

# SASA U-19 GIRLS / HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS HOUSE SOCCER LEAGUE (HSGHSL)

## Rules of Competition.

1. FIFA Laws of the Game will apply except as modified by this section. Club commissioners will provide a copy of these rules to the head referee of their organizations.
  2. Game time for U-19 Girls are **45-minute halves** with a 5-minute halftime. Regular season games may end in a tie.
  3. Substitutions may be made with the consent of the referee at the following times:
    - a. Throw-in, in your favor. Also, the team not in possession of the ball may substitute an unlimited numbers of players on a throw-in if the team in possession of the ball is also substituting.
    - b. Goal kick, by either team.
    - c. After a goal, by either team.
    - d. A team may substitute one player for an injured player when the referee stops play. The opposing team may also substitute one player at this time if the injured player is replaced.
    - e. Halftime.
  4. Teams must have matching colored jerseys with a number assigned to each player. If requested by the opposing coach, number may be made unique with addition of tape to jersey and correction should be made at first available opportunity.
  5. Teams must field a minimum of 7 players to start a match. A team has until game time plus 15 minutes to field 7 players or they forfeit the game. Forfeited games will not be rescheduled. The game may commence at the discretion of the referee as soon as the 7th player arrives. Teams are under no obligation to reduce their number of players to match that of the opposing team.
  6. A game halted due to unsafe playing conditions prior to halftime will be replayed. A game halted at halftime or after due to unsafe playing conditions will stand as indicated by the score at the time of termination.
  7. League Standings will be determined by the following:
    - WIN - 4 points
    - TIE - 2 points
    - LOSS - 1 point
    - FORFEIT - 0 points
- In the event of a forfeit the score will be recorded as 1 - 0. In the event of a tie in total points in the standings at the end of the season, ties will be broken according to the following criteria:
- a. Head to head competition. (Not used if more than 2 teams tie)

- b. Most wins.
- c. Bonus points. For each winning game subtract goals allowed from goals scored. A maximum of 3 bonus points per game may be earned. In forfeits only 1 bonus point is awarded.
- d. Least goals allowed.
- e. Championship game with tie breaking procedures.
- f. Once tie breaking eliminates a team the procedures will start over.

8. Shin guards completely covered by a uniform sock are mandatory **and should provide a reasonable degree of protections.**

9. If any teams are unable to complete the full 10-game (or other designated number) regular season, then final standings will be determined by percentages, in lieu of match points. The percentage is calculated based on the number of points a team has over the maximum number of points it could have earned. In the HSGHSL, the maximum points in a game is 4 (a win) so the denominator is always 4 times the number of games played. The numerator is the total points the team has earned. (Examples: A team with 1 win and 1 tie ( $4 + 2 = 6$  points) would have a percentage of 75% ( $6/8$ ); a team with all 6 wins would be at 100% ( $24/24$ ); a team with 3 wins, 3 losses would be at 63% ( $15/24$ ); and a team with 6 ties in 6 games would be at 50% ( $12/24$ ). The tie-breaking procedures in Paragraph 7 will be used as necessary.

### **Discipline.**

1. Misconduct. A red carded player, dismissed coach, or dismissed spectator must leave the playing area immediately and will be required to sit out the next game the team plays. Names of carded players or dismissed coaches or spectators will be reported immediately following the game to the League Directors. Suspensions carry over to the first game of the next season. This rule also applies for playoffs and final.
2. Game suspension and Termination. Should a referee terminate a game due to disciplinary problems, the League Co-Directors will investigate the circumstances and rule on the game. Additional action will be taken if warranted.
3. Coaches are responsible for maintaining control of themselves, the players, and spectators on their sidelines. Coaches, players, and spectators are to refrain from making remarks to the officials or opposing players before, during, or after the match. "Trash Talk" is prohibited by all participants on or off the field of play. Coaches or spectators are prohibited from entering the field of play unless invited by the Center Official. Abuse of officials by members of the HSGHSL will not be tolerated. Disregard of this by-law could become the basis for suspension.

### **Protests.**

1. Protests are strongly discouraged. In the event a protest is deemed necessary, the protest must be in writing and submitted to one of the League Directors within 24 hours of the protested event or condition. Referee judgment may not be protested.
2. The League Directors in consultation with the commissioners will resolve the protest and notify all parties in writing of the resolution as soon as possible. Any person with a conflict of interest in the protest agrees not to participate in the resolution of the protest. Should both League Directors have a conflict of interest, they will designate two other club commissioners not having a conflict of interest, to resolve the protest. However, the League Directors will still have administrative responsibility to assure the protest is resolved