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# 1 Purpose

The purpose of this Governance (GOV) is to provide Big Country Soccer Association (BCSA) Registered Members the rules and regulations that each of their community soccer programs must abide by as part of their membership.

# 2 Scope

This document applies to those Registered Members that register players with BCSA to compete in soccer events scheduled by BCSA with other Registered Members and/ or other districts.

## 3 References

The following referenced documents are to be considered the latest edition and indispensable for the application of this document.

Table 1 - References

Document Number	Title	
IFAB Edition 2024/25	IFAB – The International Football Association Board	
	Canada Soccer Association	
	Alberta Soccer Association	
	Alberta Soccer Association Provincial Championship Rules- Youth	
BCSA-POL-008	Match Official Code of Conduct	
BCSA-GOV-001	Big Country Soccer Association By-Laws	
BCSA-GOV-002	Big Country Soccer Association Organizational Chart	
BCSA-GOV-006	Rules and Discipline Committee Requirements	
BCSA-GUI-003	Match Official Guideline	
BCSA-GUI-004	Soccer Equipment Management	
BCSA-GUI-030	Field Marshal Guideline	

# 4 Acronyms and Defined Terms

For this document, the following acronyms and terms apply.



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## 4.1 Acronyms

Table 2 – Acronyms

Acronym	Definition	
AR	Assistant Referee	
ASA	Alberta Soccer Association	
BCSA	Big Country Soccer Association	
CSA	Canada Soccer Association	
FIFA	Fédération Internationale de Football Association	
IFAB	The International Football Association Board	
R&D	Rules and Disciplinary	
SQS	Standards for Quality Soccer	

## 4.2 Definitions

Table 3 – Definitions

Term	Definition		
FIFA	Fédération Internationale de Football Association (the international organization that controls the sport of football (soccer)).		
IFAB	The International Football Association Board. IFAB is composed of the four British FAs and FIFA which is responsible for the Laws of the Game worldwide.		
Governing Body	For the purpose of this document, governing body is defined as Alberta Soccer Association, Canada Soccer Association, and/ or FIFA.		
Registered Member	This is the community that is registered with BCSA to register their players to compete in the Association with other registered teams. These communities will have their players registered with Alberta Soccer Association.		

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Term	Definition
Standards for Quality Soccer	The Canada Soccer Standards for Quality Soccer are designed to outline the minimum expectations of member organizations in Canada. It is expected that all member organizations provide a developmentally appropriate, safe, enjoyable, accessible, inclusive and welcoming playing environment for their participants, which differentiates it from non-member soccer and unorganized play. In order to be considered as a quality soccer provider, member organizations must also be in good standing with their governing organization(s) and meet the expectations of membership.
Cup Tied	A player on a team that is playing for any level of placement within their divisional playoff and championships.

# 5 Responsibilities

- 5.1 The following list of responsibilities are not all encompassing. Additional responsibilities may be assigned out, as required, when there are tasks and/ or actions required to represent BCSA, its players, parents, coaches, and the governing soccer bodies that BCSA is required to adhere to.
- **5.2** Registered Members' Presidents are responsible for the following in relation to this governance:
  - a) Ensure BCSA rules and regulations are reviewed, acknowledged, and complied with, as applicable, in their community soccer programs.
  - b) Investigate all reports of breeched to policies, governances, guidelines, and other requirements.
  - c) Report to BCSA, when necessary, serious violations that may require BCSA to be directly involved in the investigation into serous breeches to policies, governances, guidelines, and other requirements.
  - d) Act as a liaison between the Registered Member's club and BCSA. If unable to, the Registered Member club President shall appoint someone else to represent them in their place.

# 6 Rule 1- Membership

#### 6.1 General

**6.1.1** A rural soccer association must register a minimum of one team (1) with BCSA to be a Registered Member and compete with other Registered Members in league competitive play.

