

# CENTRAL ALBERTA SOCCER ASSOCIATION

## 2025 PROVINCIAL QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

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### 1. QUALIFYING TEAM ENTRIES:

A. Teams registered with CASA Tier IV leagues are eligible to compete in a qualifying play down to result in proceeding to Alberta Provincial Competitions.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 10, 2025**

B. Only teams that have complied to date and met the deadline criteria shall be allowed to participate.

C. Teams declaring to take part in the Provincial Qualifier Prior to declaring for this tournament each team must ensure that their team is able to attend Provincials to represent the district. Pick up players are not ALLOWED at the Qualifying Tournament. Teams who know they are unavailable to attend provincials must declare themselves as Exhibition ONLY for the Provincial Qualifying tournament.

### 2. TEAM LISTS & PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

Only registered players listed on submitted rosters will be allowed on the field. Playing unregistered players or players not listed on verified rosters will result in DISQUALIFICATION OF THAT TEAM FROM THE TOURNAMENT AND FROM LEAGUE PLAYOFFS.

### 3. AGE GROUPS: (all players must bring their CASA player identification card confirming their eligibility to play)

- \* U13 Boys & Girls (born 2012 or later)
- \* U15 Boys & Girls (born 2010 or later)
- \* U17 Boys & Girls (born 2008 or later)
- \* U19 Boys (born 2006 or later)

### 4. NEWLY REGISTERED PLAYERS:

Newly registered players may be added to the roster up to seven (7) days prior to the Qualifying Tournament.

**THERE WILL BE NO PICKUPS OR TRANSFERS ALLOWED FROM ANY TEAM TO ANY TEAM DURING ALL AND ANY QUALIFYING GAMES. Players transferring from other teams must do so a minimum of 7 days in advance of the Qualifying Tournament. The players must have played a minimum of two League games on their new team to qualify for tournament participation.**

### 5. GAMES:

- All teams are guaranteed a minimum of (2) games.
    - (a) CANCELLATION OF GAMES DUE TO WEATHER IS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PLAY DOWN ORGANIZERS.
  - Game Ball Sizes:

U13	Size 5
U15	Size 5
U17-U19	Size 5
  - Age Group Game Duration
    - U13 - Two 35 minute halves (9 v 9 Competition)
    - U15 Two 35-minute halves (11 v 11 Competition)
    - U17 and U19 Two 40-minute halves (11 v 11 Competition)
- \*Game duration based on Alberta Soccer Youth Provincial Competition Rules

### 6. TOURNAMENT FORMAT TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE

Tournament Format Dependent on number of teams in Division

Teams seeded based on League Standings **AS OF JUNE 18, 2025 – Scores submitted after this date will not be considered in the standings.**

## Tie Breaking Procedures

1. Previous **matches** results – The winner of the **previous matches** between two teams tied in points shall be awarded the higher position.”
2. Goal difference – Goal difference shall be calculated by deducting the total goals against from total goals for, in all the team’s games. The team with the highest goal difference in the entire regular season or competition will be awarded the higher standing.
3. Most goals **for** – If #1 and #2 do not break the tie, the team scoring the most goals in all their matches will be awarded the higher standing.
4. Least goals **Against** – If #1, #2, and #3 do not break the tie, the team with the least goals scored against them in all their matches will be awarded the higher standing.
5. For any teams still tied under criteria #1-4, **A one game playoff requiring a result will be held at a neutral field with a coin flip determining home team. If the game results in a tie it goes directly to penalty kicks. Procedure below:**  
Five penalty kicks from each team must be taken, with the team scoring the most goals declared the winner. If, after the first five penalty kicks, there remains a tie, single penalty kicks must be taken by each team, thus declaring the winner. Only the players on the field at the end of the game shall be eligible to take the penalty kicks.

## 7. SCHEDULES

- The schedules prepared for the Qualifiers shall not be changed for any reason other than weather.
- If a team is unable to field a minimum of seven (7) players by fifteen minutes after the scheduled kickoff time, then that team shall forfeit the game. The official result in a forfeit is a 3-0 win for the non-offending team.
- \* If both teams are unable to field a minimum required number of players (as stated above) then both teams will be credited with a 3-0 loss.
- If a team fails to show for a Qualifying tournament game, then the games scheduled for that team shall be awarded as 3-0 wins to their opponents. A no show shall result in a fine of \$100.00 to the team’s member association.

## 8. WEATHER

In the event of poor weather, teams must still report to the field at the scheduled time, unless advised otherwise. Any decision to play, postpone or cancel shall be made by the play down organizers.

## 9. SUBSTITUTIONS

There shall be no restrictions as to the number of substitutions made during a game. The Referee must be notified of all substitutions. Substitutions shall be allowed only during the stoppage of play, at the Referee’s discretion.

## 10. PROTESTS:

- The Referee’s decision is FINAL. Referees shall have full discretion during games. Protests that relate to the Referee’s decision or interpretation of the Laws of the Game shall not be entertained.
- Coaches must channel protests relative to other considered irregularities through the Play Down organizer(s) within 30 minutes of the game ending. The Play Down Discipline Committee shall adjudicate and advise as soon as possible.

## 11. DISCIPLINE:

- Any ineligible player on a team shall result in immediate disqualification of team.
- Two cautions during a game shall result in a one game suspension.
- Three cautions during the play downs shall result in a one game suspension.
- A red card offense shall result in a minimum one game suspension.
- Serious player/coach infractions shall be referred to the Tournament Discipline Committee as well as their local leagues, associations and ASA if warranted.
- Any coaches not adhering to the CASA Code of Conduct and Ethics ( [LINK](#) ) may receive one Game (or more) suspension, or may be prohibited from participating in the remainder of the tournament.

## 12. GAME SHEETS

- Each team shall be responsible for filling out the game sheets provided online and handing in to Referee prior to game commencement. Players do not need to sign game sheets.
- **The winning coach shall be responsible for returning both game sheets to the Tournament Headquarters within thirty minutes of the game ending.**

**13. EQUIPMENT**

Each team shall supply a game ball. Goal nets and corner flags will be provided.

**14. TEAM AREA:**

Only players, coaches and managers shall be allowed in the team area. Fans shall be situated on the opposite side of the field. Games will not commence until this is adhered to. Coaches shall be responsible for removing fans if in the team area.

Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Managers must remain within a 15' boundary on either side of their benches.

**15. INJURY:**

- Teams shall ensure that they have an adequate first aid kit on site including water and ice packs.

**16. EQUIPMENT/UNIFORMS:**

- Home teams shall be responsible for alternate colors in the event of duplication of colors of Opposing team. Teams with jerseys that conflict with Referee colors must supply an alternate jersey for the Referee.
- Shin guards are mandatory.
- Visible undergarments such as cycling shorts are authorized. They must however be of the same color as the uniform shorts of the player wearing them and not extend farther than the top of the knee.
- All jerseys must be clearly numbered as per FIFA Laws of the Game. The number of the player's jersey must correspond to the number listed with the player's name on the game sheets(s).

**17. PROCEDURES: Declared Winner(s) of the Provincial Qualifiers:**

- CASA Administrator shall contact Coach/. manager of the winning team(s) and will review or supply the following:
  - Pickup and transfer rules for ASA provincials only.
  - Team responsibilities and requirements
  - ASA Youth Outdoor Competition Rules.
  - Provincial Competition schedules and pertinent information.

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