
ALBERTA
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ASSOCIATION

INDOOR PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP
RULES - YOUTH

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Alberta Soccer Association – Code of Conduct

- 1) Members have an obligation not only to abide by the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of the Association, but also to act in a manner that displays their commitment to the principles and intent of the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations.
- 2) All Members should expect to be treated fairly in all matters. Members shall not discriminate against other Members by means of different, unequal, or inconsistent treatment applied to individual members.
- 3) Individuals shall not provide the potential for, or the appearance of, an opportunity for benefit, wrongdoing, or inappropriate conduct. It is important to emphasize that conflict of interest relates to the potential for wrongdoing as well as actual or intended wrongdoing.
- 4) Information or data entrusted to Members for use in their capacity or position shall not be disclosed or used in a manner that may cause embarrassment to the Association, or that betrays a trust or confidence.
- 5) Members shall at all times exhibit behavior that maintains the Association's reputation and shall at no time harm or hinder the Association or its ability to represent the sport.
- 6) No Member shall harass another Member by actions that include, but are not limited to, unwelcome remarks, invitations, requests, gestures, or physical contact that, whether indirect or explicit, has the purpose or effect of humiliating, interfering with, or creating an intimidating situation for that other Member. Harassment shall be considered inappropriate behavior, be it ethnic, religious, or sexual in nature.
- 7) The interaction or involvement of Members under the jurisdiction of the Association shall not result in threats, intimidation, or inflicted physical distress between such Members, whether implied or explicit.

All rules and “Laws of the Game” from FIFA will be adhered to except as set out in the following Competition Rules. The main exceptions to FIFA rules are as follows:

- Changes to the number of substitutions;
- Changes to the number of players allowed to dress per game;

1. PROVISIONAL RULES

- 1.1. These Rules shall apply to all Indoor Provincial Competitions and Playdowns. Any variances for specific competitions will be as noted in these Rules.
- 1.2. The ASA Competitions Committee is responsible for the management and control of all Provincial Competitions.
- 1.3. These Rules are subject to the ASA Bylaws & General Rules and Regulations
- 1.4. Within the constraints of Rule 1.3, the Competitions Committee may make temporary rules to govern specific situations not otherwise provided for within this rule book and in the interest of fair play.
- 1.5. The Competitions Committee will be empowered to move any event to a location more suitable to the contesting teams or combine locations for certain age groups of the same level where an insufficient number of teams are competing.
- 1.6. The Competitions Committee shall appoint to each competition an ASA Representative who will act on behalf of and as an extension of the Competitions Committee.
- 1.7. All dates and deadlines indicated in this rule book are intended for District use. Districts and leagues are free to set earlier deadlines which their teams are expected to adhere to.

2. PROVINCIAL DECLARATIONS

- 2.1. Any district wishing to participate in the Indoor Provincials must advise the ASA, in writing, using the ASA Declaration form, no later than the second Wednesday in January (Wednesday January 10, 2018).
 - 2.1.1. The District will be assessed a \$250 administrative fee for late declarations and the Competitions Committee will determine whether they will be accepted or denied.
- 2.2. In circumstances where a competition does not have a full complement of teams, the Competitions Committee may invite teams from any district to participate in the Provincial Championships. Declaration fees for such teams will be assessed on a case by case basis.
 - 2.2.1. Priority for any additional declarations will be based on declaration fee, geographic distance from the host location and number of declarations already allocated.
- 2.3. Districts will be invoiced for their entries for the Indoor Provincial Championships as per their declaration form. There will be no refund for a team that withdraws prior to the competition.
- 2.4. If the location of the Provincial Championships is confirmed or changed after the Declaration Deadline, all competing Districts will be given the opportunity to adjust their Declarations without penalty.
- 2.5. Each District area will be allowed to declare one (1) Youth team per Youth category, except in the case of those Districts that exceed 5,000 registered Youth players in the current season, or a District hosting the Provincial Championship, who will be entitled to an additional declaration.
 - 2.5.1. A District with more than 5,000 registered Youth players who is hosting the Provincial Championship will be entitled to up to three (3) declarations.
- 2.6. No Division, league or tournament leading to the Provincial Championships can qualify teams into more than two (2) different Provincial Competitions of the same age.
- 2.7. Except for leagues structured by age, no team competing in a division, league or tournament leading to more than one Provincial Championship can solely declare for the lowest available level of competition.
- 2.8. Districts are expected to provide a contact person for each Provincial weekend in which they have teams competing who will be available to address any roster or player eligibility issues.

