



# REGULATIONS

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## NATIONAL / REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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**1. National/Regional Club Championships**

1.1 The National/Regional Club Championships (hereinafter referred to as the National/Regional Championships) are competitions owned and managed by Canada Soccer.

1.2 National/Regional Championships take place annually and consist of the following competitions: U-15 Cup; U-17 Cup; Challenge Trophy; Jubilee Trophy; and Masters.

1.3 For the purpose of these Regulations for National/Regional Championships, wherever duly noted, Provincial Associations also include Territorial Associations.

1.4 All National/Regional Championships are open to one (1) representative team of each Association in Membership subject only to Regional preliminary qualifying series as may be determined by Canada Soccer and provided for in these Regulations.

1.5 These Regulations regulate the rights, duties and responsibilities of all teams taking part in National/Regional Championships and of the Local Organizing Committee by forming an integral part of the Hosting Agreement.

1.6 Canada Soccer By-laws, and all Canada Soccer Rules and Regulations, and Policies in force shall apply. Any reference in these Regulations to Canada Soccer By-laws, Rules and Regulations, and Policies refers to those valid at the time of application. In the event of any conflict Canada Soccer By-laws, Rules and Regulations and Policies shall take precedence. In case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the translations of Canada Soccer By-laws, Rules and Regulations, and Policies, the English version shall be authoritative.

1.7 Within the constraints of these Regulations, Canada Soccer, through its Organizing Committee may adapt these Regulations to address specific situations not otherwise provided for, as are necessary to address the competition objectives of Canada Soccer.

1.8 Any rights that are not ceded by the Regulations for the National/Regional Championships to the Local Organizing Committee

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or any Provincial/Territorial Association or Participating Team shall remain with Canada Soccer.

1.9 For the purposes of these Regulations, a youth is any person under the age of 18 before January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year participating in a Canada Soccer youth or senior National and/or Regional Competition.

1.10 The playing season referred to in these Regulations shall be the one ending in the calendar year in which the National/Regional Championships will be played.

1.11 On entering the National/Regional Championships all teams automatically undertake to:

- 1.11.1 Observe these Regulations;
- 1.11.2 Acknowledge that failure to comply with any of the requirements within these Regulations shall render any organization or individual subject to disciplinary procedures;
- 1.11.3 Observe the principles of fair play.

## **2 Canada Soccer Competitions Committee**

2.1.1 Canada Soccer Competitions Committee is an Operational Committee of Canada Soccer appointed by the General Secretary to oversee competitions in accordance with its Terms of Reference. In addition to its overall responsibilities the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee has specific responsibilities for the National/Regional Championships including, but not limited to:

- 2.1.1 Replacing teams who have withdrawn from the National/Regional Championships;
- 2.1.2 Deciding on cases of Provincial/Territorial Associations or participating teams failing to adhere to the time lines and/or the formal requirements for submitting the necessary documents;
- 2.1.3 Settling cases of force majeure;
- 2.1.4 Dealing with any other aspect of the National/Regional Championship that is not the responsibility of any other body

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under the terms of these Regulations or Canada Soccer By-laws.

2.2 Any decisions taken by the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee in regards to the National/Regional Club Championships are final and binding, unless otherwise stated in these Regulations, on all parties and are not subject to appeal.

### **3 Canada Soccer Organizing Committee**

3.1 A Canada Soccer Organizing Committee shall be appointed for each National/Regional Championship. It will consist of the appointed Match Commissioner, General Coordinator, (National Championships only), Supervisor of Officials, the LOC Chair and any other persons deemed necessary.

3.2 The Canada Soccer Organizing Committee shall be responsible for the in venue operation and execution of the respective Competition to which it is appointed. The duties of each position will be provided to the appointee.

3.3 In general, the Match Commissioner acts as the senior Canada Soccer appointee and is responsible for the overall management of the competition and specifically deals with disciplinary matters, protests, admissibility, and leads the crisis management team

3.4 In the event that a player/team official is dismissed in the championship final or is suspended from the championship final, that player/team official may or may NOT receive his/her medal during the Awards Ceremonies at the discretion of the MC/GC. If the player/team official is not permitted to participate in the Awards Ceremonies they shall receive their medal at a later time.

3.5 The General Coordinator is responsible for all operational aspects related to the staging of the competition.

3.6 The LOC Chair is responsible for all logistics and delivering the requirements of the Hosting Agreement.

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3.7 The Supervisor of Officials is responsible for the overall management of match officials and assessors.

**4 Local Organizing Committee (LOC)**

4.1 Canada Soccer appoints the hosts for the respective National/Regional Championships.

4.2 The Host is responsible for Organizing, hosting, and staging the selected National/Regional Championship competition. It shall set up a Local Organizing Committee (LOC) in accordance with the Hosting Agreement to establish financial controls, budgets and reports, preparing concepts for review, and ensuring standards are met for each event. Canada Soccer Competitions Committee requires regular progress reports at its meetings.

4.3 The obligations and responsibilities of the LOC with respect to the National/Regional Championship are stipulated in the Hosting Agreement.

4.4 The LOC shall ensure that any decision taken by Canada Soccer Competitions Committee relating to its duties and responsibilities is enforced immediately.

**5 Participating Teams**

5.1 Teams shall participate in one of the following competition categories:

**National Club Championships**  
Senior Amateur – Men and Women's  
Open Age

Youth U-17 – Boys and Girls  
All players under 17 years of age before January 1 of the current year

Youth U-15 - Boys and Girls  
All players under 15 years of age before January 1 of the current year

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**Regional Masters Club Championships**

Over 35 Men

All players must be thirty-five (35) (and over) years of age prior to January 1 of the current year

Over 30 Women

All players must be thirty (30) (and over) years of age prior to January 1 of the current year

**Other National Championships**

As may be defined from time to time by Canada Soccer.

5.2 To be eligible to participate in the National/Regional Competitions a team must have a minimum of seventeen (17) registered players who are eligible to participate in the Provincial Tournament leading to a National/Regional Competition.

5.3 Teams must be able to field a minimum of fifteen (15) players to participate in a National/Regional Competition. Failure to meet this minimum standard will be subject to sanction.

5.4 Each club team entering shall be affiliated with its Association in Membership and certified by that Association as an eligible team by approving the Online Team Roster submitted by the participating team.

5.5 On entering a National/Regional Championship the Participating Teams automatically undertake to:

- 5.5.1 Comply with the maximum number of players and officials as defined in these Regulations: (see Article 11.3 and 11.4)
- 5.5.2 Observe these Regulations and the principles of fair play;
- 5.5.3 Accept and obey all decisions taken by Canada Soccer and its officials under the terms of these Regulations;
- 5.5.4 Respect the deadlines as set by Canada Soccer and the LOC;
- 5.5.5 Participate in all matches of the respective Championship in which the team is scheduled to take part;
- 5.5.6 Accept all the arrangements relating to the respective Championship made by Canada Soccer and the LOC;
- 5.5.7 Accept the usage by Canada Soccer, as well as the recording and broadcast of the images, names and records

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of all participants that may appear in connection with the National/Regional Championship;

5.5.8 Ensure the provision of adequate insurance to cover the team and any other person carrying out duties on its behalf against all risks, including, but not limited to, injury, accident and travel.

