



Policies, Rules and Regulations Revision

Operational Policy

Competitions V1.0

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Competitions

1. Leagues – See Leagues Policy

2. Exhibition Games

- 2.1. Soccer New Brunswick shall grant blanket approval of all exhibition games between teams registered within the jurisdiction of this Association.
- 2.2. Members shall make application to host exhibition games between teams registered within the jurisdiction of this Association and teams from other jurisdictions by completing the Soccer New Brunswick Exhibition Game Application Form.
- 2.3. For exhibition games hosted outside the jurisdiction of this Association, Members shall make application for any of its teams to be granted permission to travel to participate in exhibition games between teams registered within the jurisdiction of this Association and teams from other jurisdictions.
- 2.4. Only duly registered teams and players shall participate in sanctioned exhibition games.
- 2.5. Only duly registered teams and players shall participate in a sanctioned exhibition game. All exhibition games shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game established by the Canadian Soccer Association and Soccer New Brunswick, unless otherwise agreed upon by the involved parties.

3. Tournaments

- 3.1. Members who wish to host a tournament shall make application to Soccer New Brunswick on an annual basis by completing and submitting the Soccer New Brunswick Tournament Application Form to Soccer New Brunswick by June 30 of the year of the proposed tournament.
- 3.2. Tournament Application Forms shall be accompanied by a non-refundable \$100.00 administration fee and a \$250 performance bond which will be refunded if all conditions are met. The application must also include a tournament package complete with a copy of the tournament rules and letter of invitation.
- 3.3. Only duly registered teams and players shall participate in a sanctioned tournament. All correspondence concerning the tournament shall stipulate this requirement.
- 3.4. Only duly registered referees who appear on the Official List of Referees shall be appointed to officiate games in a sanctioned tournament.
- 3.5. All games shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game established by the Canadian Soccer Association and Soccer New Brunswick.
- 3.6. Teams registered with another Provincial or State Association shall provide a duly authorized Permission to Travel form indicating that the team is duly registered and is eligible to compete in the tournament. All correspondence concerning the tournament shall stipulate this requirement.

4. Provincial Club Championships

- 4.1. General
 - 4.1.1. Soccer New Brunswick will enter into agreements with leagues/organizations for purposes of deciding Provincial Champions for any level of competition.
 - 4.1.2. Soccer New Brunswick shall manage the operations of all provincial club championship competitions in accordance with the rules set out herein and the Canadian Soccer Association rules and regulations.
 - 4.1.3. Soccer New Brunswick to announce sites for all provincial club championships at the Annual General Meeting of each year. All schedules will be determined by Soccer New Brunswick and said schedules shall be sent out to participating clubs no later than August 1st each year.
 - 4.1.4. Each team shall be affiliated to a Club in Membership and registered by that Club as an eligible team.

- 4.1.5. Each team wishing to qualify for a Provincial Club Championship must have competed in the provincial league or their regional qualifier during the current season. Where there is no league, an alternate solution will be determined in consultation with Soccer New Brunswick.
- 4.1.6. With the exception of the Master Provincial Championships, players competing in a provincial club championship shall not be cup-tied i.e. have played in any other provincial competition. A player is deemed to be 'cup-tied' after taking part in one game of any provincial championship competition.
- 4.1.7. Every club attending provincial competitions must provide an official club point of contact for the competition in question.
- 4.1.8. Premier teams may register in one of the following age level classifications:

- Under 13 under the age of 13 as of Jan 1 of the current year
- Under 15 under the age of 15 as of Jan 1 of the current year
- Under 17 under the age of 17 as of Jan 1 of the current year
- Senior age 18 or more as of Jan 1 of the current year

4.2. Substitutions

- 4.2.1. In all U12 Division One provincial club championships and senior recreational provincial club championships (Van Horne, Wisdom and Michael Dunn Cups), there are unlimited substitutions, but these are limited to two (2) players at any one time at a stoppage in play and at the referee's discretion.
- 4.2.2. In all youth premier competitive provincial club championships, Challenge and Jubilee Cups, a maximum of five (5) substitutions shall be allowed in the whole game (including any overtime). Unlimited substitutions may be made at half-time, or at full-time before any overtime. A player who has been substituted is eligible to re-enter.
- 4.2.3. In all instances where the number of substitutions is limited, a substitute must report to the assistant referee giving his/her completed substitution slip, prior to participating in the game.
- 4.2.4. No substitutions shall be allowed for a player who has been ordered from the field of play for misconduct.