3. TEAM ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. Any team affiliated with their District Association and in good standing will be eligible to participate in any competition under the jurisdiction of Alberta Soccer, subject to declaration limits set out in this rule book.
- 3.2. All Districts must identify the division/league/tournament that any teams potentially declaring for Provincials are participating in the manner prescribed by Alberta Soccer, no later than October 15.
- 3.3. No registered Youth team will be eligible to compete in more than one (1) Provincial Competition in any one (1) season.
- 3.4. A team must have participated in at least six (6) games against equal or higher-level competition during the season to compete in Provincials at that level. If the games are against higher-level competition, their outcome must demonstrate that the lower level is the more appropriate category of play.
- 3.5. Youth teams are permitted to play up an age group, including playing in a Senior league, for developmental purposes and return to their original age for the Provincial Championships.
 - 3.5.1. Teams may only declare for the same tier of play or higher than that which they were playing in an older age group upon returning to their original age category
- 3.6. All other teams must compete in the Provincial Championships at the same level at which they compete throughout the playing season.
- 3.7. High School teams in Alberta may not participate in any sanctioned Alberta Soccer league, or be part of any Alberta Soccer clubs even under the guise of Alberta Soccer District Club teams appearing to have no direct affiliation with High Schools. Players may play for both a High School and a club team.
- 3.8. No Alberta Soccer registered team assembled by an unsanctioned academy by its own name or under any other guise will be permitted to participate in any Alberta Soccer league, club, or participate in any Alberta Soccer Championship.
- 3.9. The District will provide a certified team roster for each team participating in a Provincial Championship in the manner prescribed by Alberta Soccer by the roster submission deadline.
- 3.10. A District that places a team in another District's league, with the consent of both Districts, on a non-exhibition basis (where teams play for a Provincial berth) does not lose its right to declare a team for the same age/gender and category of Provincial Championship. The team playing for a Provincial berth in another District's league cannot return to its own District of domicile to challenge for that berth.
- 3.11. A District that places a team in another District's league, with the consent of both Districts, on an exhibition basis may use only its own District's berth to declare for Provincial Championships and not that of any other District.
- 3.12. Tier I teams are not eligible to compete in the Tier II, III or IV Provincial Championships. When a District is running a Tier I/II split league, it is the District's responsibility to submit to the Competitions Committee a description of the league and how the Provincial Representatives are determined for approval no later than the declaration deadline.

4. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. Players must be registered with Alberta Soccer seven (7) days prior to taking part in a Provincial or Regional Competition. All players and teams are subject to Alberta Soccer's roster and transfer deadlines.
- 4.2. Registrations will be valid for one (1) season.
- 4.3. Players in age categories who reach the limiting age after the first day of January will continue to be eligible to play in that age category for the remainder of the playing season.
 - 4.3.1.U18: Players under eighteen (18) years of age before January 1st of the current year
 - 4.3.2.U16: Players under sixteen (16) years of age before January 1st of the current year
 - 4.3.3.U14: Players under fourteen (14) years of age before January 1st of the current year
 - 4.3.4.U12: Players under twelve (12) years of age before January 1st of the current year
- 4.4. Any team that includes a player who is over the age limit as defined in 4.5 will forfeit all games concerned and will be subject to disciplinary action.

- 4.5. Only players listed on the District certified roster will be considered eligible to participate in the Provincial Competition.
- 4.6. A Youth player may register with and play for both a Youth team and a Senior team and maintain their eligibility to compete in both Youth and Senior Provincials if:
 - 4.6.1. He or she has first registered with the Youth team.
 - 4.6.2. If a player has first registered with a Senior team, they register for Youth prior to the transfer deadline.
- 4.7. A registered Youth player will not be considered cup tied for Provincial purposes to any team they have participated with as a triallist prior to having registered with a Senior team.
- 4.8. Eligible players properly registered with both a Youth and a Senior team may compete in one Youth Provincial Championship and one Senior Provincial Championship.
- 4.9. Every player at all Provincial Championships must have a District Photo ID Card or valid government photo ID, to be presented to the referee prior to the start of each game. The burden of proof will rest with the player.
- 4.10. A player who has been a professional or a non-amateur player will not be eligible to compete in any Provincial or Regional Competition unless properly reinstated.

5. TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

- 5.1. Alberta Soccer Rules and Regulations 5 and 6 apply to all competitions.
- 5.2. Players transferring laterally or to a lower level of play will not be considered cup tied if the transfer takes place prior to their fifth game, subject to local rules.
 - 5.2.1. Under extenuating circumstances a request may be made to the Competitions Committee to allow a player to transfer laterally or to a lower level of play after five games.
- 5.3. Players transferring to a higher level of play will not be considered cup tied if such transfer is completed by February 15, 2018.

6. REPLACEMENT PLAYERS

- 6.1. Under exceptional circumstances a team may request, through their District, special permission to replace players.
- 6.2. All replacement players, and replacement player requests, are under the jurisdiction of the team's District Association.
- 6.3. All replacement players must be clearly indicated as such on the ASA roster.
 - 6.3.1. All replacement players submitted to ASA must be accompanied by a Replacement Player Form.
- 6.4. Replacement players cannot increase the roster above the original number of registered players. A replacement player must replace a registered member of the team.
 - 6.4.1. Youth teams can only request replacement players if their roster is depleted to fifteen (15) players or less, and may only use replacement players to bring their roster back up to sixteen (16) players.
 - 6.4.2. Teams are eligible for a maximum of four (4) replacement players
 - 6.4.2.1. Under exceptional circumstances and with the support of their District, teams may apply to the Competitions Committee for replacement players above the limit of four.
- 6.5. All replacement players must come from within your District Association. For the purposes of this rule the Edmonton Minor Soccer Association (EMSA) and the Edmonton Interdistrict Youth Soccer Association (EIYSA) are considered separate Districts.
 - 6.5.1. Replacement players must come from the team's club system if such a system is in place.
 - 6.5.2. If the season is incomplete, any replacement player must have the consent of the team/club for which they play.
 - 6.5.3. Teams cannot choose replacement players from a team that has qualified for a Provincial Championship.
- 6.6. Replacement players must come from a lower level of competition (see Appendix A), except as noted below

- 6.6.1. Teams attending Tier IV Provincials from a rural District may pick up a maximum of two (2) players from another Tier IV team of the same age, subject to ASA cup tied rules.
- 6.6.2. Under exceptional circumstances, where there is no lower level team to draw replacement players from, Tier I, II and III teams, and Tier IV teams from city Districts, may apply through their District Association to the ASA Competitions Committee, for special dispensation to use players from the same level of play.
- 6.7. Players may only be replaced due to unavoidable work, school or family commitments; injury; or illness, and Districts may request proof of such prior to allowing the replacement
 - 6.7.1. Registered players who wish to play may not be replaced.
- 6.8. Once a player has been replaced, he/she cannot return to the team to participate in the Provincial Championships.
- 6.9. Replacement players must be added to the ASA Provincial roster prior to the ASA roster submission deadline.
 - 6.9.1. Under exceptional circumstances, a team may apply through their District Association to the ASA Competitions Committee to add replacement players to their roster after the ASA roster submission deadline:
 - 6.9.1.1. The team was invited to attend the Provincial Championships by the Alberta Soccer Association after the ASA roster submission deadline.
 - 6.9.1.2. The team's goal keeper became ill or injured after the ASA roster submission deadline, but before the start of the Provincial Championships.

7. TEAM STAFF

- 7.1. All players, team staff and other persons involved in the Alberta Soccer Provincial Championships are required to conduct themselves in a manner which will bring credit to themselves, their teams, the host Association, the Alberta Soccer Association and the sport of soccer.
- 7.2. At all official and civic functions associated with the competition, participants must be present and dressed appropriately.
- 7.3. A maximum of four (4) non-playing personnel may be on listed on the team's official roster and are the only team personnel allowed on the team bench during the competition.
 - 7.3.1. All teams with Youth female members must have an adult female on the official roster and bench at all games. All teams with Youth male members must have an adult male on the official roster and on the bench at all games.
 - 7.3.2. Teams may name one alternate team staff member who may only replace the initial four in the case of an absence.
- 7.4. All team staff must have a District Photo ID Card or valid government photo ID, and present this to the referee prior to the start of each game. The burden of proof will rest with the team staff member.
- 7.5. All team staff listed on a Provincial Championship roster are required to obtain Criminal Record Check Clearance.
- 7.6. One staff member from each team involved in the Indoor Provincial Championships must fulfill the coaching requirements for the appropriate level as per the chart below:

8. Competition	Coaching Requirement
U14, U16 and U18 Tier I	Full Community Coach Certificate OR Soccer for Life + MED
U14, U16 and U18 Tiers II-IV	Community Coach Senior OR Soccer for Life
U12 Tiers I-IV	Community Coach Youth OR Learn to Train OR Soccer for Life

Note: While not required for all Competitions, Alberta Soccer recommends all coaches take the online MED module.