5.6 In addition, each participating team shall be responsible for:

5.6.1 the actions of its players, team staff and spectators and must take all precautions necessary to prevent them from threatening or assaulting anyone at matches, especially the match officials;

5.6.2 paying for costs incurred not covered by the LOC during the course of its stay in the host venue;

5.6.3 attending official media activities when requested to do so;

5.6.4 attending team meetings, Provincial/Territorial Representative meetings, disciplinary hearings, and other meetings called by Canada Soccer in venue.

5.7 Players and staff cannot temporarily leave the championship and then return to the Championship, without the prior approval of the Match Commissioner. Players may be required to submit a Return to Play Form.

5.8 Players/team staff who wish to permanently leave the competitions/championship and are not returning must notify the Match Commissioner prior to their departure, confirmed with appropriate Provincial/Territorial documentation.

5.9 Provincial/Territorial Associations shall confirm their participation for entry in the respective National/Regional Championship competitions annually as determined by Canada Soccer.

5.10 Any Province/Territory that withdraws after the deadline will be subject to sanction.

5.11 Provincial and Territorial Associations shall advise Canada Soccer of its qualified teams. No qualified team(s) may be replaced without the approval of the Canada Soccer Organizing Committee. (see Article 8).



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5.12 Once a Province or Territory has declared its representative teams and before departure to the National/Regional Competition, the Provincial/Territorial Executive Director, or designate, shall meet with the team staff and Provincial Representative to review these Regulations and expectations. The Canada Soccer Competitions Manager will provide the agenda and content for this meeting

5.13 Following the meeting with the Provincial/Territorial Executive Director, or designate, team staff shall meet with their players and review these Regulations and expectations. Players are also to be informed of the procedures to follow, and who to contact, in the event of any problems during the competition.

## **6 Provincial/Territorial Representatives**

6.1 Each Province/Territory participating in a National/Regional Championship competition must appoint a person to act as its Representative. The Provincial/Territorial Representative shall:

- 6.1.1 not be a member of the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee, team staff, a player, or immediate family of a player/team staff in the competition regardless if he/she serves on the Provincial/Territorial Board or staff from the Provincial/Territorial Association;
- 6.1.2 stay at the host hotel, unless dispensation has been granted by Canada Soccer, but not share a hotel room with team staff members or players;
- 6.1.3 be present in the host venue for the entire duration of the Competition. They shall arrive with, or on the same day as, the first team and depart with, or after, their last team has left the host venue;
- 6.1.4 be approved by the Provincial/Territorial Association Board and hold enhanced police information check (E-PIC) Clearance. For this purpose an E-PIC clearance must have been issued within 12 months of the start date for respective competition;
- 6.1.5 be present at all Canada Soccer mandated meetings. This includes the information meeting held in the Province/Territory for staff of teams traveling to any Canada Soccer National/Regional Competition;

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- 6.1.6 attend, together with a team representative, the pre-competition meeting;
- 6.1.7 attend all discipline hearings involving a player or staff member with one of his/her teams;
- 6.1.8 attend daily meetings with the Match Commissioner during the competition;
- 6.1.9 be responsible to the Match Commissioner for the communication of all matters relating to the teams. In this regard the Provincial/Territorial Representative must be in possession of a cell phone that is capable of operating in the host venue;
- 6.1.10 ensure that all players and team staff adhere to the Canada Soccer Code of Conduct and Ethics;
- 6.1.11 ensure players and team staff wear their team accreditation at the hotel, to and from matches, at the playing venues, and any official functions (National Championships);
- 6.1.12 participate on a Competition Discipline Committee when appointed by the Match Commissioner during the competition;
- 6.1.13 attend all official functions of the competition and must be dressed appropriately as advised by the LOC;
- 6.1.14 report all incidents of property damage by the team(s) involved to the Match Commissioner and to the LOC Chairperson.

**7 Withdrawal, un-played matches, and abandoned matches**

- 7.1 All Participating Teams undertake to play all of their matches.
- 7.2 Any team failing to attend or withdrawing from a National/Regional Championship competition after the deadline shall be fined a minimum of \$2500 plus any associated expenses incurred by Canada Soccer and/or the LOC.
- 7.3 Depending on the circumstances of the withdrawal, Canada Soccer may impose additional sanctions, including the expulsion from subsequent competitions.

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7.4 Where a match is not played, except in the case of force majeure, recognised by Canada Soccer Organizing Committee, the Match Commissioner shall be presented with the facts. The Match Commissioner will determine if/when the match can be played and if any disciplinary action needs to be taken.

7.5 A team shall arrive at the venue for its scheduled match no later than fifty (50) minutes before the designated KO time. Failure to do so, without just cause, will result in the team being expelled from the remainder of the competition and all its scheduled matches declared null and void. The Provincial/Territorial Association in membership will be required to provide an explanation of the actions of its team to Canada Soccer, and may be subject to sanction.

7.6 Where a match is abandoned because of floodlight failure, weather, or any outside influence, and more than seventy percent (70%) of the match has been played, the result at the time of abandonment will be recorded as the final score. If the score is tied and the competition requires a result, the winner will be determined by the toss of a coin, which will be conducted by the General Coordinator in the presence of the Match Commissioner and the respective Provincial/Territorial Representatives.

7.7 Where a match is abandoned because of floodlight failure, weather, or any outside influence, and less than seventy percent (70%) of the match has been played, the match shall recommence with the same score at the minute at which play was interrupted. The following principles shall apply to the recommencement of the match:

- 7.7.1 the match shall recommence with the same players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the match was initially abandoned;
- 7.7.2 no additional substitutes may be added to the list of players on the team sheet;
- 7.7.3 the teams can make only the number of substitutions to which they were still entitled when the match was abandoned;
- 7.7.4 players sent off during the abandoned match cannot be replaced;
- 7.7.5 any sanctions imposed before the match was abandoned remain valid for the remainder of the match;

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7.7.6 the kick-off time, date and location shall be decided by the Match Commissioner in consultation with the LOC;

7.7.7 any matters requiring further decision shall be dealt with by the Match Commissioner who may refer them to Canada Soccer Organizing Committee.

7.8 Where a match is abandoned because of floodlight failure, weather, or any outside influence, on the final day of the competition, regardless of how much of the match has been played, the result at the time of abandonment will be recorded as the final score. If the score is tied the winner will be determined by the toss of a coin, which will be conducted by the General Coordinator in the presence of the Match Commissioner and the respective Provincial/Territorial Representatives.

7.9 Where match(s) are cancelled or cannot take place because of adverse weather conditions, Canada Soccer will determine the subsequent action and outcome of the competition. This decision will be final and binding and not subject to appeal.

7.10 Where a match is abandoned as a result of a discipline issue from one of the competing teams the matter shall be reported to the Match Commissioner who will convene a disciplinary hearing to decide the appropriate course of action. On the final day such issues will be referred to the Canada Soccer Discipline Committee for its action.

7.11 Where a team forfeits a match it is considered to have a loss of 3-0, unless the goal difference on the pitch is greater than 3-0, in which case the score at the time of abandonment is upheld. The Canada Soccer Competitions Committee may take further action as deemed appropriate.