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- **6.1.2** Applications for new membership to BCSA shall be made annually on a form to be provided by BCSA. The applications must be accompanied by the required membership fee, together with a copy of the applicant's Constitution/ By-Laws and a list of current officers.
- **6.1.3** The jurisdictional areas and geographical boundaries of each member shall be defined by the BCSA Board in conjunction with Alberta Soccer Association (ASA), District 6.
- **6.1.4** Each Registered Member shall notify BCSA in writing within seven (7) days of any change of officer or any change of address.
- **6.1.5** All Registered Members will comply with the policies, governances, guidelines, and other applicable soccer requirements developed by and enforced by BCSA, ASA, CSA, FIFA, and IFAB.
- **6.1.6** List of current Registered Members in good standing covered by BCSA will be posted on the BCSA website and updated, as necessary, annually to reflect current membership to ASA.
- **6.1.7** Each Registered Member shall comply with and enforce within their community soccer programs the SQS requirements of BCSA.

# 7 Rule 2- Registration of Season Players

- **7.1.1** All players and team officials in competitions sanctioned or conducted by BCSA or any Registered Members shall be registered each year using the current online registration process.
- **7.1.2** No player or official shall be deemed registered unless their registration form is in the hands of the Registered Members' prior to participation in any club practice, academy, and/ or league games.
- **7.1.3** A player shall not register for more than one team in any one year except as listed in paragraph 8.1.4 or as current ASA rules permit.
- 7.1.4 A youth player may register with, and play for, both a youth team and more than one senior team or exhibition team and maintain their eligibility to compete in both Youth and Senior Provincials. ASA Competition Rules will apply for a youth's eligibility to play for a senior team at Provincials.
- **7.1.5** A youth player may play up an unlimited number of times in a season. For playoffs, however, a team may have a maximum of two (2) players from a younger age group per game, provided these called-up players are not cup-tied.
- **7.1.6** No youth player is permitted to play down in age level unless approved by a majority vote of the BCSA Executive Board. This must be captured within the meeting minutes with the reason for the player playing down an age level It is a better practice to have players play up a division if a team is available instead of having them play down an age level.
- **7.1.7** No senior player shall sign for more than one senior team in any season, unless properly transferred in accordance with BCSA and ASA Rules.



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- **7.1.8** Club Executives, coaches, staff shall not request proof of age for any player on an opposing team at any time during a match. If there is reason to believe that a team is playing an overage player, the club executive will file a complaint with the BCSA Executive who will investigate the player in question.
- **7.1.9** No youth team shall register more than twenty (20) players or dress more than twenty (20) players, except in circumstances approved by the BCSA Board.
- 7.1.10 A youth player shall register within the community in which they reside. If there is no team in the home community where the player can play, including a gender specific team, the home association will then assist the transfer of the player to another Registered Member who is able to offer a position on a team available, so long as the Registered Member is in good standing.
- 7.1.11 If a Registered Member recruits and/ or registers a player(s) from outside their area to one of their Tier IV teams, other than through the transfer of players from the next nearest town as per paragraph 8.1.10, then that team shall be deemed a select team and therefore must register as a "Tier III", a "Tier II" or a "Tier I" team.
- **7.1.12** Age groups shall be as per ASA regulations for ages U13 and above. U11 and below shall be U11, U9, U7 and U5.

# 8 Rule 3- Transfer of Players

- **8.1.1** A registered player wishing to transfer shall make application on a form supplied by BCSA and to be obtained from their Registered Member's Registrar.
- **8.1.2** A registered player shall not be allowed to transfer their services during the year of such registration without the consent of the Registered Member for which they are registered. A player being refused a transfer by their Registered Member shall be allowed to appeal, without fee, to BCSA.
  - No person, Association, League, or Club shall limit unreasonably the right of an amateur player to transfer to the teams of their choice. A player shall be granted a transfer within seven (7) days of the receipt of their appeal by the member unless the appeal is contested. In the event that the appeal is contested, BCSA will deal with the matter within fourteen (14) days and will render its decision immediately thereafter.
- **8.1.3** Transfers will not be permitted after the ASA register deadline. Permitted transfers will be subject to the current ASA competition rules for each level of competition and within the BCSA rules and regulations.
- **8.1.4** A registered player shall not be allowed to transfer their services to any other Registered Member unless they have first have given their Registered Member seven (7) days notice, in writing, of their intention to request a transfer.