- 7.6.1 Teams that do not meet this requirement must apply, with the support of their District, to the Competitions Department for an exemption.

8 TEAM ROSTERS

- 8.1 By submitting any Provincial Roster, the District Association is certifying that all players are in good standing and properly registered, that all coaches and team staff are qualified and Police Record Check cleared and that the team is properly registered and has fulfilled the necessary requirements to compete in the Provincial Championships.
- 8.2 District Associations must certify all team rosters and submit them in the manner prescribed by Alberta Soccer by the roster submission deadline.
- 8.3 A team roster shall not exceed twenty (20) players and a team may dress all twenty (20) for any game.

9 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 9.1 Teams competing in District, Regional or Provincial Finals are responsible for travel, accommodation and other similar expenditures incurred.

10 EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

- 10.1 When the colours of competing teams are similar, home teams shall use alternate colors. Each team must have a set of pinnies with them if they do not have alternate jerseys
 - 10.1.1 Goalkeepers must carry three pairs of socks that differ in colour. One pair must be a colour other than black, white, or navy.
- 10.2 All jerseys must be clearly numbered. The number of the player's jersey must correspond to the number listed with the players' name on the game sheet.
- 10.3 Visible undergarments such as compression shorts or long-sleeve tops may be worn.

11 JEWELRY AND BRACES

- 11.1 FIFA approved modern protective equipment such as headgear, facemasks, and knee and arm protectors made of soft, lightweight, padded material are permitted. If any question arises as to whether a piece of equipment can be worn, it may be presented to the head official for approval.
- 11.2 All items of jewelry cannot be worn.

12 TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN

- 12.1 A representative from each team participating in a Provincial Championship will check in with the Provincial Rep at tournament headquarters prior to their first game and will submit a team information form.

13 SCHEDULES AND FORMATS

- 13.1 The format for all competitions will be determined by the Competitions Department following a review of the declarations received.
- 13.2 Where there are two or more groups of 3, or two or more groups of 4 crossing over, no two teams from the same District will be seeded into the same group whenever feasible.
- 13.3 Seeding shall be determined by the Competitions Department and will be by random draw with consideration given to travel requirements.
- 13.4 Whenever possible, Provincial Competitions will start on Friday night.
- 13.5 Whenever possible, teams competing in Provincials will play a minimum of three (3) games.

- 13.6 All Provincial Tournament schedules, to the extent possible, will be determined with a minimum of three (3) hours rest between scheduled games.
- 13.7 In the event of that a team drops out of Provincials and no replacement team can be found, the changes to the groups and tournament shall be decided upon by the Competitions Committee.

14 GAME DURATION AND BALL SIZES

- 14.1 The duration of the match will be determined as per the most recently approved Rules of Indoor Soccer.
- 14.1.1 Any third game of a 3 team round-robin (including in a six, nine, ten or twelve team format with groups of 3 teams) that requires a result (see Rule 16.2) will go directly to penalty kicks.
- 14.1.2 All medal/final seeding games that are tied at the end of regulation time will go directly to penalty kicks.
- 14.2 A size 4 ball will be used in U12 competition. U14 and above will use a size 5 ball. It is the responsibility of the home team to provide two (2) FIFA approved game balls for each game.