## **8      Replacement Teams**

If a qualified team is unable to participate in the National/Regional Championships, Canada Soccer Competitions Committee shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion.

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**9      Eligibility of Players**

9.1 Only players registered with an Association in Membership shall be eligible to compete in a National/Regional Club Championship. Each player shall be either:

9.1.1 A Canadian Citizen; or

9.1.2 A Permanent Resident (as defined by the Government of Canada);

9.1.3 A Protected Person (as defined by the Government of Canada).

9.2 The Match Commissioner may request proof of eligibility at any time. Failure to provide the proof will result in the player not being permitted to play. Proof of eligibility is as follows:

9.2.1 Canadian Citizen – valid passport or birth certificate (or colour copy of birth certificate);

9.2.2 Permanent Resident – valid permanent resident card; or proof of permanent residency as provided by the Government of Canada;

9.2.3 Protected Person – documents as provided by the Government of Canada;

9.2.4 Provincial/Territorial Association photo ID card for both players and team staff.

9.2.5 The deadline for registration with the provincial/territorial association shall be July 31st of that competition year or earlier, as stipulated by the respective Provincial/Territorial Association.

9.3 The deadline for player transfers shall be July 31st of that competition year or earlier, as stipulated by the respective Provincial/Territorial Association.

9.4 Transfers shall be in writing, duly signed by the club and forwarded to the Provincial/Territorial Association where the player is currently registered for final approval. A player will be considered transferred once the transfer has been accepted by the receiving Provincial/Territorial Association.

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- 9.5 A player moving from one Provincial/Territorial Association to another during the playing season must receive written clearance from the Provincial/Territorial Association with which he/she was last registered in order to be eligible.
- 9.6 Any player who registered with one Provincial/Territorial Association and then registers with another without the proper inter-provincial transfer will be ineligible to play in the National/Regional Championships for that calendar year.
- 9.7 All registered players must be assigned to the team by August 31st of that competition year or earlier, as stipulated by the respective Provincial/Territorial Association.
- 9.8 A team may not register additional players or have additional players assigned to the team after qualifying for a National/Regional Championship.
- 9.9 A team may request to call up additional players that are not assigned to the team, in accordance with Article 28.
- 9.10 Any player registered as a professional player will only be eligible to play when reinstated as an amateur player. Any player reinstated after July 31<sup>st</sup> shall not be eligible to play in the National/Regional Championships for that calendar year.
- 9.11 An amateur player who is registered and is listed on a match sheet with a professional team after July 31 in the current year shall not be eligible to play in any National/Regional Club Championships, except if the player has a trial permit to play a maximum of 2 sets of three (3) trial matches per outdoor season with any Professional Team provided a permit-to-play form, available from Provincial/Territorial Associations, has been duly completed and approved.
- 9.12 A player who is registered to an amateur club which has an amateur team participating in a Provincial/Territorial Semi-Professional league and who has been called up to play with said amateur team over the course of the season, shall be deemed eligible to participate in the National/Regional Club Championships.

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9.13 A youth-age player who has been registered as senior amateur for the current season will be ineligible to play in youth club championships, unless he/she has, upon request, been reinstated to youth status by his/her Provincial/Territorial Association on or before July 31.

9.14 Any player not meeting the required eligibility may apply, via their respective Provincial/Territorial Association, to the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee Eligibility Panel for an exemption. The decision of the Competitions Committee Eligibility Panel is final and not subject to appeal. The deadline for submitting the exemption request is July 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year or prior to qualifying for the National Championships, whichever comes earlier. Any exemption granted is only valid for the year in which it was issued.

## **10     Eligibility of Team Staff**

10.1 For the National Championships one member of the team's staff shall be the same gender as the team. This staff member must be on the team bench at all matches and remain with the team until the end of the competition. Note: This person cannot be a player.

10.2 For the Master's Regionals Championships one member of the team's staff shall be the same gender as the team. This person can be a player/coach. This person must be at all matches and remain with the team until the end of the competition.

10.3 All staff listed on the team's online roster for teams participating in the National/Regional Competitions must be E-PIC cleared. For this purpose an E-PIC clearance must have been issued within 12 months of the start date for respective competition. One member of the team staff must have completed the CCES E-learning: True Sport Clean 101 and the Role of Athlete Support Personnel Course. A copy of the CCES certificate for each of the listed courses must be submitted with the Canada Soccer Online Team Roster.

10.4 No team staff member may be a youth, except if an exemption has been granted by the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee in

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accordance with Article 10.5.

10.5 A team, with a staff youth coach shall apply, through their respective Provincial/Territorial Association, to Canada Soccer for an exemption. The criteria is as follows:

- 10.5.1 The respective Club has a coach mentorship program in place as part of the Club Developmental Plan, in which the youth staff member is a participant;
- 10.5.2 The youth staff coach shall be at least sixteen (16) years of age and under the age of nineteen (19) years before 1 January of the current year;
- 10.5.3 The youth staff coach must be at least one year older than the team;
- 10.5.4 The youth staff coach must have been a member of the staff during the season;
- 10.5.5 The youth staff coach must comply with Canada Soccer and Provincial/Territorial volunteer screening policies, including having valid E-PIC Clearance;
- 10.5.6 Youth staff coaches shall be supervised by a senior staff member at all times;
- 10.5.7 Youth staff coaches shall be supervised in the same manner as a youth player as outlined in these Regulations.

## **11 Players and Official Delegation List**

11.1 Teams participating in a Regional/National Championship shall be required to provide the following information to Canada Soccer within seven (7) days of qualifying for a National/Regional Competition:

- 11.1.1 Name of the team;
- 11.1.2 A team list giving the full name of each player/team staff
- 11.1.3 Team Contact;
- 11.1.4 A list of sponsors that are on the team's playing uniforms.

11.2 Teams will be provided with a link to an online form to complete the National/Regional Championship requirements. The deadline to complete this requirement will be set by the Canada Soccer Competitions Manager.



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The online requirements are:

Players: name, Date of Birth, headshot, jersey number, position, player ID number and CCES Certificates, where applicable.

Coaches: name, Coaching Certification Number, headshot and CCES Certificates where required

Team Colours – Light and Dark plus Goalkeeper colours.

11.3 Teams participating in the National Championship competitions shall enter the names of players and team staff in the Canada Soccer Competitions Website online team roster. The online team roster shall be the final list and will have a maximum of twenty (20) players (One (1) of whom shall be a goalkeeper) and a maximum of five (5) staff.

11.4 Teams participating in the Regional Masters Championship competitions shall enter the names of players and team staff in the Canada Soccer Competitions online team roster. The online team roster shall be the final list and will have a maximum of twenty-five (25) players (a minimum of one (1) of whom shall be goalkeepers) and a maximum of five (5) staff.

11.5 Once the online team roster has been completed by the team and the eligibility confirmed by the Provincial/Territorial Association on the Canada Soccer Competitions Website changes may only be made by the Canada Soccer Competitions Manager.

11.6 Team staff and players who have received Canada Soccer accreditation and are indicated as present on the match sheet must occupy a position in the Technical Area.

11.7 At National Championships the team staff/players must wear the Canada Soccer accreditation at the hotel, to and from matches, at the competition playing venues and any official functions.