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- **8.1.5** A player shall be entitled to the benefits of the transfer as follows:
  - a) Two (2) transfers only during the current season within the jurisdiction of a Registered Member. However, a player once transferred cannot be transferred back to the Registered Member for which they originally registered until a period of thirty (30) days has elapsed.
- **8.1.6** It is an offence for any Registered Member, through its responsible officers or representatives to induce or attempt to induce a registered player of a team under the jurisdiction of BCSA to leave their team before the end of the current season. The offence shall be dealt with by BCSA up to and including a review by the Rules and Discipline Committee.
- **8.1.7** A player may play for a team outside the area in which they reside if the player has previously played for the same team and BCSA approves it.
- **8.1.8** For Provincial bound teams, should a team require additional players due to players on the roster not available for Provincials, the team may transfer players into the team, as approved by BCSA, so long as the number of players being transferred into the team does not exceed up to 25% of the original roster size during the regular season.
  - Example, Team's roster in the regular season is 16. The Team is no permitted to transfer players more than 4 to the team for Provincials.
- **8.1.9** Teams will not transfer players to another team within their club if the transfer of players causes the team that players are being transferred from to be dissolved regardless of the number of players being transferred in 8.1.8 without the approval of a majority vote of the club's executive. This must be captured within the minutes of the meeting as well as the reasons for the transfers.
- **8.1.10** BCSA will charge an administrative fee of \$25 per player transfer request. The \$25 fee will then be provided to the home club of where the player was transferred from (home club).

# 9 Rule 4- Movement of Players- Youth to Senior

- **9.1.1** Any senior team desiring to sign a registered player from a youth team during the current season shall remit the sum of twenty-five (\$25) dollars to accompany the registration form. This amount is to be reimbursed to the youth team concerned.
- **9.1.2** A youth team comprised of legal youth age players may register and play in a senior league in its own district (provided that all players on the team are signed on youth player forms) if a program is not available for that youth age group.
- 9.1.3 Subject to agreement between youth and senior leagues within a District, a youth player duly registered with a youth team within that District may play, for developmental purposes, an unlimited number of games within the senior league within that District, without affecting their youth status, or eligibility for youth Provincials.

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**9.1.4** Any registered youth players playing for a senior team must be recorded on league game sheets with a notation of juvenile status and the senior team must have a letter of approval from the coach of the youth team.

## 10 Rule 5- Enforcement Requirements

#### 10.1 General

- **10.1.1** All Registered Members are responsible for being familiar with the BCSA policies, governances, guidelines, and other soccer requirements.
- 10.1.2 Registered Members are required to establish a Rules and Discipline Committee to enforce BCSA requirements within their Association. In the absence of an established Rules and Discipline Committee, BCSA may act as the Rules and Discipline Committee until such time as the Registered Member has established their own.
- **10.1.3** Enforcement of the requirements will be as per BCSA <u>"Rules and Discipline Committee Requirements"</u> (*Ref: BCSA-GOV-006*).
- **10.1.4** Dependant on the severity of the incident, BCSA reserves the right to consult ASA on determining action based on factors discovered through investigation.
- 10.1.5 BCSA reserves the right to issue discipline to the Registered Member based on the severity of the incident. Steps will be taken by BCSA to ensure that the children within the youth teams are not impacted by the decisions of adults. Discipline could include, suspension of staff, and/or a fine for the Registered Member(s) involved.

## 11 Rule 6- Protest

#### 11.1 General

**11.1.1** Protests on games shall be made according to the rules of the competition in which the game was played.

# 12 Rule 7- Appeals

- **12.1.1** Any Registered Member/ team/ individual participating in affiliated soccer has a right to appeal decisions affecting their status.
- **12.1.2** The first avenue of appeal must follow the appeal process within the organization to which that Registered Member/ team/ individual belongs.
- **12.1.3** The next avenue of appeal is to the governing body of BCSA, in as much as the BCSA is the member of the ASA.