15 SUBSTITUTIONS

- 15.1 All indoor competitions will allow for unlimited substitutions

16 TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE

- 16.1 Three (3) points will be awarded for a win, and one (1) point for a tie. Standings will be determined by total points won at the completion of the round robin
- 16.2 In any three (3) team round robin, whether part or whole of the competition, the third game played in each pool will be played to a decision if the team not participating has zero (0) points, has been suspended, or has withdrawn.
- 16.2.1 The team that eventually loses the game will still be awarded one (1) point for the tie. For the purposes of Goals For and Goals Against, the score at the end of regulation time will be used.
- 16.3 In any three (3) team round robin, when the first game ends in a tie, the home team shall be deemed the winner for scheduling purposes. Each team will receive one point of the tie, and for the purposes of Goals For and Goals Against, the score at the end of regulation time will be used.
- 16.4 The following criteria will be used to determine the final standings if two (2) or more teams have an equal number of points at the end of the round robin. This tie breaking procedure must be carried through in its entirety; no tie breaking rule will be used twice:
- 16.4.1 Most points in all group matches;
- 16.4.2 Greater number of points in matches between the teams concerned;
- 16.4.3 Greater goal difference in matches between the teams concerned (if more than two (2) teams are tied);
- 16.4.4 Greater goal difference in all group matches;
- 16.4.5 Greatest number of goals scored in all group matches;
- 16.4.6 Penalty Shots.
- 16.5 If required, tie breaking Penalty Shots will be conducted as follows:
- 16.5.1 Two (2) teams tied: As per FIFA Laws of the Game, at a time and place decided by the Alberta Soccer Representative
- 16.5.2 Three (3) teams tied: Each team is designated A, B or C as determined by random draw by the Alberta Soccer Representative. Three mini-games will be played; A vs B, B vs C, C vs A. Each mini-game will consist of five (5) penalty kicks at a time and place determined by the Alberta Soccer Representative. All five (5) penalty kicks must be taken. Three (3) points will be awarded for a win and one (1) point for a tie. The standings after these three (3) mini-games will be determined per the criteria above.
- 16.5.3 Four (4) teams tied: Each team is designated A, B, C, or D as determined by random draw by the Alberta Soccer Representative. Six mini-games will be played; A vs B, C vs D, A vs C, B vs D, D vs A and C vs D. All five (5) penalty kicks must be taken. Three (3) points will be awarded for a

win, one (1) point for a tie. The standings after these three (3) mini-games will be determined per the criteria above.

17 GAME ABANDONMENT AND SUSPENSION

- 17.1 All games involving a team that does not fulfill all its playing obligations within the round robin portion of the competition will be recorded as a 3-0 win for the opposing team
- 17.2 If at the time of kick-off a team does not have enough players to begin the game, the referee may delay for a maximum of ten (10) minutes. At the end of that time, if the team is still unable to field the minimum number of players, they will lose the game by a score of 3-0.
- 17.3 Where a game must be stopped due to floodlight failure, weather, or any cause beyond the control of the participating teams, games will be restarted wherever possible.
 - 17.3.1 When a game cannot be restarted and more than seventy percent (70%) of the game has been played, the result at the time of abandonment will be recorded as the final score.
 - 17.3.2 If a game is abandoned and the score is tied but the competition requires a winner, the winner shall be determined by penalty kicks. If, at the discretion of the ASA Representative, a penalty shootout cannot be conducted, a winner shall be determined by the flip of a coin.
 - 17.3.3 When a game cannot be restarted and less than seventy percent (70%) of the game has been played, the following shall occur:
 - 17.3.3.1 the ASA Representative will attempt to re-schedule the game. Only the remaining time shall be played, and the score at the time of abandonment shall carry forward.
 - 17.3.3.2 If, at the discretion of the ASA Representative, the game cannot be rescheduled, a winner will be determined using a penalty shootout.
 - 17.3.3.3 If, at the discretion of the ASA Representative, a penalty shootout cannot be scheduled, a winner will be determined using a coin toss.

