

# STATE GAMES SOCCER RULES

## Tournament Information for Coaches

**IMPORTANT! COACHES MUST HAVE PLAYER PASSES WITH THEM AT THEIR FIELD OF PLAY AT EACH GAME, AGES U9-U19**

(passes are not required for U8 teams)

### Game Length:

7v7 - 25 minute halves with a 2 minute heat break at 12 minutes of each half

7v7 teams will use build out lines, offside rule applies

9v9 – 25 minute halves with a 2 minute heat break at 12 minutes of each half

11v11 – two 30 minute halves with a 2 minute heat break at 15 minutes of each half

### Bracket Scoring System: 10 point system

6 points for a win

1 point for each goal scored – up to 3

1 point for a shut out

3 points for a tie

0 points for a loss

(A match ending in a 0-0 tie is scored as 4 points)

### Bracket Standings and Ties:

All ties stand except in semi-final and championship games. Ties in semi-final and championship games will be decided by kicks from the mark.

Semi-final advancement format for divisions with wild cards:

Group A vs Group B, Group C vs Wildcard.

If the wildcard is from Group C, then Group A vs Wildcard and Group B vs Group C.

Tie Breakers Used for Bracket Play:

1. Head to Head competition
2. Goal differential max/min of 3 goals per game
3. Least number of goals conceded
4. Kicks from the penalty spot

Home team is responsible to change jerseys and provide game balls

### Inclement Weather:

In the event of inclement weather, State Games reserves the right to invoke alternate game formats to achieve an outcome. This may include but not limited to shortened games or kicks from the mark. Games that reach half time may be called final in the event they cannot be restarted in a timely manner.

### Forfeit Policy:

Any team that forfeits any game will forfeit ALL games and all games played by that team will be scored as to allow the opposing team a 3-0 victory.

## Free Substitution for All Age Groups!!

*Player substitutions are unlimited and may be made at the following times:*

*Prior to your team's throw in, any goal kick, after any goal, player injury for either team, a player that has been cautioned or issued a yellow card, at quarter and half time breaks.*