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- **12.1.4** The final avenue of appeal is to the ASA Standing Committee on Discipline and Appeals who shall decide whether leave to appeal shall be granted.
- **12.1.5** Appeals of decisions made by a member shall be submitted, in writing to BCSA, BCSA reserves the right to decide if the appeal request is valid.
- **12.1.6** The letter of appeal and accompanying appeal fee must emailed no more than five (5) days from the receipt, in writing, of the decision being appealed.
- **12.1.7** Suspensions will remain in effect until the decision of BCSA or ASA, as appropriate, Appeal Hearing is released.
- 12.1.8 The decision of BCSA or ASA, as appropriate, Standing Committee on Discipline and Appeals shall be final and binding except when the decision was made in the first instance, in which case any Appeal must go to BCSA or ASA, as appropriate, within five (5) days. If the grounds for Appeal are found valid then a BCSA or ASA, as appropriate, Appeal Committee of three (3) people will hold an Appeal Hearing expeditiously.

# 13 Rule 8- Referees

- **13.1.1** All match officials are expected to follow the "Match Official Code of Conduct" (*Ref. BCSA-POL-008*) and the "Match Official Guideline" (*Ref. BCSA-GUI-003*).
- **13.1.2** No person shall officiate as a referee in any competitions under the jurisdiction of BCSA excepting mini-soccer, unless he is on the Official List of Referees.
- **13.1.3** If, for unforeseen circumstances, a referee is unable to officiate, BCSA, Registered Members, or Teams shall have the right to agree on some other person to officiate. This must be noted on the game-sheet and sent to the BCSA President as-soon-as-possible with the reason for not having match officials.
- **13.1.4** An ASA registered referee may accept an appoint to officiate a game that involves a member of their immediate family as long as both teams' staff are aware of the match officials relationship.
- **13.1.5** No ASA-registered referee may officiate in any capacity in a game of a division in which they are also a player on any team in that same division. An Assistance Referee may AR a game within the same division they play in.
- **13.1.6** The Match Official shall submit all misconduct reports to the BCSA President within 48 hours of the match being completed. Misconduct reports are available on the ASA website.
- **13.1.7** Clubs are responsible for paying Match Officials as per the below payment schedule. Payment should be made within 4 weeks of the officiated match. Cancelations of less than 24 hours will require full payment to the match officials.

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a) U9 (Mini Refs)- \$25.00/ game

b) U11 (Mini Refs)- \$35.00/ game (center official) and \$25.00/ game (assistant)

c) U13 (Entry Level Ref)- \$45.00/ game (center official) and \$30.00/ game (assistant)

d) U15- \$50.00/ game (center official) and \$30.00/ game (assistant)

e) U17 & U19- \$60.00/ game (center official) and \$40.00/ game (assistant x2)

# 14 Rule 9- Interpretations

#### 14.1 General

**14.1.1** Any reference to these Rules and Regulations in the singular shall also be acknowledged to apply to the plural. All questions regarding males shall apply equally to females.

# 15 Rule 10- League Competition and Playing Rules

#### 15.1 General

**15.1.1** Laws of the Game - Both IFAB, CSA, and ASA laws will apply. Note the following requirements:

#### a) Length of Game:

Table 4 - House Team Sizes

Age Group	Maximum Number	Coach to Player Ratio	Length of Game
U4	10	2 per Team	No Formal Game
U5	10	2 Per Team	No Formal Game
U7	12	2 Per Team	15-Min Half
U9	12	2 Per Team	20-Min Half

<sup>\*</sup>A parent volunteer may assist the coach for these age groups.

Table 5 – League Team Sizes

Age Group	Maximum Number	Coach to Player Ratio	Length of Game
U9	12	2 Per Team	20-Min Half
U11	14	2 per Team	25-Min Half
U13	16	2 per Team	35-Min Half
U15+	18*	2 per Team	45-Min Half

<sup>\*</sup> See note ii) below

<sup>\* \$0.48/</sup> km flat rate for travel, as required.

