*7 & 8 SOCCER*

**A. FORMAT:**

 1. Separate North and South tournaments, with crossover championships

* Top 2 in the North vs. Top 2 in the South

 2. Boys’ and girls’ teams, 2 teams max per gender per school.

 3. Approximate competition date: Last week of September

 With crossover the first week of October

**B. FIFA RULES APPLY- WITH THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS:**

[**FIFA rule book**](http://www.fifa.com/mm/Document/FootballDevelopment/Refereeing/02/36/01/11/LawsofthegamewebEN_Neutral.pdf)[**Soccer officials’ handbook**](http://www.manitobasoccerreferees.ca/files/4814/6233/5084/Handbook_Summary_Revised_May_1_2016.pdf)

 1. Games consist of two, 15-minute halves with 3-minute halftime.

 2. Mandatory substitution at the nearest opportunity every 7 ½ minutes of game play. In the last 7 ½ minutes of the game, coaches’ discretion may be used to determine playing time.

 3. Ties will remain in the round robin games.

 4. Two officials will be assigned to each game. This will include one student official and one adult with background knowledge in the rules and procedures of the game.

 5. Shin Pads must be worn by all players or they will not be permitted to play.

 6. No metal cleats or sandals.

 7. Sweat pants mitts and toques may only be worn in cold weather conditions (ref’s discretion).

**C. Playoff rules:**

 1. Tie breakers for standings in round robin play:

 a. The team with the better won/loss/tie record

 b. Goals for and against during the game between the two tied teams

 c. Goals for and against in total round robin play.

 d. 5 penalty kicks shoot out.

 e. Sudden death penalty kicks.

 2. Playoffs will be 15-minute halves. If still tied after regulation time, the following tie breaker rules will be implemented:

 a. 5 minute overtime period (sudden death)

 b. 5 penalty kicks shoot out.

 c. Sudden death penalty kicks.

 3. Banners awarded to the first place teams and personal ribbons to the champions and finalists

**D. Cross over championship**:

* will be scheduled for a different day
* Semi-finals and finals game time will be 2-30 minute halves.
* A 30 minute break between the last semi-final game and the final should be in place.
* If both teams agree to start the championship game earlier, they may do so.