



**CENTRAL ALBERTA SOCCER ASSOCIATION**  
**2026**  
**INDOOR TIER 4 PROVINCIAL QUALIFYING**  
**RULES & REGULATIONS**

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**1. QUALIFYING TEAM ENTRIES:**

- A. Teams registered with CASA (Tournament Teams and Teams Playing in an Out of District League) are eligible to compete in a qualifying play down to determine CASA Representation at Alberta Provincial Competitions.
- B. Only teams that have complied with and met the criteria shall be allowed to participate.

**2. TEAM LISTS & PLAYER and Coach ELIGIBILITY:**

Head Coaches participating in Alberta Soccer Provincials and/or the Central Alberta Soccer Association Provincial Qualifying must be fully certified with a minimum Soccer for Life (U13 minimum Learn to Train). Additional obligations – Current CPIC (VSS) Police check and Respect in Sport or Making Ethical Decisions. This is a requirement of the Alberta Soccer Association Provincial Rules and Canada Soccer SQS (Standard of Quality Soccer) licensing. All other bench personnel must have a minimum of a current (CPIC) VSS Police check. Rule of Two applies. Each team must have at least one coach on the bench matching the gender of any player on the team.

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 PLAY DOWNS AND FROM LEAGUE PLAYOFFS.**

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

- U13 Boys–Coed Division**
- U13 Girls Division**
- U15 Boys-Coed Division**
- U15 Girls Division**
- U17 Boys-Coed Division**
- U19 Boys-Coed Division**

\*\* U17 and U19 Girls teams (one of each) proceed to Provincials

**4. NEWLY REGISTERED PLAYERS:**

Newly registered players may be added to 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 PLAY DOWNS. Players transferring from other teams must do so a minimum of 7 days in advance of the Qualifying Playdowns. 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 PROVINCIAL QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT ORGANIZERS**

**6. TIE-BREAKING RULES**

If two (2) teams are initially tied on points, then the following formula will be used to determine the final standings, commencing with tie-breaking rule 6.4(a). If three or more teams are tied on points, tie-breaking rule 6 (a) previous match results 6 (b) goal differential. If tie breaking rules 6 (a) and 6 (b) are not successful in breaking the tie, then rules 6 (c), and if necessary, 6 (d) will be applied.

(a) **Previous Match Results**

The winner of the match between two teams tied in points shall be awarded the higher position.

(b) **Goal Differential**

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 competition will be awarded the higher standing.

(c) **Most Goals Scored**

If (a) and (b) do not break the tie, the team scoring the most goals in all of their matches will be awarded the higher standing.

(d) **Penalty Shots**

If two or more teams are still tied under criteria (a) – (c), then the higher standings shall be decided by kicks from the penalty mark as follows:

**Two Teams Tied:**

As per FIFA Laws of the Game, at a time and place decided by the CASA Play Down Chairman.

**Three Teams Tied:**

Each team is designated A, B, or C as determined by a random draw done by the CASA Play Down Chairman. Three mini-Games shall be played (A vs B, B vs C, C vs A) consisting of 5 penalty kicks at a time and place to be decided by the CASA Committee. All 5 penalty kicks must be taken. Three points shall be awarded for a win, one for a tie. The standings after three mini-games shall be determined according to the criteria (a)-(d) above.

**Four Teams Tied:**

Each team is designated A, B, C or D. Six mini games shall be played (A, vs B, C vs D, B vs D, D vs A, and C vs B), to decide the final ranking as in the three-team case.

This tie breaking procedure must be carried out in its entirety. No tie breaking rule will be used twice.

**7. SCHEDULES**

- The schedules prepared for the Qualifier shall not be changed for any reason other than weather.
- If a team is unable to field a minimum of four (4) 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 0-3 loss.
- If a team fails to show for a play down game, then the games scheduled for

that team shall be awarded 3-0 win to their opponents. A play down no show shall result in a fine of \$150.00 to the team's member association.

**8. Tournament Format (2026) - BASED ON STANDINGS AS OF FEBRUARY 10, 2026 (Last Feb 8 League Games Recorded). Games formats have been set based on facility availability**

- U13 Boys / Coed
  - Two Pools. One of three, one of Pool
  - Winner of each Pool advances to Final game
  - Winner of final game advances to Provincials to represent CASA
  
- U13 Girls
  - Straight Round Robin
  - Most points overall advances to Provincials to represent CASA
  
- U15 Boys / Coed
  - Two Pools of three
  - Winner of each Pool advances to Final game
  - Winner of final game advances to Provincials to represent CASA
  
- U15 Girls
  - Straight Round Robin – Most Points Proceeds
  - Most points overall advances to Provincials to represent CASA
  
- U17 Boys / Coed
  - Straight Round Robin – Most Points Proceeds
  - Most points overall advances to Provincials to represent CASA
  
- U19 Boys / Coed
  - Straight Round Robin – Most Points proceeds
  - Most points overall advances to Provincials to represent CASA

**9. WEATHER**

Any decision to play, postpone or cancel shall be made by the Provincial Qualifying Tournament organizers.

**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 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, which may carry over to League Play if the season is not yet completed.
- Serious player/coach infractions shall be referred to Play Down Discipline Committee as well as their local leagues, associations and ASA if warranted.
- Any coaches not adhering to the CASA Code of Conduct may receive one Game (or more) suspension or may be prohibited from participating in the remainder of the play downs.