

**2011
WASHINGTON CATHOLIC
ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
SOCCER COACHES'
INFORMATION**



REGULATIONS FOR WCAC CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY

2011-2012 ACADEMIC YEAR

Boys and Girls' Soccer Season: Fall

- 1) Required number of games between conference teams: 9 (home & home with varsity teams)
- 2) Maximum number of games: 20 (no restriction on tourneys, but 20 is limit on all games) 4 is the maximum number of scrimmages, to be completed before the first regular season contest, conference or non-conference.
- 3) Preferred day and time of games with make-up days:
Tuesdays and Fridays 4:00 (Varsity); 3:00 after daylight savings; not available date for make-up games
- 4) How WCAC Champion is determined: See bylaws
- 5) How ties are resolved:
 - a) Game/Match ties-No overtime until conference tournament , for the standing in the regular season, 3 points are awarded for each regular season conference win, 1 point is awarded for a regular season tie, with most wins the first determination when points are equal. When there is a standings tie to be broken the following formula is used: 1)most conference wins; 2) record head-to-head, 3) record versus highest seeded teams, beginning with top seed; 4) coin toss.
 - b) Championship tournament will use overtime.
- 6) Game or Match Format:
Varsity 40 minute halves; National Federation of High School rules apply
Junior Varsity **35** minutes halves
- 7) Officials:
Minimum: two Preferred: three (three will work championship tournament games)
- 8) Process to handle cancelled games:
Make-ups to be played within one week of cancellation if at all possible. The home team is responsible for scheduling make-ups.
- 9) Responsibility for calling regarding scores:
Each Coach/AD is responsible for recording the varsity scores

- 10) Uniforms: Colors-Home/Away
Home Team will wear white/light colored jersey.

Visiting team will wear dark, unless alternative arrangement is mutually agreed upon by both coaches in advance.

- 11) Freshman, Junior Varsity Eligibility: See bylaws

- 12) Inclement Weather Policy

The following policy was adopted for the league (September 21, 1994) regarding rain-outs. If half of the game is completed (halftime or later) the game stands as complete if it is called due to the weather or playing conditions of the field. If the game is called before the half the game must be replayed in its entirety.

- 13) Red Card Policy

a) The conference interpretation for the rule regarding the penalty for receiving a red card now stands as follows: the carded player must sit out the next game. There is no differentiation made between conference or non-conference games at this point. If a player receives a second red card in the season, the Conference commissioner will investigate the matter and take appropriate action. When an individual player receives two yellow cards and is disqualified from the game, but can be replaced by another player according to the rules, it is considered a "soft red" and does not result in a one game suspension for said player.

b) The conference interpretation for coaches, athletic officials, employees, and other adults under the supervision or control of a member institution is as follows: any card or other legally awarded sanction by an official in the execution of his/her duties as contracted to officiate a contest which removes the coach, employee, or other official from his/her official duties regarding the contest shall be suspended for a minimum of one game, the suspension to be served at the next game scheduled, whether a WCAC or non-conference contest. There shall be no distinction between a red card and two yellow cards as outlined in paragraph 13a above for any individuals not on a team roster to compete in the game, including students or players from other teams or schools.

- 14) WCAC Soccer Tournament Policy Overtime and Game Interruption

- a) Overtime Policy through *Semi-Finals*: If a game is tied at the end of regulation there will be two sudden victory (Golden Goal) five-minute overtimes.
1. If one team scores in the first overtime, the game is terminated with that team a winner.
 2. After the first overtime, teams will change goals and play additional five-minute overtime. Again, one goal determines the winner.
- b) If a tie still exists the game will be determined by penalty shots according to Federation Rules:
1. The head referee shall choose the goal at which all of the kicks from the

penalty line shall be taken.

2. Each coach will select any five players, including the goalkeeper, on or off the field (except those who may have been disqualified), to take the kicks.
3. The team winning a coin toss shall have the choice of kicking first or second.
4. Teams will alternate kickers. There is no follow-up on the kick.
5. The defending team may change the goalkeeper prior to each penalty kick.
6. Following five kicks for each team, the team scoring on the greatest number of these kicks shall be declared the winner.

c) If the score remains tied after each team has had five kicks:

1. Each coach will select five different players than the first five who already have kicked to take the kicks in a sudden victory situation, wherein if one team scores and the other team does not score, the game is ended without more kicks being taken.
2. If the score remains tied, continue the sudden victory kicks with the coach selecting any five players to take the next set of alternating kicks, If a tie still remains, repeat step 2.

d) Overtime Policy for Finals

1. If a game is tied at the end of regulation there will be two sudden victory (Golden Goal) 10-minute overtimes.

A. If one team scores in the first overtime, the game is terminated with that team a winner.

B. After the first overtime, teams will change goals and play additional 10-minute overtime. Again, one goal determines the winner.

C. If a tie still exists the game will be determined by penalty shots according to Federation Rules.

e) Interrupted Tournament Game. In the event a tournament game must be suspended by the head referee because of conditions which make it impossible to continue play, the chairman shall;

1. Declare it an official game if one complete half or more of the game has been played and one team is ahead;
2. After completion of the first half if the score is tied, resume the game from the point of interruption and play out the remainder of the game.
3. If less than one complete half has been played, resume the game from the point of interruption.
4. The championship game must be played in its entirety. The game may be resumed on another date, time, or venue in order to complete the contest. This decision will be made after consultation with the commissioner and schools involved.