4.3. Duration of Games

- 4.3.1. The duration of all games shall be:

- Masters – two (2) equal periods of thirty-five (35) minutes each;
- Senior A - two (2) equal periods of forty-five (45) minutes each;
- Senior B - two (2) equal periods of thirty-five (35) minutes each;
- Under 18 - two (2) equal periods of forty (40) minutes each;
- Under 17 – two (2) equal periods of (40) minutes each;
- Under 16 - two (2) equal periods of forty (40) minutes each;
- Under 15 – two (2) equal periods of thirty-five (35) minutes each;
- Under 14 – two (2) equal periods of thirty-five (35) minutes each;
- Under 13 – two (2) equal periods of thirty-five (35) minutes each;
- Under 12 - two (2) equal periods of thirty (30) minutes each;

- 4.3.2. Notwithstanding 8.4.3.1, the duration of games may be altered at the discretion of Soccer New Brunswick.
- 4.3.3. There shall be no extra time played in round robin games.
- 4.3.4. Where a game is abandoned because of floodlight failure, weather and/or any outside influence and more than seventy percent (70%) of the game has been played then the result at the time of abandonment will be recorded as the final score.
- 4.3.5. Where a game is abandoned under 4.3.4 approved by Soccer New Brunswick representative, and the score is tied but the championship requires a result, this winner will be determined by the toss of a coin.

4.4. Extra time

- 4.4.1. Extra time of two (2) equal periods of fifteen (15) minutes each shall be played in quarter, semi and final games only. Overtime shall be played in its entirety (no golden goal).
- 4.4.2. In all competitions (or parts thereof) organized on a round-robin basis all games shall be played to regulation time only, except as specified below.
- 4.4.3. In the round-robin competition, three (3) points are awarded for a win and one (1) point for a tie.

4.5. Tie Breaking

- 4.5.1. In all championships (or parts thereof) organized on a knock-out basis, all games shall be played to a decision. If at the end of regulation time, the score is a tie, kicks from the penalty mark will be used to determine a winner.
- 4.5.2. In any three (3) team round robin, whether part or all of the championship, the third game shall be played to a decision in accordance with this rule, if the team not participating has zero points, has been suspended, or has withdrawn. In the event that the score is tied after regulation time, the taking of kicks from the penalty mark will be used to determine the winner. The team that eventually loses the game shall be awarded one point.
- 4.5.3. 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, with tie-breaking as outlined below.
- 4.5.4. The following criteria shall be used to determine the final standings:
 - 4.5.5. Most points in all group matches
 - 4.5.6. If two (2) teams are tied in points in all group matches:
 - 4.5.7. Greater number of points in matches between the teams concerned (head to head competition).
 - 4.5.8. Results for all group matches.
 - 4.5.9. Greater goal difference in all group matches.
 - 4.5.10. Greater number of goals scored in all group matches.
 - 4.5.11. Kicks from the penalty mark as per FIFA Laws of the Game, at a time and place decided by the Soccer New Brunswick Representative.
 - 4.5.11.1. Players under suspension are not eligible to participate; however this does not constitute the serving of any disciplinary suspension already awarded. The following must be used to completion if three (3) teams are tied in points in all group matches:
 - 4.5.12. Greater goal difference in matches between the teams concerned.
 - 4.5.13. Greater number of goals scored in all matches between the teams concerned.
 - 4.5.14. Greater goal difference in all group matches.
 - 4.5.15. Greater number of goals scored in all group matches
 - 4.5.16. At a time and place decided by the Soccer New Brunswick Representative, a drawing of lots will determine 1st place between the teams concerned.
 - 4.5.17. The remaining 2 teams will follow the format outlined in 4.5.6.
- 4.6. Team colors – when the colors of competing teams are similar, the home team shall use colors that are distinct from the colors of the opposition. The team whose name appears first on the schedule shall be considered the home team.
- 4.7. Game forms – for each game in the competition, teams will be provided with a game sheet, which must be completed prior to commencement of the game and delivered to the referee. At the conclusion of the game, the game sheet and any referee reports must be returned immediately to the Soccer New Brunswick

Representative by the game official. Discipline – all disciplinary action resulting from ejections and cautions will be dealt with by Soccer New Brunswick.

