss=0 Pts
- IX. **Uniforms:**
 - A. The home team shall wear dark jerseys and socks (dark is defined as any color which contrasts with white), and the visiting team shall wear solid white jerseys and solid white socks. Prior to and during the game, jerseys shall be tucked into the shorts, unless manufactured to be worn outside.
 - B. Both socks shall be the same color, with the home team wearing socks of a single dominant color, but not necessarily the color of the jersey and the visiting team wearing solid white sock. If tape or a similar material (stays/ straps) is applied externally to the socks, it must be of similar color as that part of the sock to which it is applied.
 - Rationale: This change allows home teams to wear the school- colored jerseys at home. The change would provide the opportunity for teams to use an alternative color uniform for “special” events, if approved by the state association.

VIII. **Schedule/Standings:** The schedule will represent each team having a home and away schedule for boys and girls. (7 home, 7 away games).

IX. **Tie Breakers:** If a tie exists at the end of the regular season play between **two (2) teams**, the head-to-head league will serve as the tie breaker. The following tie breakers will be used when the tie exists **only** between 2 teams:

- A. Head to head competition.
- B. Goal differential in head to head league play - no credit for more than 5 goal differential per.
- C. Goal differential in league play - no credit for more than 5 goal differential per game.
- D. Coin toss.

X. **League Champion:** Boys and Girls : The League Champion will be determined by the League Standings at the conclusion of the season.

XI. **Violations: Yellow Card, Red Card or any other Rule Violations**

A. All violations must be reported, in writing and within (5) school days, to:

1. the superintendent of the offending school,
2. the *league of school membership for review and action,
3. and the appropriate WIAA District.

*League Reports shall be made to the Sports Commissioner and presented at the first League Meeting following the violation.

XII. **Yellow and Red Cards**

A. Sea-tac 1B Yellow Card Rule

1. With the exception of the goal keeper, a yellow card cautioned player shall leave the field and may be replaced. Should the team with the cautioned player elect to play shorthanded; the cautioned player may not re-enter nor be replaced until the next legal substitution opportunity.
2. A coach or other adult bench personnel, who has been cautioned, should be shown a yellow card.
3. Any player that is issued a second yellow card caution in the same match will be disqualified from participating for the remainder of the match and the offending team will not be allowed to substitute for the disqualified player. This will not be counted as an ejection nor reported as an ejection to the WIAA. The player will remain with his/her team in the bench area.
 - *NFHS soccer rule 12.8.2, Situation 1, page 178: Player A2, having been cautioned earlier in the game, commits a second cautionable offense. RULING: Stop play, show the yellow card, subsequently show the red card to disqualify A2 and do not permit a substitution for the disqualified player.*

B. Red Card and/or Disqualification Rule

1. A player, substitute or substituted player who has been shown a red card must leave the field but may remain in the team area.
2. A coach or other adult bench personnel who has been shown a red card must leave the vicinity of the playing area immediately and may not have contact, direct or indirect, with the team during the remainder of the game. Failure to comply shall result in termination of the game.
3. If an athlete or coach is given a red card during a league match, he or she will not be entitled to any post season honors. (Exceptions will be given to a player that receives a red card for a hand ball infraction.)
4. Additionally, the league reserves the right to add any necessary penalties to the school and or player as deemed appropriate.

C. Ejections

1. An ejection due to violent conduct by a player or a coach or abusive language (as defined by the WIAA) by a coach shall result in a suspension equal to twenty percent (20%) of the number of allowable contests for that sport as indicated below.

Number of Allowable Contests: 16-20

Number of Contests Suspended: 4