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#### Note:

- i. Coaches may agree to shorten or change the duration of the game prior to the game and must inform the referee before the start of the match.
- ii. Maximum allowable number of players under ASA is 20-players on a team's roster. BCSA recommends this maximum only be applied in cases where players will not have a team if the maximum number of 20-players is not permitted.

#### b) Size of Ball:

Table 6 - Standard Soccer Ball Specification

Ball Number	Ball Type	Age Group	Circumference	Weight
1	Pee-Wee/ Mini	A skill ball best for small kids	45 - 51 cm (18 - 20 inches)	205 grams
2	Training	A skill ball best for kids around 4	52 - 56 cm (20 - 22 inches)	210 - 280 grams
3	Junior	Players of 8 years and under	58 - 60 cm (23 - 24 inches)	300 - 320 grams
4	Youth	Players of 8 to 12 years old	63 - 66 cm (25 - 26 inches)	359 - 390 grams
5	Adult	Players of 13 years and older	69 - 71 cm (27 - 28 inches)	410 - 450 grams

<sup>\*</sup>U9 can play with either a size 3 or 4 ball depending on what is available by the Registered Member.

#### c) Field of Play:

i. FIFA Law 1 [Field of Play] for the following age groups are as follows:

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Table 7 - Standard Field Size

Age Group	Field Size	Goal Size (Max)
U4-U5	NA but should be rectangular	Pop-Up Goals .91 meters (H) x 1.52 meters (W) (3-feet x 5-feet)
U7	Width: 18 – 22 meters Length: 25 – 30 meters	Pop-Up Goals .91 meters (H) x 1.52 meters (W) (3-feet x 5-feet)
U9	Width: 25 – 30 meters Length: 30 – 36 meters	1.52 meters (H) x 2.44 meters (W) (5-feet x 8-feet)
U11	Width: 30 – 36 meters Length: 40 – 55 meters	1.83 meters (H) x 4.88 meters (W) (6-feet x 16-feet)
U13	<b>9v9 Width:</b> 36 – 55 meters <b>Length:</b> 55 – 75 meters	1.83 meters (H) x 4.88 meters (W) (6-feet x 16-feet)
U15+	<b>11v11 Width:</b> 45 – 90 meters <b>Length:</b> 90 – 120 meters	2.4 meters (H) x 7.3 meters (W) (7.87-feet x 23.95-feet)

<sup>\*</sup> The field and goal sizes are approximate

## d) Age Limits:

Table 8 – Age Limits

Age Group	Birth Date Detail
U5	Under 5 on January 1stof the competition year
U7	Under 7 on January 1stof the competition year
U9	Under 9 on January 1stof the competition year
U11	Under 11 on January 1stof the competition year
U13	Under 13 on January 1stof the competition year
U15	Under 15 on January 1stof the competition year
U17	Under 17 on January 1stof the competition year
U19	Under 19 on January 1stof the competition year

<sup>\*\*</sup> U13 field sizes may be the larger of the U11 field sizes to accommodate field space availability of the Registered Member.

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## e) Coaching Requirements (Provincial Championships)

Table 9- Coaching Training Requirements- Competitive

Competition	Coaching Requirements	
U13+ Tier I	C-License Certified OR Higher	
U13+ Tier 2-4	Soccer For Life Trained OR Higher	

#### f) Preparation/ Notification of Games

- i. Coaches will confirm game schedule and location on the Big Country Soccer Association website. In the event that the location is not known on the website, it is the responsibility of the home coach to contact the visiting coach 24-hours before game time to provide the specific location for the game.
- ii. The home coach is to provide to Big Country Soccer Association updates on field locations, as necessary, in the event the posted location on the website is incorrect or not yet identified.
- iii. Home team is to prepare and make available the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) as per "Emergency Action Plan (EAP) Guidelines" (Ref. BCSA-GUI-010).
- iv. Match Officials will not start any game until the "Rule of Two Policy" (Ref. BCSA-POL-014) is met.

#### g) Game Results

i. The winning coach or, in the event of a tie, the home coach is responsible for reporting the score to the appropriate person within 48-hours of the completion of the game.