- 4.8. A player who is dismissed (red card) or who receives two (2) cautions (yellow cards) within the same game shall serve a minimum one game suspension.
- 4.9. A player who accumulates three (3) cautions (yellow cards) over the course of a tournament shall serve a minimum one game suspension.
- 4.10. Misconduct involving team players and officials will be dealt with by Soccer New Brunswick.
- 4.11. All protests shall be submitted, in writing with approval from the designated club contact (see 8.4.1.7), within two hours of the game's conclusion and must be accompanied by a \$100.00 fee to Soccer New Brunswick.
- 4.12. Protests and appeals shall be dealt with by the Soccer New Brunswick Disciplinary Committee at whose discretion the fee may be forfeited, returned in part, or returned in full.
- 4.13. Protests based on a referee's discretionary decision shall not be entertained.
- 4.14. Any decision taken by this Committee on a protest shall be final and binding, as far as the competition is concerned.
- 4.15. The host clubs are responsible for the quality of the facilities in accordance with the hosting standards.
- 4.16. All referees and assistant-referees shall be paid by Soccer New Brunswick. The Zone Representatives indicated by SNB shall secure the officials and submit the names to the officials to Soccer New Brunswick.
- 4.17. Teams participating in the provincial club championships shall be permitted to call up a maximum of three (3) players in accordance with Player Policy 4.0. All call ups must be approved by Soccer New Brunswick at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of said championships. Players called up must not be cup-tied.

5. Youth Competitions

- 5.1. Champions of the Premier Provincial Club Championships shall represent New Brunswick at the National Club Championships at a time and place determined by the Canadian Soccer Association.
- 5.2. Only those teams participating in the Provincial Premier League shall be permitted to compete in the Premier Provincial Club Championships. Provincial Premier League rules are subject to Soccer NB rules and regulations. In any conflict, Soccer NB rules and regulations take precedence.
- 5.3. In the U13, U15 and U18 divisions, one (1) team shall be permitted to represent each Region in each age category and gender of the Division 1 provincial club championships with the host region of the Division 1 provincial championships providing one (1) additional team. In U12, two (2) teams shall be permitted to represent each Region in each gender category. For the U12 the host region as well as the winning region from the previous year will each have an additional team. Exceptions will be outlined in the Hosting Standards.
- 5.4. Regional representatives are to be determined based on a competition format agreed upon at a Regional Meeting of the Members of the respective regions. Competition format shall be approved by Soccer New Brunswick.
- 5.5. Clubs planning to have teams participate in their respective Regional competition for the right to participate in the Division 1 Provincial Club Championships shall make application to their Regional Association. Each Regional Association must then notify Soccer New Brunswick by July 15th as to participation in each competition.
- 5.6. Each club application to the Division 1 Provincial Championships shall include the submission of the Team Registration Form, Team Roster Form and a \$500.00 performance bond and \$250 Entry Fee.
- 5.7. Division 1 team performance bonds shall be returned, without interest, upon the respective teams' completion of the provincial championships and adherence to the code of conduct for Provincial Championships as outlined in the Provincial Guide. Teams who withdraw from the Division 1 Provincial Championships will forfeit their performance bond and \$250 entry fee.
- 5.8. All Under 12 Provincial Club Championships shall be played as 8-aside competitions in accordance with the 8-aside rules outlined herein.

- 5.9. Number of players eligible to compete:
- 5.10. Premier competitions – a maximum of twenty (20) players may be on the roster and dress for each game;
- 5.11. Division 1 – may register and dress a maximum of twenty (20) players during provincials;
- 5.12. Under 12 – a maximum of sixteen (16) players may register and dress for each game.

6. Senior Competitions

- 6.1. Soccer New Brunswick shall operate the following Senior Cup Competitions:

Challenge Cup – Senior Men Competitive
Jubilee Cup – Senior Women Competitive
Van Horne Cup – Senior Men Recreational
Wisdom Cup – Senior Women Recreational
Michael Dunn Cup – Senior Men age 35+
Grand Masters Cup – Senior Men age 45+

