

PLAY-OFF POLICES & RULES 2022 Spring Season

The following information is relevant to the conducting of the GAASA Spring Play-offs to be played June 4th at Copley Road soccer complex:

- **No Pets Allowed.**
- As a closed tournament, it is only open to members currently playing the spring season in the GAASA, there is no need for team check-in prior to playing their first game. Referees will check teams in prior to the game.
- **Teams are to go directly to the field that they will be playing on and present the official GAASA stamped game day roster with their coaches & player passes when asked for by the referee.**
- Please **print 2 copies of the gameday roster to use one for the semifinal match and then the second for the finals should you qualify.** Just strike the opponents and note that it is for the finalist match at the top of the game day roster. Also have all players listed properly including their uniform number. No players can be handwritten.
- The higher seeded team is the home team, provides the game balls, and must also change jerseys (or pinnies) in the event of similar uniforms. Should the referee reject the home team soccer balls, the visiting team may provide game balls.
- -Clubs must pay the **playoff team fee of \$120** per team, prior to, or on the day of playoffs. Please have a club representative bring a check to the awards tent. All outstanding club balances must be paid in full before the teams will be allowed to play. Please see LuAnn.
- - The league pays the 3-man referee fees for the finalist match of playoffs. **Each team pays the referee fees for the semifinal games listed below** (*modified rate from normal season)
 - U9, U10 \$17.00 each game (1 referee)
 - U11, U12 all divisions \$20.00 each game (1 referee)
 - U13 all divisions, U14/U15 division 2 and lower \$22/14/14 each game *(3 referees)
 - U14/U15 division 1 \$22/14/14 each game (3 referees)
 - U19 HS division \$22/14/14 each game (3 referees)
- The **winning** team is to bring both game reports to the awards tent after their game. In the event of a **red card** the center referee is to fill out the game day roster report and photograph the report for their records. This should immediately be sent via text to the cell number listed on the game day report, and to email.gaasa@gmail.com. Have the winning coach bring up the reports and notify a GAASA board member that a red card was issued. If the card is issued to a coach, the coaching pass shall be taken by the referee. After the referee's schedule of games, he/she is to bring the pass to the awards tent or a league official may come to the field to obtain the pass if it is needed sooner.
- Only players who have been directly rostered to the participating team, either at registration or as a late register may participate in the play-offs. **No Guest Players allowed.** Violation of this policy will result in the forfeiture of any games and awards earned by the team as well as additional punishment as deemed necessary by the league. The league policy of only allowing the maximum number of players, depending on the age group, is in effect regardless of the number of players registered to a specific team. The maximum number of players allowed to dress for a match are:
 - **U9/U10- 12 players**
 - **U11/U12 - 16 players**
 - **U13, U14, U15 - 18 players**
 - **U19 HS – 22 players**
- **All games will be of regulation length** and in the event of a tie the game will be decided by kicks from the mark on the field in use unless otherwise specified after regulation. These kicks will be conducted at only one goal to be chosen by the referee crew conducting the kicks and will be conducted in accordance with current FIFA rule.
- The league has a foul weather policy that is specific to the play-offs and is provided to every coach. It is the responsibility of the coach to be aware of the policy. In the event a game is halted due to thunder and lightning **all** players and spectators are to **clear the fields immediately and return to their cars.** Coaches only are to remain at the pavilion adjacent to the concession stand.
- There will be no grace period for warming up prior to the start of a game. Every effort will be made to begin games at their designated time and it is the responsibility of the teams to be ready to begin the game when indicated by the referee.

- The referee's have been asked to use the international walk-out for all final playoff matches (the teams line up on either side of the referee on the team side of the field and walk to the middle of the field, acknowledge the spectators and then assume their positions for the start of the game).
 - Conduct that is unbecoming to the game by players, coaches and spectators may result in the expulsion of the individual(s) from the tournament site. This is above and beyond the issuing of yellow/red cards by the referee which may also result in the removal of an individual. Additional sanctions may be applied by the league toward the parties involved as well as the club the team is representing. This has not been a problem for the league in the past and there is no anticipation of this season's event being any different. This tournament is put on for the benefit of the players and the enjoyment of all in attendance.
 - Awards for this event are as follows: individual medals for the season division champion; t-shirts for the play-off winner and finalist as well as individual medals for the play-off winner to be presented after the championship game. Awards for the championship game will not begin until both teams are in attendance at the tournament tent.
 - All teams and spectators are responsible for policing their area at the conclusion of a game for the purpose of removing trash. We are guests at the fields in use for the tournament and as such we should respect our hosts by not leaving behind unnecessary objects.
 - Please support the concession stand, as all money goes towards the field maintenance cost which reduces the operating expenses for Copley Road Soccer Complex. Proceeds do not go to GAASA.
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