#### h) Game Sheets

- i. Game sheets are to be prepared prior to the start of the game. In the event that the Ramp Game App is not functioning, paper copies of the game sheets are to be used to track and verify attending rosters, including any call-ups, attending team officials, and scores.
- ii. The Match Official is to ensure games sheets identify scores, and any cards issued during the game.
- iii. If the RAMP Game App is not functioning, a copy of the game sheet, completed by hand, for every game played in a local community shall be given to and retained by the Registered Member's president in case they are needed by the community soccer association.

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## i) Equipment

- i. All players regardless of age must wear shin guards.
- ii. All players shall wear a shirt of their respective team. In the event where team jersey colours are similar and indistinguishable during match play, the away team shall wear pinnies of a different colour of the home team jersey. Those playing on a full-size field shall also wear shorts.
- iii. Depending on weather conditions, cold weather athletic pants, undershirts, and gloves may be worn. No hoodies are permitted to be worn for safety reasons.
- iv. Players wearing <u>hard</u> casts are not allowed to play, according to ASA and FIFA rules. Players wearing soft casts may be permitted to play if the cast does not present a danger to him/ herself or any other player. The soft cast must not contain any hard materials. The match official will make the final decision as to the acceptability of any soft cast.
- v. Goalkeepers shall wear a sweater or a shirt that is distinctly different from other players on the field, including the Match Official. They are also permitted to wear black athletic pants instead of shorts. Soft-brimmed hats are permitted for goalkeepers should there be a situation where direct sunlight is impeding their ability to see and play safely.
- vi. The ball for the game will be supplied by the home team but this can be changed at the referee's discretion.
- vii. Footwear may be either running shoes or recognized soccer shoes and must conform to Law IV of the Laws of the Game.
- viii. The wearing of a knee brace is permitted provided there is sufficient protective covering and is completely at the referee's discretion.
- ix. No jewelry is permitted with the exception of medical alert bracelets so long as they are made of soft materials.

#### i) Substitutions (IFAB Rule 3)

Substitutions are permitted as follows:

- i. At any time for injuries, for the injured player only.
- After a goal has been scored.
- iii. At half time.
- iv. On throw ins.
- v. For a cautioned player at the time of receiving a caution.
- vi. To a maximum of 4 at any one stoppage in play.

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- vii. All other substitutions are at the Match Official's discretion.
- k) Cancellation or Postponement of Games
  - i. In either event the home team will remain the home team for the rescheduled game and will supply the field and the Match Official.
  - ii. No games will be scheduled on a Statutory Holiday.
  - iii. The only reason for the cancellation of a game is inclement weather.
  - iv. When unforeseen circumstances dictate the postponement of a game, mutual cooperation between coaches is required within 2-hours of the scheduled game time.
  - v. All cancelled/ postponed games are to be rescheduled as soon as possible. If the match was cancelled/ postponed due to inclement weather and is not able to be rescheduled, then BCSA declares the game as a draw. If the match was canceled/ postponed due to player availability and the game was not rescheduled, then the team that had to cancel forfeits the game and it is recorded as a loss.
- I) Referees/ Match Officials
  - All ASA sanctioned games must be officiated by a Match Official who is on the ASA list of officials, except for mini-soccer. If no Match Official is scheduled for a scheduled game, then an appropriate substitute may be used as per 13.1.3 of this document.
  - ii. All U13 and higher matches will use 3 match officials. 1 head official and 2 Assistant Referees. It is best practice to use ASA certified officials in all positions but is not always practical so teams may have volunteers AR the U13 matches. The U15+ matches will utilize 3 ASA certified and registered match officials.
  - iii. In the event that there is no ASA certified and registered match officials to AR, minirefs may be used to AR the U13 U19 games.
- m) Playoffs, Provincial Declarations, and Team Representation at Provincials
  - i. To determine placement, BCSA will rank teams first by:
    - End of season point total.
    - In the event of a tie between teams qualifying for semi-finals, goal differential will be used to rank the teams.
    - In the event that teams are tied on points and goal differential, teams will then be ranked based on goals scored overall during the season.
    - In the event that teams are tied on points, goal differential, and goals scored, then the teams will be ranked on their head-to-head game results.