18 DISCIPLINE

- 18.1 Any specific matter related to a tournament may only be acted on by the established Discipline Committee for the duration of each tournament. Any decision made by the Discipline Committee will be final as far as the competition is concerned. Any District or team concerns must be brought before the Discipline Committee for a decision.
- 18.2 Misconduct by players or team officials reported by the referee will be dealt with by the Discipline Committee prior to the next game.
 - 18.2.1 Any misconduct in a team's final game in any competition may be delegated to the Alberta Soccer Discipline Committee or District which the player or team official represents.
- 18.3 If a hearing is requested, or if the Alberta Soccer Representative at their discretion so decide, the Discipline Committee will conduct a hearing to deal with misconduct in accordance with the Alberta Soccer Constitution and General Rules
 - 18.3.1 Notice periods will be waived and Alberta Soccer mandatory suspensions will be applied. The District of the player or team official involved will be informed of the decision.
- 18.4 Failure to attend after notification by the Discipline Committee may result in immediate suspension until the player or team official involved requests a further hearing in writing and appears at that hearing
- 18.5 The Discipline Committee will hold a hearing for behaviour off the field for any player or team official alleged by the Alberta Soccer Representative to have brought the game into disrepute. The Committee may take any disciplinary action it sees fit including suspension from all soccer activity.
- 18.6 Three (3) yellow cards in a Provincial Championship will automatically generate a one (1) game suspension.
- 18.7 All Red cards in a Provincial Competition are subject to review by the Alberta Soccer Representative. If the situation warrants, the Alberta Soccer Representative may call a hearing to suspend the offending player for additional games above the following minimums:
 - 18.7.1 Violent Conduct – two (2) games;
 - 18.7.2 Any offense involving a game official – indefinite suspension and an automatic hearing;
 - 18.7.3 All other red cards – one (1) game
- 18.8 All team staff ejected from the game by the referee will serve a minimum one (1) game suspension, during which they will not be allowed on the bench. If the situation warrants, the Alberta Soccer Representative may call a hearing to suspend the offending team staff member for additional games

- 18.9 All suspensions must be served at the first available opportunity.
- 18.10 Any Youth player serving a suspension will be required to sit separate from his/her team and may not be dressed in team kit. It is the responsibility of the team staff to supervise any players serving suspension and if requested by the officials or the ASA representative, a team staff member will be required to sit with the suspended player.
- 18.11 Threats and Assaults on officials during a Provincial Championship will generate an immediate suspension pending Alberta Soccer Discipline Committee action, in accordance with Rule 9 of the Alberta Soccer Rules and Regulations.
- 18.12 Protests may be lodged with the Alberta Soccer Representative only on alleged deviation from these published rules. Protests must be in writing, clearly outline the complaint, and must be lodged within sixty minutes of the game's end. No protests will be heard which are based on a game official's interpretation of the Laws of the Game.
- 18.12.1 The Alberta Soccer Representative will deal with all valid protests as outlined in the Discipline and Protests procedure in Appendix B.
- 18.13 In the case that an Alberta Soccer Representative at a Provincial Championship discovers, after team check-in, that a team has inserted an ineligible player, the Alberta Soccer Representative/Discipline Committee will declare that team's participation illegal and adjust the results of the competition accordingly.
- 18.13.1 Individuals who have been listed on a game sheet will be deemed to have participated in that game.
- 18.14 A referee who wishes to or is requested by an Alberta Soccer Tournament Representative to submit a written report on a game incident must do so within two (2) hours after the end of the final officiating responsibility for that day. The report must be submitted on an ASA Misconduct Report

19 FINES

- 19.1 No competition fees will be refunded if a District withdraws from a competition after the declaration deadline.
- 19.2 All withdrawals of a team from Provincial competition must be submitted in writing by the District Association to the Alberta soccer office. An administrative fee based on the number of days out from the competition will be assessed for each withdrawal by the Competitions Committee.
- 19.2.1 Thirty-one (31) to forty-five (45) days prior - maximum of \$250
- 19.2.2 Thirty (30) to fifteen (15) days prior - maximum of \$500
- 19.2.3 Fourteen (14) days or less prior - maximum of \$2,500.
- 19.3 All teams are expected to attend their scheduled games with a minimum of 4 players, and are expected to compete in every game until completion. Any team failing to do so will be assessed an administration fee of up to \$2,500. All decisions with regards to the Administrative fees will be the responsibility of the Competitions Coordinator in conjunction with the Competitions Committee and notice of all Administrative fees will be sent out to the District that the team was representing.
- 19.4 Any team/club found to have played an ineligible player will be assessed an administrative fee to a maximum of \$2,500.
- 19.5 All teams receiving a medal are expected to attend medal ceremonies. Any medal-winning team that does not attend medal ceremonies without receiving prior permission from the Provincial Representative will be assessed an administrative fee of \$500.

20 BLOOD-BORNE PATHOGENS






























- 20.1 If bleeding occurs where other participants may be exposed to blood, the individual's participation must be interrupted until the bleeding has been stopped. The wound must be securely covered
- 20.2 All clothing soiled with blood must be replaced prior to the athlete resuming competition.
- 20.3 If an athlete must replace a blood-stained jersey with one of a different number, he/she may only enter after the referee has been advised of the change.

