

PAYSA OUTDOOR PLAYOFF RULES

THERE WILL BE ZERO TOLERANCE OF ABUSIVE BEHAVIOUR, IN ALL ITS FORMS, TOWARDS THE REFEREES, COACHES AND PLAYERS.

In general, IFAB and/or regular season house league rules shall apply, except for the following:

1. NUMBER OF PLAYERS

1. U9 (6v6); minimum players to start is 4; 2 x 20-min. ½'s (+ 5 min halftime break) – NO SLIDE TACKLING
2. U11 (7v7); minimum players to start is 4; 2 x 25-min. ½'s (+ 5 min halftime break)
3. U13, U15 and U17/19 (11v11); minimum players to start is 7; 2 x 30-min. ½'s (+ 5 min halftime break).

If there are not sufficient team players by 15 minutes after scheduled game time, then the game is forfeited- no scrimmage allowed.

2. TEAMS

1. For U13 age groups and older, before the first game it is mandatory that the coach provides a complete roster list to the referee, who will ensure it is received by the Technical Director or PAYSA representative. The players listed on the roster are the ONLY players permitted to participate going forward. If a team is eliminated from playoffs, the **players from the eliminated team cannot be picked up to play for any other team.**
2. In U13-U17/19, teams must have a minimum of 3 female players on the field, at all times. Teams without 3 female players must play short, equal to the number of missing female players.
3. Referees will do equipment checks. If players do NOT have all mandatory equipment, they cannot play for safety reasons. They will ensure that, if games are running late, games will be played to the full allotted time. Playoff games will NOT be shortened.

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3. PENALTY SHOOT OUT

1. The format for the playoffs is “knockout”, therefore all playoff games **must result in a winner.**
2. To decide the game winner in the event of a tie, the game goes straight to penalty kicks, as per IFAB rules. Each team selects 5 players who were on the field at the end of the game to take penalty kicks. Goalkeepers can be changed using only players who were on the field at the final whistle. If still tied after all 5 shooters for both sides have gone, proceed **one shooter** at a time from each team from the remaining players until the tie is broken. **Golden Goal Applies.**