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- In the event of a tie on the head-to-head game results, a single game may be scheduled to determine which of the teams will qualify for semi-finals.
- ii. League playoffs will be played amongst the top four teams from each division, with Semi-final and Final games being played on same day of District Finals.

#### East/ West and North/ South division, first round of playoffs:

- First round:(higher rank gets home field)
- First place in East vs. Fourth place in East
- First place in West vs. Fourth place in West
- Second place in East vs. Third place in East
- Second place in West vs. Third place in West

#### District Finals (Semi-Final and Final

- Higher placed team from round one from the East plays lower ranked team from the West, Winner moves on to final game.
- Higher placed team from round one from the West plays lower ranked team from the East, Winner moves on to final game.
- In the event that there is one division league then the first-place team receives a bye into the district final.

#### First round:

- Second plays Fifth and Third plays Fourth with the higher ranked teams being the home teams.
- Winners then play in Semi-Final.

#### District Finals (Semi-Final and Final Games):

- Winners of first round play semi-Final, winner of semi-final will play league winner from the regular season in Final game.
- iii. The officials for the District final will be provided and paid for by the District. The District will also provide the medals.
- iv. Prior to the ASA PROVINCIAL DECLARATION DEADLINE OF EACH YEAR the District shall decide upon the categories into which the District will enter Provincial Championships. Then ONLY THE DISTRICT will declare the entries to the ASA.
- v. Where a District league exists then the Provincial representative will be the winner of the District finals or in the event that team cannot go, then the second place team may go.





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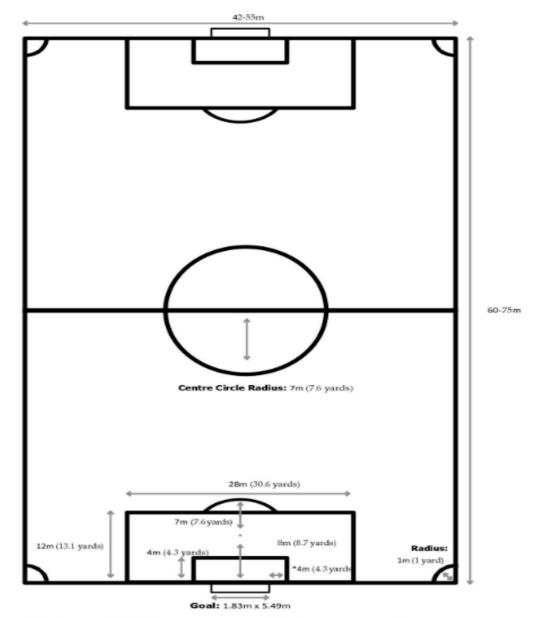
- vi. Where a District league does not exist and there is more than one team applying to go then the District will schedule playoff games between/ amongst the teams and, provided that all
- vii. ASA requirements are met, then the winner will go.
- viii. Where only one team in a specific age group, they will be deemed an exhibition team and must complete 6 sanctioned games in order to represent the District for Provincial's in their category.
- ix. Any member association wishing to host any Provincial Championship must declare their intentions before the ASA HOSTING DECLARATIONS DEADLINE. The Association will be responsible for the additional declaration fee.
- x. ANY TEAM REPRESENTING THE DISTRICT AT PROVINCIALS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR BEHAVIOR. IF ANY ACTION IS TAKEN AGAINST THE DISTRICT THEN THAT ASSOCIATION WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY FINES LEVIED AGAINST THE DISTRICT THAT RESULTED FROM THEIR ACTIONS.

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# **Appendix 1- U13 Field Measurements for 9v9**

# **U13 Field Dimensions**



Minimum Width: 42 m Maximum Width: 55 m Minimum Length: 60 m Maximum Length: 75 m

\*Line is measured from the edge of the post and outward 4 m
Regardless of field width/length, all markings within the field remain the same.
All markings are the same for both halves of the field.
Paint colour: White (unless otherwise stitched into turf pitch)
Line Width: 10.16 cm - 12 cm