21 INJURY POLICY

21.1 Any player who is removed from the field of play via ambulance will require a doctor's note in order to be eligible to return to a Provincial competition

APPENDIX A - REPLACEMENT PLAYER GUIDELINES - SENIOR

 denotes a level replacement players are able to be drawn from

	MAJOR	PREMIER	TIER 1	TIER 2	TIER 3	CL/MA MAJ.	CL/MA PREM.	CL/MA REC
MAJOR	NO							
PREMIER	NO	NO						
TIER 1	NO	NO	NO			NO		
TIER 2	NO	NO	NO	NO		NO	NO	
TIER 3	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	
MASTERS MAJ.	NO	NO	NO	***		NO		
MASTERS PREM.	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	
CLASSICS MAJ.	NO	NO	NO	***		NO		
CLASSICS PREM.	NO	NO	NO	NO		NO	NO	

NOTE: All teams can draw eligible players from any level **lower** than those outlined


- Senior teams can only request replacement players if their roster is depleted to **seventeen (17) players or less**, and may only use replacement players to bring their roster back up to eighteen (18) players
 - Replacement players cannot increase the roster above the original number of registered players. A replacement player **must** replace a registered player of the team
- Teams are eligible for a **maximum of four (4)** replacement players
- All replacement players must come from within your District Association
 - If a team has a club system, replacement players **must come from that club system**
 - Teams cannot choose replacement players from a team that has qualified for a Provincial Championship
- Under exceptional circumstances, where there is no lower level team to draw replacement players from, Senior teams may apply through their District Association to the ASA Competitions Committee for special dispensation to use Replacement Players from the same level of play

- Replacement players must be added to the ASA Provincial roster prior to the ASA roster submission deadline in order to be eligible to compete in Provincial Championships

CLASSICS AND MASTERS REPLACEMENT PLAYERS

For the purposes of replacement players, Classics/Masters Major are considered the equivalent of Tier 1 and Classics/Masters Premier are considered the equivalent Tier 2.

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 denotes a level replacement players are able to be drawn from

	U12T1	U12T2	U12T3	U12T4	U14T1	U14T2	U14T3	U14T4	U16T1	U16T2	U16T3	U16T4	U18T1	U18T2	U18T3	U18T4
U12T1	NO				NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
U12T2	NO	NO			NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
U12T3	NO	NO	NO		NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
U12T4	NO	NO	NO	YES**	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
U14T1					NO				NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
U14T2	NO				NO	NO			NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
U14T3	NO	NO			NO	NO	NO		NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
U14T4	NO	NO	NO		NO	NO	NO	YES**	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
U16T1									NO				NO	NO	NO	NO
U16T2	NO				NO				NO	NO			NO	NO	NO	NO
U16T3	NO	NO			NO	NO			NO	NO	NO		NO	NO	NO	NO
U16T4	NO	NO	NO		NO	NO	NO		NO	NO	NO	YES**	NO	NO	NO	NO
U18T1													NO			
U18T2	NO				NO				NO				NO	NO		
U18T3	NO	NO			NO	NO			NO	NO			NO	NO	NO	
U18T4	NO	NO	NO		NO	NO	NO		NO	NO	NO		NO	NO	NO	YES**

**teams attending Tier 4 Provincials from a rural District may pick up a maximum of two (2) players from another T4 team of the same age, subject to ASA Cup Tied rules.

NOTE: All teams can draw eligible players from any level **lower** than those outlined (ie. Tier 5 and lower)

- Youth teams can only request replacement players if their roster is depleted to **fifteen (15) players or less**, and may only use replacement players to bring their roster back up to sixteen (16) players
 - Replacement players must not increase the roster above the original number of registered players. A replacement player **must** replace a registered player of the team
- Teams are eligible for a **maximum of four (4)** replacement players
- All replacement players must come from within your District Association
 - If a team has a club system, replacement players **must come from that club system**
 - Teams cannot choose replacement players from a team that has qualified for a Provincial Championship
- Under exceptional circumstances, where there is no lower level team to draw replacement players from, Youth teams may apply through their District Association to the ASA Competitions Committee for special dispensation to use Replacement Players from the same level of play
- Replacement players must be added to the ASA Provincial roster prior to the ASA roster submission deadline in order to be eligible to compete in Provincial Championships



