

REGION II
Borealis Conference

CO-ED SOCCER

TOURNAMENT HANDBOOK

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I. Region Responsibilities:

A. Determine site and date of Regional Tournament (Borealis Conference Tournament) at the spring meeting.

B. Order awards from vendor determined by Region II.

Awards include:

1. First and second place team trophies.
2. Team sportsmanship award.
3. Nine All Tournament Team medallions. 9 medallions
4. Two All Tournament Most Valuable Players plaques (1 female, 1 male)
5. One All Tournament Outstanding Goal Keeper plaque
6. Nine All Conference Team medallions. 9 medallions
7. Two All Conference Most Valuable Player plaques (1 female, 1 male)
8. One All Conference Outstanding Goal Keeper plaque
9. Twenty-two first place medals
- 10.15 All Academic medallions (more if needed)

II. Host School Responsibilities:

A. Provide properly marked playing fields

B. Provide officials

C. Provide any necessary equipment for the operation of the tournament.

1. regulation size soccer goals
2. corner flags
3. official soccer balls

D. Assist with sleeping facilities for visiting teams.

E. Select tournament director.

F. Purchase and provide shipping address for awards from vendor determined by Region II.

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- G. Make arrangements for food for visiting team (not provide).
- H. Select a Rules Committee or Board of Control.

III. Tournament Director's Responsibilities

A. Send appropriate information to all schools in the Borealis Conference.

1. Preliminary letter should be sent the within the first two weeks of the season and state the tournament site, dates, and other pertinent information, such as availability of meals and lodging, and form requesting such information as:
 - A. Intent to participate, with an October 1st deadline for teams to commit to participating in the tournament.
 - B. entire team roster (to be sent 10 days prior to the tournament and limited to 22 players at tournament)
 - C. academic information (G.P.A. of prior semester)
 - D. seeding criteria
 - E. teams that leave early forfeit their tournament reimbursement (except for an act of God)
2. Subsequent letters (suggested 10 days prior to the tournament) should be sent to the schools intending to participate and should provide such information as:
 - A. Seeding
 - B. Bracketing
 - C. coaches meeting date, time, and location
 - D. teams participating
 - E. Tournament fee amount
 - F. Selection of Board of Control

B. Selection of Officials

The tournament director is responsible for providing officials for all tournament contests.

C. Selection of Board of Control

Tournament director will select three (3) administrators* from participating schools to form a Board of Control for the tournament prior to the first contest of the tournament.

Members of the B.O.C. will excuse themselves from decisions involving their own school (*Or their designees).

D. Tournament director will provide for the preparation and maintenance of the facility and all necessary equipment for the operation of the tournament.

E. Provide awards ceremony at the end of the tournament.

F. Provide a tournament financial statement to the participants and the Region II secretary within 30 days of the completion of the tournament. Failure to submit this report will result in:

- a. Letter sent to host school principal
- b. Letter sent to host school superintendent
- c. Letter sent to host school's school board.

G. The tournament director is charged with assessing the estimated costs and revenues and sending the participating teams a bill for their share of the difference. The participating schools will each pay a fee to offset the tournament expenses. When the tournament is over, the director must produce a final profit / loss statement and refund any difference between estimated loss and actual loss. The tournament costs that may be shared are such things as: trophies, officials, and tournament directors fee. Monies gained from the sale of advertisement is not considered tournament income and does not have to be figured into the tournament income prior to refunding the extra money from the participating teams assessment.

H. Coaches' Meeting—A coaches' meeting is to be scheduled by the tournament director prior to the first contest.

IV. Tournament Procedure

A. Rules.

1. Team rosters are limited to 22 players. There can be no more than seven players of either gender on the field per team at any time. If a team has fewer than four players of one gender, they can play down up to two players before forfeiting.
2. Any player, coach, or bench personnel shall be ejected for 1 red card or disqualified for two yellow cards in a single contest. A player or coach receiving a red card

must sit out the next game. A player or coach receiving two yellow cards does not have to sit out the next game.

3. There will be no slide tackling against an opponent. Such play is to be determined “dangerous” by the referee and play should be restarted with an indirect kick.
4. When the score is tied at the end of regulation time during championship, semi-final, and consolation games, there will be two 5-minute overtime periods. If a tie still exists, a shoot-out will occur following rules outlined in tournament progression (Tie Game Procedures #3 p. 66 of NF Soccer Rule Book.) With the exception of the following:
 - A. A list should be presented to the official before the shoot-out with a minimum of 2 of each gender in each group of shootout.
 - B. Golden Goal of 5 players, minimum of 2 of each gender.
 - C. It will be the coaches’ choice for order of shooters and anyone on the roster is eligible to take the shot, including the ones that were not on the field at the end of the game.

