

## Soccer Rules

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Soccer will be conducted according to the rules of FIFA, with specific ICSC exceptions listed below.

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### 1. The Event

Soccer is contested as a gender-specific Round-Robin Tournament with Preliminary and Finals matches. The previous year's top four placed teams will be seeded accordingly, while the remaining teams will be seeded according to the current year's Random Draw.

Finals shall consist of two Semi-finals and a Grand Final, with a 3rd/4th play-off.

### 2. Team Size and Format

Each college team shall comprise a squad of up to 18 players. The minimum number of players that can be fielded without incurring a forfeit is eight. An interchange system (as per Australian Rules Football) providing unlimited substitutions will be employed for all matches.

Substitutions can only occur when the ball is dead and the referee gives clearance for a player to enter the field of play. This should be done with practical speed to keep the flow of the game.

### 3. Match Duration

All matches will comprise 2 x 25 minute halves with a five minute break at half-time.

In the case of a drawn match at the end of normal time, sudden death penalty kicks shall occur in alternate succession. Five spot kicks are to be taken by five individually nominated players from each team. Each player shall have only one kick. If the scores are still even after five kicks for each team, the process shall continue until a winner is decided. Goal keepers are to remain unchanged from the extra time period.

### 4. Forfeit

For each five minute period that a team is late, a goal will be awarded to the opposing team until 10 minutes has accrued. If a team does not have eight players to commence the game within 10 minutes of the scheduled starting time, a forfeit shall be declared.

### 5. Game Officials

One central Referee will be provided for each game. Suitably qualified independent referees will be sought by the Host, however colleges may also be requested to provide referees (qualified and/or suitably experienced) where independent referees are not available.

Each team **must** also provide one linesperson for their own game – this official must be conversant with the offside rule; and a scorer.

### 5. Uniform and Equipment

Competitors should wear their College sport uniform. Numbers must be present on all soccer strips and numbers must be recorded on the team sheet. All players must also wear shin guards. Any player not wearing shin guards will be asked to leave the field by the referee.

Soccer balls will be provided by the Host College prior to each match. Colleges should provide their own practice balls.

**6. ICSC Policies**

All ICSC Policies and Procedures must be adhered to by all participants.

Designated Team Captains and College Sports Representatives are also expected to ensure their College participants are aware of all relevant policies and procedures and act accordingly.

**Document Change History**

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