



**2026 Great North Winter Classic**  
**February 28, March 1**  
**Boys u14-u18**  
**Girls u14-u18**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS 2026**

**1. ROSTER:**

Teams may carry a roster of no more than 18 players.  
Players cannot play on more than one team.  
Changes can be made prior to a game starting.  
A player must have played in at least one round robin game to be eligible to play a playoff game.

**2. REGISTRATION:**

Teams must register with the tournament committee 1 hour prior to their first game of the tournament. Players who are not registered with the tournament committee prior to their first game of the tournament will not be eligible to play.  
Teams must provide an Ontario Soccer Roster with all applicable information of the players and officials.

**3. FORMAT:**

During the round robin portion of the tournament, games will consist of two 20 minute halves with 3 points awarded for a win, 1 point for a tie and zero points for a loss. The determination of the playoff teams will differ depending on the number of teams in the division.

Each team is guaranteed 4 games.

For the purposes of breaking a tie, a maximum differential of 5 in any given game will be used for purposes of calculating Point b and c below.

In the event that the teams are equal in points in each group, qualification in each group shall be determined as follows:

- a) games record between each other
- b) goal difference (goals for minus goals against)
- c) most goals scored
- d) least goals against
- e) coin toss

**Round Robin/Playoffs**

All teams are guaranteed 4 games and will be a combination of round robin and playoff games.

Playoff format will depend on the number of teams entered in the tournament

All teams are required to have two sets of uniforms available. In the case of a conflict in team colours, the home team, which will be indicated on the schedule of games, must wear its alternate jerseys. In the event that a team is not on the field and prepared to play within 5 minutes after the scheduled kick-off time, that team will forfeit the match. A team must field a minimum of four (4) players.

If a playoff game is tied after regulation, the game will proceed directly to penalty kicks.

Each team will select 3 players (whether on the field or not). If tied after 3 players, teams will select new players to alternate regardless if they were on the field. A different player must take a penalty kick until all players on the team have been exhausted.

#### **4. DISCIPLINE:**

Any player who receives 3 yellow cards or 1 red card during the tournament will be suspended for the next game. Any player who receives 4 yellow cards or 2 red cards will be suspended from the tournament. Infractions against game officials will be dealt with in accordance with Ontario Soccer Rules and Regulations.

#### **5. PROTESTS:**

The referee's judgement may not be contested/if the rules of the tournament competition appear to have been violated, the matter may be brought to the attention of the Protest Committee in writing accompanied by one hundred (\$100.00) dollars cash or e-transfer (sent to info@gssc.ca) not later than 30 minutes after the alleged violation. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee will be returned.

#### **6. SUBSTITUTION:**

- A. There is no limit to the number of substitutions that may be made during a game.
- B. Substitutions in Tournament games may be made at any times in front of the team bench, regardless if the ball is in play.

#### **7. Team Eligibility Criteria:**

- a) All teams must be registered with Ontario Soccer Association
- b) All teams from outside the district of Great North Soccer Association (GNSA) must provide proof of permission to travel 7 days prior to the first game of the tournament. For all other circumstances, the Ontario Soccer Rules and Regulations will apply.
- c) Teams may only use players who are registered with them.
- d) Teams must always have a minimum of one registered Team Official on the bench. If a team does not have a registered Team Official on the bench prior to the game or at any time during the game, the game will be abandoned and result awarded to the opposition.

#### **8. Duration of Games**

For round robin games and quarter final or semi-final games the duration will be two periods of 20 minutes. All finals will be two periods of 25 minutes.

- a) The following competitions shall not exceed the permitted time limit per day:
  - i. under 14 not to exceed 150 minutes per day
  - ii. Under 15 and older not to exceed 180 minutes per day
- b) There must be a minimum of one hour between each game played by a team

#### **9. Number of Players Dressed In a Game**

Teams may only dress and play up to a maximum of eighteen (18) Players in each game of the tournament, as stated above under Rosters..

- a) Teams will be provided with team sheets which shall be completed by each team prior to each game, and which must be submitted to the referee prior to the kickoff. The competing teams must be identified on an individual team sheet their Full Team Name.
- c) The Tournament Host, Greater Sudbury Soccer Club, will collect team sheets and misconduct reports from Match Officials immediately after each game and such will be forwarded by the Tournament Host to the district, Great North Soccer Association (GNSA) no later than 72 hours after the last day of the tournament. A Match Official pre-assault report must be filed with the League, District, tournament host and Ontario Soccer no more than 24 hours after assault occurred. In all cases of Match Official assault,
- d) the Greater Sudbury Soccer Club will oversee that the Match Official assault report has been completed.

c) Within 30 days of the final day of the tournament, all tournament Reports will be 6 submitted to the District Association, Great North Soccer Association

**10. Team registration**

Due to the limited amount of Dome time, there will be a maximum number of teams that will be accepted per division that will be dependent on registrations for the entire tournament. Divisions may also be combined depending on the number of teams. Teams will be accepted on a first received basis upon receipt of their registration forms and payment of the tournament fee. Teams will be informed promptly, once accepted, so that they can book suitable accommodation. Teams not accepted due to the team limit restrictions will be placed on a waiting list.

**11. Match Official Fees**

\$35 per game paid by GSSC