## 12 Match Sheets

12.1 Teams will be provided with their match sheets prior to each match. The match sheets shall be completed, signed by the Head

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Coach, and given to the General Coordinator/Assistant General Coordinator no later than forty-five (45) minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off time. Once submitted the team roster is locked and no changes will be permitted to the match sheet unless approved by the General Coordinator or designate.

12.2 Where a team submits an incomplete match sheet they will be subject to sanction.

12.3 At both National/Regional Club Championships teams shall list a maximum of twenty (20) players and five (5) team staff on the match sheet. Teams must identify the goalkeeper and captain for each match.

12.4 At National Championship competitions a maximum of five (5) substitutions shall be allowed in regulation time including extra-time. Unlimited substitutions may be made at half-time, or at the end of regulation time before extra time. A player who has been substituted is eligible to re-enter.

If any of the 11 starting players submitted on the match sheet are not able to begin the match due to injury or illness, they may be replaced by any of the eligible substitutes as long as the General Coordinator/Assistant General Coordinator is officially informed prior to kick-off. The General Coordinator/Assistant General Coordinator will advise the Referee and the opponents.

Further to the above, any injured or ill player who is removed from the starting eleven (11) will no longer be eligible to take part in the match, and thus cannot be used as a substitute player at any time during the match. Such a change will not reduce the number of official substitutions that may be made by a team during the match.

Although no longer eligible to be used as a substitute, the injured or ill player who was removed from the starting eleven (11) may be seated on the substitutes' bench, and if so, would then be subject to the referee's authority and also be eligible for doping control selection.

Only the players who were identified on the official match sheet submitted to the General Coordinator/Assistant General Coordinator, or were confirmed as a warm-up injury/illness replacement player, may start the match. In the case of any discrepancies of players on the pitch

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at the beginning of a match, the matter will be submitted to the Match Commissioner.

12.5 In Regional Masters Championship competitions there will be unlimited substitutions. A player who has been substituted is eligible to re-enter.

12.6 The minimum number of players required to start a match is seven (7), one of whom must be the goalkeeper.

12.7 If a player, from a team with only seven (7) players, leaves the field of play to receive medical attention, the match will be suspended until this player has received treatment and is able to return to the field of play. If the player is unable to return, the match is abandoned and the team forfeits the match in accordance with Art 7.11. A report will be submitted by the Referee to the Match Commissioner.

12.8 If a player, from a team with only seven (7) players, is sent from the field of play for a disciplinary offence, the match is abandoned. The team causing the abandonment will forfeit the match and a report will be submitted by the Referee to the Match Commissioner. See Article 7.11.

12.9 Players serving a suspension are not permitted to sit in the technical area. Youth players shall serve any suspension in a designated area under the supervision of team staff.

12.10 A team that is found guilty of fielding an ineligible player for any reason shall forfeit the match in accordance with Article 7.11.

12.11 The referee shall submit the Referee Report online immediately after the match. The referee will return the match-sheets to the General Coordinator/Assistant General Coordinator.

### **13 Competition Format**

13.1 The format for each competition shall be determined in advance by the Canada Soccer Organizing Committee and set out in the championship schedule.

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13.2 Teams will be seeded on the basis of their Provincial/Territorial Associations team's final standing in the previous year's championship.

13.3 Host teams may be added at the discretion of the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee in consultation with the Provincial/Territorial Association concerned. The host team shall be the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team from the Provincial/Territorial Association qualifying provincial championship. If the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team is unable to compete the hosting Provincial/Territorial Association may request permission from the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee to enter another team. The decision taken by the Canada Soccer Organizing Committee will be final and binding and not subject to appeal.

13.4 When a host team is required at a National/Regional Championship, the team shall be seeded in last position and shall be eligible for medals. The seeding for the following year will exclude the host team.

**14 Duration of Play, Tie-breaking, and Standings**

14.1 The duration of play and size of match ball shall be as follows:

<b>AGE GROUP</b>	<b>REGULAR</b>	<b>EXTRA-TIME</b>	<b>SIZE OF FOOTBALL</b>	<b>HALF-TIME</b>
Senior/Open	2 x 45 minutes	2 x 15 minutes	5	15 minutes
U17	2 x 40 minutes	2 x 15 minutes	5	10 minutes
U15	2 x 35 minutes	2 x 10 minutes	5	10 minutes
Masters	2 x 40 minutes	No extra-time	5	10 minutes

14.2 Teams will be afforded a thirty (30) minute warm up period on the pitch before each match, subject to the condition of the field. If the pitch is not in good condition, or if the warm-up sessions would negatively affect the state of the pitch for the match, or if the pitch is to be used for ceremonies related to the Championships, Canada Soccer may shorten

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or cancel the warm-up session. The General Coordinator/Assistant General Coordinator will monitor this and teams abusing the privilege will be subject to sanction.

14.3 In National/Regional Championship competitions (or parts thereof) organized on a knock-out basis, all matches shall be played to a decision. If at the end of regulation time, the score is tied, kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with the Laws of Game, will be used to determine a winner.

14.4 In National/Regional Championship competition (or parts thereof) organized on a round-robin basis all matches shall be played to regulation time only, except as specified below.

14.5 Three (3) points shall be awarded for a win and one (1) point for a tie (including the taking of kicks from the penalty mark). Standings shall be determined by points won at the completion of the round robin.

14.6 In the third match of any three (3) team round robin, if the team not participating has zero points, has been suspended, or has withdrawn whether part or all of the championship, the match shall be played to a decision in accordance with this rule. In the event that the score is tied after regulation time, the taking of kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with the Laws of the Game will be used to determine the winner.

14.7 The following criteria shall be used to determine the final standings:

14.7.1 Most points in all group matches;

14.7.2 If two (2) teams are tied in points in all group matches:

14.7.2.1 Greater number of points in matches between the teams concerned (head to head competition);

14.7.2.2 Greater goal difference in all group matches;

14.7.2.3 Greater number of goals scored in all group matches;

14.7.2.4 Kicks from the penalty mark as per the Laws of the Game, at a time and place decided by the Canada Soccer General Coordinator.

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14.8 Where kicks from the penalty mark are used for tie breaking (article 14.7.2.4) players under suspension are not eligible to participate; however this does not constitute the serving of any disciplinary suspension already awarded.

14.9 The following must be used to completion if three (3) or more teams are tied in points in all group matches:

- 14.9.1 Greater goal difference in matches between the teams concerned (head to head competition);
- 14.9.2 Greater number of goals scored in all matches between the teams concerned;
- 14.9.3 Greater goal difference in all group matches;
- 14.9.4 Greater number of goals scored in all group matches;
- 14.9.5 Drawing of lots to determine ranking at a time and place decided by the Match Commissioner.

14.10 In National Championship competitions where the score is tied at the end of regulation time gold medal matches (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> place), extra time shall be played as noted above. If the score is still tied at the end of extra time, the winner shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

14.11 National Championship competitions placement matches (3<sup>rd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>) that are tied at the end of regulation time shall go directly to the taking of kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

14.12 In a six (6) Team Regional Club Championship on the final day all matches that are tied at the end of regulation time shall go directly to the taking of kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

## 15 Equipment

15.1 All teams shall have two (2) sets of numbered playing uniforms (one light and one dark). A player shall be identified by the same number on both sets of uniforms. Where a third set of uniforms is used, these shall be numbered in the same way.