- 6.2. Champions of the Challenge and Jubilee Cups shall represent New Brunswick at the National Club Championships at a time and place determined by the Canadian Soccer Association.
- 6.3. Only teams registered and playing in the NBPSL will be permitted to play for the Challenge or Jubilee Cups.
- 6.4. All teams participating in the NBPSL are automatically registered for the Challenge/Jubilee Cup playoffs and their seeding is determined by the regular season standings.
- 6.5. NBPSL Challenge/Jubilee Cup rules:
 - 6.5.1. In accordance with NBPSL Rule 8.5, final league standings will determine the team placements for the NBPSL Challenge/Jubilee Cup playoffs.
 - 6.5.2. The NBPSL Challenge/Jubilee Cup playoffs shall be held on dates established by the NBPSL Management Committee.
 - 6.5.3. In a 4-team league: the 4th place team will travel and play the 1st place team; the 3rd place team will travel and play the 2nd place team. The two winners will play for the NBPSL Challenge Cup/Jubilee Trophy (the highest seeded team will be the home team).
 - 6.5.4. In a 5-team league: the 5th place team will travel and play the 4th place team. The winner will travel and play the 1st place team. The rest of the playoffs will follow the 4-team league format.
 - 6.5.5. In a 6-team league: the 1st and 2nd place teams will have a bye to the semi-finals. The 6th place team will travel and play the 3rd place team; the 5th place team will travel and play the 4th place team. The lowest remaining seed will travel and play the 1st place team; the highest remaining seed will travel and play the 2nd place team.
 - 6.5.6. In a 7-team league: the 7th place team will not make the playoffs and the other teams will follow the 6-team league playoff format.
 - 6.5.7. In a 8-team league: the playoffs will be split into two divisions: Tier 1 and Tier 2. Tier 1 will consist of team one through four and Tier 2 will consist of team five through eight. The 4-team playoff format will be used for both divisions. Only the winner of Tier 1 will be the Challenge Cup/Jubilee Trophy Champion and will represent NB at the Senior Club Championships.
- Notwithstanding Rule 6.6.1 each team may enter only one competition per season (except for the Masters Cup) and must complete the entry form before the deadline, accompanied by the entry fee.
- 6.5.8. *With the exception of Masters Teams*, each team must have competed in a league during the current season.
- 6.5.9. Players must be Canadian citizens, landed immigrants, have refugee status or be a full-time student that has lived in the province for at least six (6) months prior to the competition.
- 6.5.10. All players participating in any of the Soccer New Brunswick provincial club championships must be registered with Soccer New Brunswick in accordance with the registration and transfer deadlines set out herein.

6.5.11. Number of players eligible to compete:

6.5.11.1. Challenge & Jubilee Cups – a maximum of twenty-five (25) players may be on the roster and twenty (20) may dress for each game;

6.5.11.2. Van Horne, Michael Dunn & Wisdom Cups – a maximum of twenty-five (25) players may be on the roster and dress for each game.

6.5.11.3. Unless otherwise stipulated, herein, Challenge and Jubilee Cup formats will follow the structure outlined in the NBPSL Rules and Regulations.

6.5.12. A fourth official is required for all Challenge/Jubilee Cup playoff games

6.6. Challenge Cup

6.6.1. The Challenge Cup shall be open to all Senior Men's teams duly registered and playing in the NBPSL.

6.6.2. Teams may be asked to compete in preliminary rounds of the Challenge Cup at the discretion of the NBPSL LMC.

6.6.3. Seeding

6.6.3.1. Seeding may result in home team advantage at the discretion of the Soccer New Brunswick Competitions Committee and/or Board of Directors.

6.6.3.2. The seeding for the Challenge Cup/Jubilee playoffs shall be determined after the completion of the NBPSL regular season.

6.6.3.3. If two or more provincial or inter-provincial leagues are being considered, determination of the higher-level league shall be at the discretion of the Soccer New Brunswick Competitions Committee and/or Board of Directors.

6.6.4. Teams participating in regional or local leagues shall be seeded based on their performance in their respective leagues as of August 1st of the year of the competition subject to the following criteria:

- (a) Teams shall be awarded one (1) point for a win and (1/2) point for a tie. The total number of points shall be divided by the total number of games played. The team with the highest percentage will be awarded the higher seeding.
- (b) Total number of goals scored by the team shall be divided by the total number of games played. The team with the highest percentage will be awarded the higher seeding.
- (c) Total number of goals conceded shall be subtracted by the total number of goals scored divided by the total number of games played. The team with the highest percentage will be awarded the higher seeding.
- (d) The winner of a match between the two (2) teams tied in points shall be awarded the higher seeding. The location, date and time of the match shall be determined by Soccer New Brunswick.

6.7. Provincial League

6.7.1. Shall be open to all teams duly registered in accordance with the rules and regulations outlined in 3.1.

6.7.2. The Under 12 divisions shall be played as 8-side soccer in accordance with the rules outlined in 8.6.

6.7.3. Amendments to the Rules & Regulations of the New Brunswick Soccer League shall be considered, after consultations with Soccer New Brunswick, at an annual meeting of the teams that participate in the league.

