

UOVHSAA SOCCER STANDARDS

Article 1 – Playing Surface

Playing area must be grassy, groomed and free from obstructions.
Goals shall be regulation height and width.
All regulation lines shall be **clearly marked**.

Article 2 – Equipment

Corners as well as the mid-field line of the playing field shall be flagged.
Flags shall be available for each linesman.
Team uniforms shall consist of shorts and shirt of uniform school colours except for the goalies who will wear a shirt of contrasting colour to those of his/her teammates and the opposing team.
Teams shall have number on the back of the uniform. Goalie's number shall be designated "00" for each team if necessary.
Referees shall wear appropriate referees shirts.
Metal or aluminum cleats will not be allowed and must be checked by the referee before each game.
The home team is responsible for providing a game ball.
Shin pads must be worn.

Article 3 – Kick-off Time and Order of Games

Kick-off times	- 4 games	- 1:30 pm	(single field)
	- 4 games	- 3:30 pm	(double field)
	- 3 games	- 2:30 pm	(single field)
	- 3 games	- 3:30 pm	(double field)
	- 2 games	- 3:30 pm	(single or double field)

If the order of teams playing is different from the following:

Junior Boys – 1st game
Senior Boys – 2nd game
Junior Girls – 3rd game
Senior Girls – 4th game

Then the visiting teams must be informed of this change at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the start of the game.

Article 4 – Players' and Coaches' Conduct

Players' and coaches' conduct shall be such that there will be no arguments with the referee's decisions. Only the captains of the teams may politely approach the referee for an explanation of a decision.

Referees will pay special attention to rough play and foul or vulgar language. A player red-carded shall be automatically suspended for the next league or play-off game in which his/her team is involved and may not be substituted in the remainder of the game.

This player may be subject to an enquiry by a disciplinary committee. The disciplinary committee shall consist of two (2) neutral coaches and the convenor and will have the power to extend the period of suspension to any number of games depending upon the severity of the incident. The player involved, his coach, the coach of the opposing team and the referee will have an opportunity to report to the disciplinary committee before a final decision is made.

Any ejection from a game should include a description of the incident on the back of the score sheet signed by the referee.

Article 5 – Home Team Responsibilities

The home team is responsible for:

- i) securing the playing field
- ii) paying the referees (this will be billed to the school at the end of the season)
- iii) securing the match ball
- iv) confirming any change in kick-off times with the visiting teams and referees at least 24 hours before game time
- v) reporting game scores to the convenor
- vi) returning score sheets to the convenor promptly
- vii) securing **competent linesmen**

Article 6 – Duties of Referees

The referee shall:

- i) collect team lists prior to the start of the match
- ii) inspect nets and goals
- iii) inspect players' cleats
- iv) inspect the field for dangerous and unusual conditions and bring these to the captain's attention
- v) complete the score sheet and return it to the home team coach