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15.2 Goalkeepers must wear playing uniforms that distinguish them from the other players and the match officials. Each team goalkeeper must have three (3) sets of separate and different colour socks. Both the goalkeeper and substitute goalkeeper must wear the same colour playing jersey and socks.

Goalkeepers who are outfield players must dress the same as their team's players but still wear the same number as on the online team roster.

Teams must bring an additional Goalkeeper jersey with a number that is not allocated to any player.

All Teams must bring an additional light/dark jersey that has no number or a jersey with a number that is not allocated to any player in case blood cannot be removed from a jersey or a jersey is damaged beyond repair.

15.3 Canada Soccer will inform the teams of the colours that they shall wear for each match. Teams who fail to wear the assigned colours, without the approval of the General Coordinator or the Supervisor of Officials will be subject to sanction.

Teams who fail to wear the jersey number entered on the online roster without the approval of the General Coordinator will be subject to sanction.

15.4 Teams shall bring both sets of playing uniforms to each match.

15.5 Undershirts must be the same colour of the main colour of the shirt sleeve; undershorts/tights must be the same colour as the main colour of the shorts or the lowest part of the shorts – players of the same team must wear the same colour. Players not complying will not be allowed to enter the field until the match officials are satisfied that the equipment conforms to the Laws of the Game.

15.6 Where tape or similar material is applied externally to a sock it shall be the same colour as the part of the sock to which it is applied.

15.7 Players are not permitted to wear anything that is dangerous to themselves or other players. NO jewelry: that includes rings, bracelets

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(except medical alert bracelets — which must be either made of Velcro or similar soft material, or covered with a sweatband), earrings, necklaces, other visible body piercing, etc. The practice of taping jewelry is not acceptable.

15.8 Canada Soccer will supply a sufficient number of players sleeve badges with the official crest of the National Championship competition. Teams shall affix the championship crest badge to the RIGHT-HAND SLEEVE of the shirt, between the shoulder point and the elbow point of both light and dark jerseys. If a team has a third set of uniforms the championship crest must be affixed to these as well. It is the responsibility of team staff to inform their Provincial/Territorial Association of such and to request additional crests from Canada Soccer.

15.9 Each team is to bring its Provincial/Territorial Flag (6' x 3') to every match.

**16 Fields of Play, kick-off times, training sites, and facilities**

16.1 The selection of fields and kick-off times shall be proposed by the LOC and approved by Canada Soccer.

16.2 The fields of play, accessory equipment and all facilities for each match shall be in optimum condition. All goals shall be equipped with white goalposts, a white cross bar and goal nets. Matches may be played on natural grass or artificial surfaces. Artificial surfaces must be approved by the Canada Soccer Organizing Committee. Where multi-purpose fields are proposed all other sport appurtenances are to be removed.

16.3 Matches may be played in daylight and under floodlight. Where matches are played at night the venue floodlighting installations must provide that the whole pitch is evenly lit. In the event that some or all of the match is required to be played under floodlit conditions the floodlights are to be switched on for team warm-up.

16.4 The LOC shall provide a training site for the teams. This should not be the same pitch as identified for the competition. Where the



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competition is played on artificial surface the competition pitch may be used for training prior to the opening match provided that adequate maintenance is provided after each training session. The training site should be within reasonable travel distance from the team hotel. It should be equipped with adequate changing and washroom facilities.

16.5 The LOC shall manage the training site allocation and training times on an equitable basis. The Match Commissioner or General Coordinator shall rule on any disputes with that decision being final.

16.6 Where a time clock exists in an approved venue it may be run during the match provided that it can be stopped at the end of normal playing time at the end of each half. This stipulation shall also apply if extra time is played.

16.7 Panels or electronic substitution boards, shall be provided by the LOC for use by the fourth official to indicate the substitution of players and the number of minutes of time allowed at the end of each half.

16.8 All venues used for competition play shall be free of any and all commercial activities and identifications (eg boards and signage) other than those approved by Canada Soccer from at least one (1) day prior to the opening match to the day following the final match on that field.

16.9 Smoking is not allowed in any of the competition accredited areas including but not limited to: the technical area, the vicinity of the field of play, or within the competition areas such as the dressing rooms.

## **17 Medical/Anti-Doping**

17.1 A player who receives any form of medical attention from any registered medical practitioner (ie Emergency Medical Technician or Doctor) during the competition, shall provide to the Match Commissioner a letter signed by the attending medical practitioner advising that the player can return to play.

17.2 The Canada Soccer Cast Policy shall apply. Any player wearing a cast is to be presented for inspection prior to the pre-championship meeting. Where a player intends to wear a brace or medical support the player and the brace or medical support is to be presented at the

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same time. The Supervisor of Officials will assess the player's eligibility to play in accordance with the Laws of the Game. This decision is final and binding for the whole competition.

17.3 Where a player sustains an injury during the competition that requires a cast, brace or medical support to be worn an inspection will be carried out by the Supervisor of Officials. The player shall also have a certificate from a medical practitioner advising that the player can return to play.

17.4 Canada Soccer has accepted and adopted the 2015 Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP) to protect the integrity of our sport, to safeguard the health of our athletes, to permit our elite athletes to participate in international competitions, to fulfill obligations imposed by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), and to satisfy government policy that requires all financially supported sport organizations to have World Anti-Doping Code (Code) compliant anti-doping programs.

17.5 Administered by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES), the 2015 CADP is fully compliant with the 2015 World Anti-Doping Code and its associated International Standards. Athletes, including those participating in the National/Regional Championships, accept these rules as a condition of participation in sport and agree to be bound by these rules.

17.6 Participants registered for the National/Regional Championships must be aware that doping control may be conducted by the CCES in accordance with the CADP.

17.7 Canada Soccer requires that one member of the team staff for all National/Regional Championships has completed the CCES e-learning: True Sport Clean 101 and the Role of Athlete Support Personnel Course.

17.8 In addition, for teams participating in the U-17 Cup, Challenge Trophy/Jubilee Trophy and Masters Competitions, the team captain must have completed the CCES E-learning - True Sport Clean 101.

17.9 True Sport Clean 101 can be completed on the CCES website: <https://cces.ca/course-outline>

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17.10 A copy of the CCES certificate of True Sport Clean 101 completion must be submitted with the online registration.

**18 Disciplinary Matters**

18.1 Disciplinary incidents are dealt with in compliance with the FIFA and Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code in force as well as any relevant FIFA Circulars or Directives with which Canada Soccer is required to comply.

18.2 Participating Teams and their delegation members agree to comply with the Laws of the Game, and with Canada Soccer By-laws, Rules and Regulations and Policies, in particular the Disciplinary Code, Anti-Doping Regulations, Code of Conduct and Ethics, as well any instructions or decisions that have any significance regarding the National/Regional Championships.

18.3 In addition the players agree to: respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence; behave accordingly; and refrain from doping as defined by the Anti-Doping Policy.

