



**SPORTS  
ASSOCIATION**

for Adelaide Schools

## FOOTBALL (SOCCER) RULES

### Competition Rules

- All SAAS Football (Soccer) follows the FFA rules of Football  
<https://resources.fifa.com/image/upload/spielregeln-2019-20.pdf?cloudid=yxvs61av0zvekwir2v20>

### Match Times

- All **Secondary School** matches begin at **8.15 am** and **9.45 am**
- All 'A' matches are played in the 8.15-time slot where possible.
- If times need to be changed to fit into ground allocations – it is up to the host school to organise that and liaise with SAAS and their opposition.
- **Primary matches begin at 8.30 am 9.30 am and 10.30 am**

### Referees

- **The Home Team** is responsible for **supplying and paying a competent referee.**
- Association Referees are provided for **OPEN A Div 1 Games.**
- **Schools who access their own Referees for Open A must ensure they are suitably qualified and have the appropriate Child Safety Checks.**
- **If there is a change to any times or grounds where Association referees are involved schools MUST inform SAAS ASAP.**
- **Each team is expected to provide a competent Linesman to assist the Central referee.**
- **It is a school's responsibility to ensure that all referees and coaches have the appropriate DHS screen clearances.**

### Balls

- **Year 4-6 and above use size 4 balls.**
- **Year 7 and above use size 5 balls.**
- **Home team** to supply a ball of match play standard.

### Interchange and Substitution

- At **all levels five interchange players** may be used.
- This may be modified by agreement between coaches to allow the maximum number to play
- **Only players not in the starting eleven of a team may play in B games.**  
Any change to this may be by negotiation between coaches only.

### Playing Times

- Year 5 and 6                      25 min x 2
- Year 7 A and 7 B                30 min x 2
- Middle A-B and C                35 min x 2
- Year 10                              35 min x 2
- Open                                 40 min x 2

### 5 minutes Half Time

## Uniforms

- All players are expected to be in the full correct school Soccer kit and to have numbers on the shirts – consistent with club soccer.
- At **all** levels **players are required to wear shin pads**.
- No Jewellery is to be worn during the match – earrings, piercings, necklaces (This includes taped over these items). It is for the safety of all players.

## Game Conduct

- **SWEARING, ABUSIVE or FOUL LANGUAGE** is not to be TOLERATED at school level sport; the expectation is the values of school sport and sportsman ship are upheld. Players may be presented with disciplinary action at the discretion of the **Game Official**. The Team Coach and Match Referee are expected to ensure that all players are aware of this EXPECTATION.
- The Match Officials are to be **RESPECTED**. Players, Coaches and Spectators are to Respect all decisions made by the Match Official and Role Model Good Sportsmanship.
- A player who is sent from the field by the Referee for a reportable offence or receiving a 2<sup>nd</sup> Yellow card (Red Card / 2 Yellow Cards) **CANNOT RETURN FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE GAME**. A replacement is not permitted.
- If Foul Language is directed at an Official or Player, then this will draw an automatic Red Card Send Off.
- At the conclusion of the game, the Referee must complete a report card (provided by coaches) stating the reason for the report.
- Any Player who is Reported (Red Card/ 2 Yellow Cards) must be addressed by the School Sports Co-ordinator **or depending** on the severity of the matter the Principal of the School. The outcome of the matter needs to be reported to SAAS.

## Medical Kit

- The host school is responsible for supplying a medical kit or have one available.
- It is expected that each team should carry their own first aid kit.

## OPEN SOCCER REFEREES

The Soccer Referees Association will provide badged Referees for **Open A** games at **\$100.00, payable by the Host School**.

The SAAS Office will inform schools of availability of referees preceding the Saturday game.

**All schools should use Association Referees for Open A games – any school who is able to access their own qualified referee needs to inform the SAAS Executive Officer before the start of the competition.**

**All Open matches are 40 minutes each half / 5-minute half time break**

**Coaches are responsible for having a report card completed by the Referee in the event of a player being sent off for a reportable offence (red card)**