B. Brackets:

1. The tournament will be a double elimination tournament unless there are 6 or less teams.
2. If there are 6 teams, pod play will be used.
3. If there are 5 teams or less, it will be a round robin with a consolation and a championship game.
 - A. In case of ties during pod play or round robin, these tie breakers will be used:
 - a. Head-to-head
 - b. Least Goals Allowed is 1st place, and/or most allowed is last place
 - c. Goals differential (maximum of 3 goals per game)
 - d. Coin toss
 - e. Once one team has been eliminated it will go back to head to head to decide.
 - B. In the pod system the pods will be broken into:
 - a. Pod 1 will have #1, #4, and #5 seeds in it.
 - b. Pod 2 will have #2, #3, and #6 seeds in it.

- C. If games end in a tie, there will be no overtimes or shoot outs until the final games. The following point system will be used.
 - a. 3 points for a win
 - b. 1 point for tie
 - c. 0 points for loss

V. Scheduling and Seeding

- A. A maximum 22 game schedule in one season, exclusive of post-season tournament play is allowed. All games must be scheduled between schools that are ASAA members and Region II schools to be considered for seeding (using the ASAA contract or an acceptable substitute).
- B. Seeding is based on the winning percentage of the required games between Conference schools.
- C. For seeding purposes, a minimum of one game against all participating Conference teams that participated in the Borealis Conference Tournament the preceding year (unless the game is cancelled due to weather or other circumstances beyond the control of the schools), is required for seeding at the Conference Tournament.
- D. Any team who is new to the Conference or did not participate in the previous year's Conference Tournament, may schedule the minimum one game per team in the Conference to be seeded. It is the new team's responsibility to schedule the games. If the new team does not play all Borealis Conference teams who are participating, that team will come into the Conference Tournament unseeded.
- E. Scheduling is usually done at the Conference Tournament. Conference teams may fill their schedules and are not required to break contracts in order to accommodate schools that did not participate in the previous year's Borealis Conference Tournament.
- F. A maximum of two games against participating Conference teams will count for seeding in the following manner:
 - 1. First Contest home and home.
 - 2. First Contest home and neutral site.
 - 3. First two contests
 - 4. Games between schools participating in the Borealis Conference tournament are the only games that will be used in tournament seeding.

G. Each school in the region is encouraged to play each other on a home and away basis annually but must play alternating home-away biannual basis. Those teams that do not travel every year or every other year, those games that were not played away, will count as a forfeit.

VI. Tournament Bracketing

Teams will be seeded according to the following criteria in this priority order:

A. Borealis Conference record (home and away)

B. Head to Head competition

C. Overall season record percentage

D. Toss of coin

E. In the case of a three or four way tie, only the head-to-head records between the teams that are tied will be considered. Once the original tie is broken and it is down to two teams, head-to-head competition must be considered first between the remaining teams before using steps three, four, and five.

VII. Awards

A. The All Conference Team will consist of twelve players. Of these twelve players, 1 will be an outstanding goalie, 1 female MVP, and 1 male MVP. The outstanding goalie, female MVP, and male MVP will receive plaques, and the nine remaining players will receive medallions. Of the nine remaining players, at least four of them need to be of one gender.

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Awards to be presented immediately upon completion of the last game.

Sportsmanship Team _____

ACADEMIC TEAM: BOYS

ACADEMIC TEAM: GIRLS

AWARDS

ALL-TOURNAMENT

BOYS

GIRLS

MVP

BOY

GIRL

TEAM RUNNER-UP _____

Championship Team _____

Voting is not to be completed until halftime of the final game. The Tournament Director will set up a room to do the tabulating. Coaches whose teams are playing, need to turn in their ballots before the final game.

NO COACH SHALL VOTE FOR PLAYERS ON HIS/HER TEAM

Please rank, in preferential order, the best ten soccer players (other than members of your own team) that you observed in this year's Borealis Soccer Tournament. Manipulating the ballot by not voting for ten other players is considered a breach of ethics and will be dealt with by the Tournament Board of Control.

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM BALLOT

1. _____ (10 POINTS)
2. _____ (9 POINTS)
3. _____ (8 POINTS)
4. _____ (7 POINTS)
5. _____ (6 POINTS)
6. _____ (5 POINTS)
7. _____ (4 POINTS)
8. _____ (3 POINTS)
9. _____ (2 POINTS)
10. _____ (1 POINT)

**BOREALIS SOCCER TOURNAMENT
SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD SELECTION**

Voting for the sportsmanship award is not to be completed until half time of the final game. Please base your vote on total sportsmanship displayed by cheerleaders, fans, coaches, and team.

Please list your preference as 1, 2, and 3 in that order.

1st Choice _____ (3 POINTS)

2nd Choice _____ (2 POINTS)

3rd Choice _____ (1 POINT)

The Tournament Director will be available to receive your ballot immediately after half time of the final game.