18.4 The Match Commissioner shall investigate any formal complaint or protest prior to laying any charges of misconduct and shall form a Competition Disciplinary Committee to conduct a hearing and take appropriate action if necessary.

18.5 The Canada Soccer Discipline Committee may, at its discretion, take action against any club/team/Province/Territorial Association whose players, team staff or spectators have been found guilty of misconduct and/or violence toward anyone present at a match and especially towards match officials.

Club/Team/Provincial/Territorial Associations may also be fined for offences committed by their supporters.

18.6 Canada Soccer Competitions Committee shall rule on any alleged breach of these Regulations by an individual or organization. Where Canada Soccer Competitions Committee finds, at its sole discretion, an individual or organization to have breached one or more

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of these Regulations, the specified penalty shall be applied and the Provincial/Territorial Association informed of its obligation to collect and/or remit the fine(s) in question to Canada Soccer. These decisions are final and are not subject to appeal.

18.7 Canada Soccer Competitions Committee may refer an individual, team or Provincial/Territorial Association, found in breach of the Regulations, to the Canada Soccer Discipline Committee for further review.

18.8 Damage by a team member(s) to any property, other than his/her (their) own shall be the financial responsibility of, and dealt with equally, by the Provincial/Territorial Associations of the members involved in the incident causing the damage. All such incidents must be reported to the Match Commissioner. Sanctions may be imposed by Canada Soccer where appropriate.

18.9 A Youth Player at a National/Regional competition shall not acquire, possess, purchase, or consume alcohol. Sanctions will be applied to an individual, team, and/or Provincial/Territorial Association, found in breach of this Regulation.

18.10 The Canada Soccer Competitions Committee may refer all issues of misconduct, wilful damage, and bringing the match into disrepute by an individual, team, Provincial/Territorial Association to the Canada Soccer Discipline Committee.

18.11 A player or member of team staff dismissed from a match during the National/Regional Championships, except in his/her team's final match of that competition, will receive an automatic one match suspension. Including the automatic suspension incurred, additional disciplinary action shall be imposed as follows:

- 18.11.1 Breaching the Canada Soccer Code of Conduct and Ethics  
File to be sent to Canada Soccer Ethics Committee.
- 18.11.2 Minor Infringements of the Laws of the Game  
As per the Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code

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- 18.11.3 Serious Infringements of Laws of the Game  
As per the Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code.  
Discipline Hearing at the discretion of the Match Commissioner
- 18.11.4 Team Staff failing to conduct themselves in a responsible Manner  
Discipline Hearing at the discretion of the Match Commissioner
- 18.11.5 Misconduct against Match Officials  
As per Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code.
- 18.11.6 Disorderliness at Match and Competitions  
Expulsion from the competition; file to be sent to Canada Soccer Disciplinary Committee for further sanctions.
- 18.11.7 Team Misconduct  
As per the Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code

18.12 A suspended youth age player must sit in the designated supervised area.

18.13 A player who receives a third caution during the National/Regional Championship shall receive a one-match suspension to be served in his/her next match.

18.14 A player or member of team staff who is dismissed in the final match of the National/Regional Championships, or a player who receives a third caution in the overall competition in the final match, will be referred to the Canada Soccer Discipline Committee for sanction.

18.15 Fines levied by Canada Soccer must be paid within thirty (30) days after receiving written notification.

## **19 Disciplinary Hearings and Appeals**

19.1 The Match Commissioner may, at his/her sole discretion, conduct a hearing for misbehaviour on or off the field of play. A Competition

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Discipline Committee shall be formed to conduct this hearing in accordance with the FIFA and Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code and Canada Soccer By-laws, Rules and Regulations and Policies.

19.2 The Match Commissioner shall establish and chair a Competition Discipline Committee to conduct a hearing and take appropriate action if necessary.

19.3 A Competition Discipline Committee shall include at least two (2) Provincial/Territorial Representatives.

19.4 Any decision taken by the Competition Discipline Committee shall be final as far as the competition is concerned but further disciplinary sanctions may be imposed by the Canada Soccer Discipline Committee.

19.5 Misconduct by players or team staff reported by the referee shall be dealt with by the Match Commissioner or a Competition Discipline Committee prior to the team's next match.

19.6 When summoned to a hearing by the Match Commissioner a player or member of team staff reported for misconduct shall attend. The Provincial/Territorial Representative shall accompany the player or team staff to the hearing. In addition the player or team staff may be accompanied by a team official.

19.7 Failure to attend a Discipline Hearing, after receiving written notification by the Match Commissioner to do so, shall result in immediate suspension until the player or team staff involved requests a further hearing in writing and appears at that subsequent hearing.

19.8 The Competition Discipline Committee shall hold a hearing into any allegation of misconduct off the field of play or bringing the match into disrepute. The Committee may take any disciplinary action it sees fit, including suspension for the remainder of the competition. Furthermore, it may refer the matter to the Canada Soccer Discipline Committee for review and disposition.

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19.9 An appeal may be lodged with Canada Soccer Appeals Committee in accordance with Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code, unless the disciplinary sanction pronounced is:

- 19.9.1 a warning;
- 19.9.2 a reprimand;
- 19.9.3 a suspension for fewer than three (3) matches or of up to two (2) months;
- 19.9.4 a decision passed in compliance with Canada Soccer Competition Regulations where such decisions are final and binding.

**20     Protests**

20.1 For the purpose of these Regulations, protests are objections of any kind related to events or matters that have a direct effect on matches, including but not limited to the state of and markings on the pitch, accessory match equipment, eligibility of players, facilities, and footballs.

20.2 Unless otherwise stipulated, any protest arising out of any match in a Canada Soccer Competition shall be made in writing to the Match Commissioner or the General Coordinator within two (2) hours of the completion of the match. A protest fee of \$500 will be levied by Canada Soccer.

20.3 In all cases, the Competition Discipline Committee shall rule on the protest, including the disposition of the protest fee, prior to the commencement of the next day's matches. Any decision taken by this Committee on a protest shall be final and binding, as far as the competition is concerned.

20.4 If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, the Competition Disciplinary Committee may impose a sanction.

20.5 The referees decision regarding facts connected with play, including whether or not a goal is scored and the result of the match, are final. There can be no protests against a decision of the referees as outlined in the Laws of The Game.

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20.6 Protests or challenges in respect to player eligibility not ruled upon, or requiring further investigation, will be dealt with by the appropriate Canada Soccer Committee and may result in the overall standings being amended.

20.7 After the completion of the National/Regional Championships, any protest in regards to player eligibility already ruled on by the Match Commissioner, will not change the results of the Competition.

20.8 If any of the formal conditions of a protest as set out in these Regulations is not met, such protests shall be disregarded by the competent body. Once the final match in the respective National or Regional competition has ended, no further protests under this article will be received.

## **21 Commercial Rights**

21.1 Canada Soccer is the owner of all of the rights around the National/Regional Championships. These rights include among others, audiovisual and radio recording rights, reproduction and broadcast rights, multimedia rights, sponsorship, marketing and promotional rights and incorporeal rights such as logo and emblems and rights arising under copyright law, whether currently existing or created in the future, subject to any provision as set forth in specific regulations.