6.7.4. All teams competing for a spot to represent New Brunswick at National Championship tournaments must have player cards and fees paid in full prior to the beginning of Provincial Championships.

7. 8-side Soccer

7.1. Rules & Regulations

7.1.1. All FIFA Laws of the Game apply including the off-side rule, except as noted below.

7.1.2. All New Brunswick Soccer Leagues rules shall apply, except as noted below.

7.2. Players

7.2.1. The game shall be played by two teams, each consisting of not more than eight (8) players, one of whom shall be the goalkeeper.

7.2.2. Both teams shall have at least five (5) players to start the game.

7.3. Field of Play

7.3.1. Field Dimensions

- Length – minimum of 55 and maximum of 75 meters
- Width – minimum of 35 and maximum of 55 meters
- The Penalty Area shall be 10 meters in length and 25 meters in width.
- The Goal Area shall be 5 meters in length and 12 meters in width.
- The Centre Circle shall be a radius of 6 meters from the Centre Spot.
- The Penalty Shot Mark shall be 8 meters from the Goal Line.
- The Penalty Arc shall be 8 meters from the Penalty Shot Mark.
- The Corner Arc shall be 1 meter from the corner.
- Goal Size

The standard goal size shall be

- Length – 18 feet
- Height – 6 feet

7.4. One game official shall be appointed to all 8v8 games.

8. Team Travel

- 8.1. All teams/players wishing to travel outside of the jurisdiction of Soccer New Brunswick to participate in a sanctioned competition shall:
- 8.2. Submit a completed Application to Travel form to Soccer New Brunswick at least two (2) week prior to the scheduled departure. Applications received less than two (2) weeks prior will be subject to a fee of \$20 per team application;
- 8.3. Must submit a list of its registered players that will be traveling with the team to the Soccer New Brunswick Office.
- 8.4. Team/players wishing to travel outside of North America to participate in a sanctioned competition shall submit a completed Application to Travel form to the Soccer New Brunswick in accordance with the guidelines established by the Canadian Soccer Association. Soccer New Brunswick shall be responsible for forwarding the request to the Canadian Soccer Association for validation.
- 8.5. Teams from outside the province wishing to enter a Soccer New Brunswick sanctioned competition shall
- 8.6. Supply proof of registration from their home association; and
- 8.7. Supply a validated Permission to Travel form to the competition organizers.

9. Game Officials

- 9.1. Only those persons who are on the Soccer New Brunswick Official List of Referees shall officiate as a referee in competitions under the sanction or jurisdiction of Soccer New Brunswick.

- 9.2. If, for unforeseen circumstances, the appointed referee is unable to act, the teams involved shall agree on a person to officiate during the emergency.
- 9.3. All persons wishing to be placed on the Official List of Referees shall make application as prescribed by the Soccer New Brunswick. If in order, the applicant shall be placed on the Official List at the level for which he/she has qualified.
- 9.4. FIFA and National referees shall pay an annual fee established by the Board of Directors of the Canadian Soccer Association, which shall be forwarded to the Canadian Soccer Association by Soccer New Brunswick. All other referees shall pay an annual fee established by Soccer New Brunswick at its Annual General Meeting, which shall come into effect the following calendar year. Soccer New Brunswick may assess such additional fees as they deem desirable.
- 9.5. Soccer New Brunswick shall forward to the Canadian Soccer Association a complete list of the names and addresses of all referees on the Official List of Referees.
- 9.6. Soccer New Brunswick shall forward copies of all FIFA Memoranda to Referee Development Committee, as they are issued.
- 9.7. A registered player who is also on the Official List of Referees shall not officiate in any league or competition in which his/her team is entered.
- 9.8. The referee shall decide on the fitness of the ground, and his/her decision shall be final.
- 9.9. The referee must, within twenty-four (24) hours of the conclusion of a game at which he/she officiated, or such other time as may be stipulated in the rules of the competition, forward to the appointing body a written report containing the results of the games and details of any misconduct.
- 9.10. All registered referees shall comply with the Code of Ethics that are in effect.
- 9.11. All referees shall be under the jurisdiction of Soccer New Brunswick, however, for appointment purposes, Soccer New Brunswick may, at their discretion, delegate this authority.
- 9.12. All Members shall implement the regulations and standards for Referees as set by Soccer New Brunswick and approved by the Board of Directors of Soccer New Brunswick.