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Appendix B - Discipline and Protest Procedure for Provincial Championships

1. Discipline Offences

- a. Violating Laws of the Game, By-laws, Rules and Regulations, and/or Competitions Rules
 - i. Red Card Offences against players or Team Officials ejected by Match Officials will be dealt with according to the currently published rules in the Indoor and Outdoor ASA Competitions Rules, Appendix C and Appendix D;
 - ii. Suspensions against Team Officials will be dealt with according to the Red Card Offences chart in Appendix C and/or Fines & Bonds in Appendix D;
- b. Any person (s), Affiliated Member, Team Official, or Match Official offering, attempting to offer, or accepting an offer to influence the result of any game, whether directly or indirectly.

2. Protests

- a. As per Rule 18.12, Protests may be lodged with the Alberta Soccer Representative only on alleged deviation from these published rules. Protests must be in writing, clearly outline the complaint, and must be lodged within sixty minutes of the game's end. No protests will be heard which are based on a game official's interpretation of the Laws of the Game.

3. Discipline/Protest Hearings

- a. Timelines & Notices
 - i. Any person accused of misconduct shall be given notice of pending discipline providing the Accused with;
 1. Either the proposed suspension and opportunity to attend a discipline hearing or;
 2. The proposed suspension and procedure for accepting the suspension without a hearing.



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- ii. Any person accused of misconduct shall be given at least one hour's notice of any scheduled hearing.
- iii. The results of any hearing shall be provided to the Accused at the culmination of the hearing.

b. Representation

- i. The Accused can represent him/herself or provide a representative to represent him/herself.
- ii. The Accused or their representative may bring up to three witnesses, unless circumstances require additional witnesses, as determined by the Discipline Committee.
- iii. Where the Accused is below the age of majority, a legal guardian or team staff member must also be present.
- iv. Failure to appear at a discipline hearing when due notice was provided shall result in suspension of the Accused for the remainder of the Provincial competition.

c. Documentation

- i. All documentation associated with the discipline shall be provided to the Accused at the hearing;
 1. Documents provided, at a minimum, will include the relevant Discipline Report(s) for which the hearing has been called, the ASA Rules & Regulations on Discipline and Appeals and any other documents to be considered by the Discipline Committee;
 2. All documents submitted from the Match Official or Accused must be signed and dated to be deemed valid.
 - a. The ASA Rules & Regulations on Discipline & Appeals will be the most recent published copy as found on the ASA website.
- ii. Any evidence submitted by the Accused may be submitted at the hearing
 1. It is the Accused's responsibility to compile evidence for the hearing.



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d. Discipline Committee

- i. A Discipline Committee shall have three members: the Alberta Soccer Provincial Representative, the Referee-in-Chief, and one additional member.
 1. The Alberta Soccer Provincial Representative shall act as Chairman,
 2. One of the Discipline Committee shall act as recording secretary
 3. If the Discipline Committee through introductions determines a conflict of interest or bias the panel can be reduced to two (2) members if agreed to in writing by the Accused or adjourned and re-scheduled according to the required timelines.
- ii. The Discipline Committee members will be provided the name, club, league, team and/or Affiliated Member affiliation of the Accused in advance of the hearing so that conflict of interest or bias can be determined.
- iii. The Discipline Committee will introduce themselves to the Accused at the beginning of the hearing, providing soccer affiliations and general backgrounds, in order to allow the Accused, the opportunity to record any objection to the committee before the hearing begins.

e. Discipline Procedure

- i. The Chairman of the Discipline Committee shall read the report aloud and state the misconduct outlined on the report (unless the Accused waives the reading of the report);
- ii. The Accused shall be allowed to ask relevant questions of the author of the report, through the Chair, if they are present or make submissions on the report and testify on their own.
- iii. The Accused and the author(s) writing the report(s) shall have the opportunity to call up to three witnesses to the incident, unless circumstances require additional witnesses, as determined by the Committee;
- iv. The Chairman and any Discipline Committee member may question the Accused, author(s) of the report(s), or any witnesses;



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- v. The author(s) writing the report(s) and the Accused shall be allowed to make final summations before withdrawing;
- vi. The Discipline Committee shall consider the report and any further evidence provided and shall decide on the case
- vii. The Accused shall be notified, in writing, of the result of the hearing.