21.2 The Canada Soccer logo and National Championships logo cannot be duplicated or manipulated by participating teams.

21.3 Each participating team shall grant Canada Soccer the right to use the teams' names, logos, badges and marks in connection with their participation in the National/Regional Championships for marketing and promotional purposes. (Examples include: website, program, etc.)

21.4 Participating team playing uniforms (jerseys) may display the branding of team sponsors, to a maximum of two (2) sponsor brands per playing uniform. This includes any sponsor branding that may be embedded in a league logo.

21.5 The jersey manufacturer logo is exempt and does not count toward two sponsor brands.



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21.6 The Sponsors whose brands are visible on participating team playing uniforms must have supported the team prior to qualification to the National Championships Competition.

21.7 Participating Teams wearing a playing uniform which features a sponsor logo that has not been approved by Canada Soccer shall cover or remove the offending logo (the jersey manufacturer is exempt).

21.8 Teams will be permitted to display one (1) banner featuring team sponsor branding, provided the banner has been approved by Canada Soccer no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the scheduled start of the championship. The banner shall be no larger than 3' x 8' and must be displayed behind the team bench. The banner must not display any sponsor branding which conflicts with the National Championships sponsor categories. The banner must display the logo of the participating team which indicates the relationship between the sponsors and the team.

These signs cannot be a part of the Awards Ceremonies.

21.9 Teams displaying a sponsor banner which has not been approved by Canada Soccer will be subject to a fine. This rule does not apply to the display of Provincial/Territorial flags.

## **22     Refereeing**

22.1 The referees, assistant referees and fourth officials, collectively referred to as "match officials", shall be appointed to the National/Regional Championships by Canada Soccer working in conjunction with the LOC and Provincial Association.

22.2 Supervisor of Officials shall be appointed to each competition by Canada Soccer Referees Committee.

22.3 Match Officials shall be appointed to individual matches in the respective competitions on behalf of Canada Soccer Referee Committee by the Supervisor of Officials in venue.

22.4 The referee shall complete the online referee report at the playing venue immediately after the match. On the report form the

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referee shall note all occurrences of significance such as misconduct of players leading to caution or expulsion, unsporting behaviour or misconduct by team officials or spectators and any other incident happening before, during and after the match in as much detail as possible.

22.5 The decision of Canada Soccer Referees Committee is final and binding and not subject to appeal.

22.6 Match Assessors, where appointed, must complete the online Incident Report Form for all matches.

### **23     Laws of the Game**

Except where provided for in these Regulations all matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game in force at the time of the National/Regional Championships and as laid down by the International Football Association Board. In accordance with IFAB direction, in case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the translations of the Laws of the Game, the English version shall be authoritative.

### **24     Travel**

24.1 Canada Soccer shall make all air travel arrangements for teams and match officials for all Canada Soccer National Club Championships.

24.2 Teams participating in a Regional Masters Championships are required to make their own travel arrangements.

24.3 Teams must arrive at the host venue at least one (1) day prior to the start of the National Club Championship in which they are competing. Except in the case of force majeure, where a team does not arrive at the hosting location in accordance with this Regulation it will result in expulsion from the competition at the team's expense plus any expenses incurred by the LOC.

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24.4 A Team shall be responsible for all costs incurred should its delegation arrive in the host venue more than two (2) days before the scheduled time for the championship to begin.

24.5 The LOC is responsible for team ground transportation as follows for National Club Championships: To and from airport; to and from matches and one (1) training session.

24.6 Teams must advise the LOC three (3) weeks prior to traveling to the National Competition if they are using other methods of ground transportation. Failure to do so will result in the teams being responsible for any cancellation costs incurred by the LOC.

24.7 A team may request additional training sessions and shall be responsible for all costs. Should a team cancel a training session it will be responsible for any cancellation costs incurred by the LOC.

24.8 All teams are required to respect the deadlines as set out by the LOC.

## **25 Accommodation**

25.1 Teams participating in a National/Regional Championship must stay in the hotels designated by the LOC. Clubs or teams registered within a 50 km radius of the hosting venue may request an exemption from this Regulation.

25.2 Parents shall not share the same hotel room as players.

25.3 Players and team staff shall not share hotel rooms.

25.4 Youth age players at any youth or senior Competition must be appropriately supervised by the team staff.

25.5 Curfews shall be appropriate for the age of the players. Unless the team staff has stipulated an earlier curfew time all youth age players on either a youth or senior team shall adhere to an "in-room" curfew of not later than 11:00 p.m.

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25.6 The youth curfew time may be extended if the team is attending an official function which runs past the established time.

25.7 All team staff and senior-age players shall adhere to a curfew as set by their Provincial/Territorial Association.

**26 Trophies and Awards**

26.1 At the National Club Championships the medal winning (Gold/Silver/Bronze) Teams will receive a maximum of twenty-five (25) medals. Teams placing 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> positions will receive twenty-five (25) participation banners respectively.

26.2 At the Regional Masters Championships the medal winning teams will receive a maximum of thirty (30) medals.

26.3 An additional medal will be allocated to the teams for their Provincial/Territorial Representative.

26.4 All trophies presented to the winning teams at National/Regional Championships remain the property of Canada Soccer.

26.5 The Challenge Trophy and Jubilee Trophy winning teams will not be permitted to retain possession of the trophies. These trophies will be returned to the Canada Soccer at the completion of the respective competition.

26.6 For any youth team receiving a trophy at the competition the Provincial/Territorial Association shall ensure its safe return by June 1 of the following year.

26.7 The Provincial/Territorial Representative will be required to sign a receipt for any trophy and shipping case which is won by one of its teams prior to leaving the competition.

26.8 The Provincial/Territorial Association shall insure the trophy while in its possession and be responsible for any costs for repair or restoration of either trophy and/or shipping case.

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26.9 Where a trophy and/or shipping case is not returned, lost, or broken beyond repair, the Provincial/Territorial Association will be responsible for the replacement cost of the trophy.

26.10 Top Goal Scorer Award: An award will be presented to the player who scores the most goals at each National Championship. The criteria for selection of the recipient shall be as follows:

- 26.10.1.1 The player that scores the most goals in all matches (including any extra-time, but excluding kicks from the penalty mark) scheduled for the respective competition.
- 26.10.1.2 Where two players tie for top goal scorer both players shall receive an award.
- 26.10.1.3 If there are three (3) or more players tied for top goal scorer no award will be presented.

26.11 Fair Play Award; an award shall be presented to the team finishing first in the fair play contest at National Championships. The criteria for the Fair Play Award is listed at Annex A.

## **27     Official Functions**

27.1 All participants are required to attend all official functions associated with the championship. Anyone not in attendance may face disciplinary action at the discretion of Canada Soccer.

27.2 It is essential that Canada Soccer's good reputation be maintained at all times, and this can be ensured, in part, by maintaining high standards of behavior and adherence to the following minimum standards:

Proper dress, as required by the LOC, is required at all official functions;  
Team staff must not leave their team unattended at any function;  
Punctuality shall be required for all events.

27.3 The Provincial/Territorial Team Representative and a minimum of one (1) team staff shall attend the pre-competition meeting and any other meetings as required.

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**28 Call-ups**

28.1 A Participating Team may request permission to call up players to participate who might not otherwise be eligible within the deadlines set below. This request must be in writing, to their respective Provincial/Territorial Association who will forward it to the Canada Soccer Competitions Manager. If approved, permission will be provided in writing. The appropriate team staff shall make this permission available to the Match Commissioner upon request.

28.2 Participating Teams may call-up a maximum of two (2) players to replace players already registered with the Team Roster who are unable to take part in the National/Regional Championships.

28.3 Call-up requests must be submitted on the appropriate form a minimum of 14 days prior to the start of the Canada Soccer National/Regional Championships.

28.4 The criterion for a player to be eligible for call-up will be as follows:

- 28.4.1 Call-ups must meet the age requirement outlined in Art 5 for the National/Regional Championship they are being called to play in.
- 28.4.2 Call-ups must be registered with the Provincial/Territorial Association of the Participating Team requesting the call-up in accordance with Art 9 of these Regulations.
- 28.4.3 Call-ups must come from the team's club system, if such a system is in place.
- 28.4.4 Call-ups must not be cup tied. For the avoidance of doubt a player is cup tied where they have participated at the Provincial/Territorial or Regional Competition leading to the winner qualifying for the respective National/Regional Championship.
- 28.4.5 Call-ups shall not be called to a Participating Team from a higher level of play or a higher age group. For example a U15 player registered on a U17 team cannot be called to play on a U15 team in the National Championship.

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- 28.4.6 Call-ups cannot be selected from a team that has also qualified for another National/Regional Championship.
- 28.4.7 If the playing season is not over, a call-up must have written permission of the team/club for which they play.
- 28.4.8 Call-ups may not be a nationally carded athlete.
- 28.4.9 Senior teams cannot call-up a player who is under the age of 17 as of 1 January of the current calendar year.

28.5 Once a player has been replaced by a call-up, they cannot participate in a National/Regional Championship in the current year.

28.6 Where, after approval, a call up player is injured and cannot compete in a National/Regional Championship a Participating Team may seek to replace this player with another call-up providing that the Participating Team has not exhausted its maximum number of call-ups. A medical certificate must accompany this request. Subject to meeting the criteria outlined, the Chair of Canada Soccer Competitions Committee may, at their sole discretion, approve this call-up.

28.7 A Participating Team may request a Goalkeeper call-up within the 14-day window referred to in Art 28.3. Subject to meeting the criteria outlined, the Chair of Canada Soccer Competitions Committee may, at their sole discretion, approve the call-up of a goalkeeper. The team must outline the reasons why the goalkeeper is unable to participate in its request.

28.8 Where a Participating Team has exhausted its maximum number of call-ups outlined in Art 28.2 a Participating Team may request one (1) additional call-up if the approved online team roster falls below the mandatory 15 player threshold. The team must provide in writing the reasons for the additional call up. Subject to meeting the criteria outlined, the Chair of Canada Soccer Competitions Committee may, at their sole discretion, approve this call-up.

28.9 Replaced youth players cannot be listed on the online registration in any other capacity.

28.10 Regular registered team members who wish to play may not be replaced.

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28.11 Decisions taken by Canada Soccer in regards to call-ups are final and binding and not subject to appeal.

**29 Breach of Regulations**

29.1 Where a breach of these Regulations occur the Match Commissioner shall complete a Breach of Regulation Form and submit it to Canada Soccer. A copy of the form will be provided to the team's Provincial/Territorial Representative who may submit mitigating circumstances to be considered by Canada Soccer Competitions Committee.

29.2 Canada Soccer has approved a schedule of fines which shall be levied by the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee. This schedule is at Annex B.

29.3 Any decision taken by the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee on a breach of regulations is final and binding and not subject to appeal.

These regulations were approved by Canada Soccer November 2019 and came into force immediately thereafter.

Any previous versions of these regulations shall apply mutatis mutandis to any matters that arose before these Regulations came into force.

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Annex A

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FAIR PLAY AWARD CRITERIA**

The Fair Play Award encompasses the principles of sportsmanship and respect for others. This award is given to the team who demonstrated the dedication to the principles of Fair Play both on and off the Field.

The Fair Play Award is intended to foster the spirit of fair play including:

Respect for the Laws of the Game

Respect for the opponent

Respect for match officials and acceptance of their decisions

Respect towards LOC

Maintaining of dignity under all circumstances

Good Sportsmanship

Compassion,

Team includes all players, coaches and other team staff on team credential form.

**Guidelines**

Each team will be judged on the following:

On Field behaviour

Cautions given to players or verbal warnings given to team staff

Expulsion of player(s) and / or Team Staff

Equipment not worn correctly or missing equipment

Late arrival of a team for a match

Behaviour of team leaving the field

Off Field behaviour

Not attending Official Ceremonies

Behaviour at Hotel

Behaviour to LOC and other volunteers

Any other incidents will be judged by the Match Commissioner and /or designate

The Match Commissioner at each competition shall have discretionary power to decide not to award the Fair Play Award.

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Annex B

**Approved Schedule of Fines for Breach of Regulations 2019**

Failure to submit the online team roster to the Canada Soccer Competitions on time for each team	\$500
Provincial/Territorial Representative not in attendance at Pre-competition meeting or other meetings mandated by Canada Soccer	\$500 per meeting
Team Representative not in attendance at Pre-Competition meeting or other meetings mandated by Canada Soccer	\$500 per meeting
Failure of team or Provincial/Territorial Representative to attend all official functions	\$500 plus expenses
Failure to submit team information within seven (7) days after qualifying for the National/Regional Championship	\$500
Failure to wear the assigned team colours	\$500
Failure to wear the registered online jersey number	\$250 - \$500
Failure to inform the Canada Soccer Competitions Manager and Host Province of travel schedule – Regional Masters	\$500
Failure to have an alternate set of uniforms	\$500
Failure to have the alternate set of uniforms at the playing venue	\$500
Failure to have Canada Soccer National Championship crests on light and dark jerseys (including a third jersey when applicable).	\$1000
Failure to participate in a scheduled match without just cause	\$2,500 plus expenses.
Failure to return trophies by the specified dates	\$500

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Failure of the Provincial/Territorial Representative to be present in the host location for the entire duration of the Competition. They must arrive with, or on the same day as, the first team and depart with or after their last team.	\$500 - \$1000
Failure to attend National/Regional Competitions (Provinces/Territory withdrawing after the deadline)	\$2500 plus expenses
Failure to comply with gender requirement for a particular Team	\$1000
Failure to comply with requirements for team signs/banners	\$1,000
Failure to submit required information to the Canada Soccer office by the deadlines	\$500
Failure to submit the duly signed Participation Agreement to the Canada Soccer Competitions Manager seven (7) days prior to the start of the National/Regional Competition.	\$500
Having a youth team staff member without an exemption from Canada Soccer	\$500
Submitting an incomplete match sheet	\$250 - \$500

Where no penalty is specified, a breach of the Regulations shall carry a penalty as follows:

\*By a Provincial/Territorial Association – From a minimum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$5,000 per breach plus any expenses incurred.

\* By a Participating Team – From a minimum of \$500 to a maximum of \$2,000 per breach plus any expenses incurred.

\* By an individual – From a minimum of \$500 to a maximum of \$1,000 per breach plus any expenses incurred.