



2017 REGION 678 PLAYOFF SUMMARY

The current playoff system in Region 678 has been in place since 2004. To ensure a successful season, we have two incentive programs that reward teams for volunteer and referee service, IN ADDITION to win- loss-tie record:

Volunteer points: Teams must earn 11 volunteer points in order to advance into the playoffs. If a team has not accumulated the required 11 points *by the conclusion of their first round playoff match*, they will forfeit that match and will not advance to the second round.

Referee Points: Referee points are used for team standings. In some divisions referee points may be the difference between playing in the “Championship” or “Friendly” flights. In divisions without separate flights referee points will also be used to determine playoff seeding.

Dates: The 10U and 12U playoffs will be held over two weekends on **Saturday 11/11** and **Saturday 11/18**. The 14U playoffs will take place on **Friday 11/10** and **Friday 11/17**. This includes all semi-final, final and consolation matches for championship and/or friendly tournaments. Regional playoffs are single elimination.

Awards: Trophies will be awarded to 1st-4th place teams in the Championship Tournament and 1st-2nd in the Friendly Tournament. All others will receive medals of participation.

Format: The format for each division varies and the system for determining the seeding also may vary. Additionally, the number of teams advancing to the Area Playoffs in January varies annually per an agreement with the Area’s Regions.

SEEDING TIE-BREAKERS:

(Tie-Breakers section below extracted from “Standings Point System and Tie Breaker” policy)

At the end of the regular season, ties in pool standings for placement into a tournament (Regional Championship or the Regional Friendly) shall be broken based on the “Tie-Breaker” criteria below, used in order and, as needed, in combination to break a tie.

U10 Divisions - After teams have been placed in either the Regional Championship tournament or the Friendly tournament, seeding will be based on the total of Win/Loss/Tie Record Points and Sportsmanship Points. Referee Points **will not** be used in playoff seeding (when there is a seeding tie-breaker).

U12 and U14 Divisions – All Teams will play in the Regional Championship tournament, seeding will be based on the total of Win/Loss/Tie Record Points, Sportsmanship Points **and** Referee Points.

Ties for seeding within the applicable tournament will be broken as follows:

TIE-BREAKER CRITERIA

1. Sportsmanship points
2. Head-to-Head competition in pool play (only for 2 way ties)
3. Most wins in pool play
4. Greatest goal differential in pool play (accumulated at a maximum of +/- 3 goal differential per r both wins and losses)
5. Coin Toss Rules

Breakdown of each competitive division as well as its playoff scenario

10U BOYS - 16 Teams

- 2 pools of 8 teams each
- 9 regular season matches (2 friendly / 7 inter-pool matches)

Top 6 teams in each pool based on **Game, Sportsmanship AND Referee Points** advance to the Regional Championship Tournament. The remaining teams in each pool will advance to the Regional Friendly Tournament. Each tournament will follow the format set forth below:

10U BOYS Regional Championship Tournament (12 Teams):

12 qualifying teams shall be seeded #1 through #12 based on total **Game, Sportsmanship AND Referee Points** accumulated during the season. The top 4 seeded teams will bypass the first round and advance directly to second round matches (regardless of pool). All other teams will play first round matches.

Teams seeded 1st - 4th will have a First Round Bye

Saturday 11/11 Round 1 - #5 vs #12 - #6 vs #11 - #7 vs. #10 - #8 vs #9
Round 2 - #1 vs winner 8/9 - #2 vs winner 7/10 - #3 vs winner 6/11- #4 vs winner 5/12

Saturday 11/18 Round 3 - Semi Finals
Round 4 - Finals and 3 vs 4 Match

1st, 2nd AND 3rd place teams will advance to the Area Playoffs in January, 2018.

10U BOYS Regional Friendly Tournament (4 Teams):

The remaining 4 teams from the division are seeded #1 through #4 based on total **Game & Sportsmanship Points** accumulated during the season.

Saturday 11/11 Round 1- #1 vs #4 - #2 vs #3
Round 2- Finals (no 3 vs 4 match)

Friendly champion does not advance to Area Playoffs.

10U GIRLS - 12 Teams

- 2 pools of 6 teams each
- 9 regular season matches (3 friendly / 6 cross-pool matches)

All teams in each pool will advance to the Regional Championship Tournament. The tournament will follow the format set forth below:

10U GIRLS Regional Championship Tournament (12 Teams):

12 qualifying teams shall be seeded #1 through #12 based on total **Game, Sportsmanship AND Referee Points** accumulated during the season. The top 4 seeded teams will bypass the first round and advance directly to second round matches (regardless of pool). All other teams will play first round matches.

Teams seeded 1st - 4th will have a first round bye

Saturday 11/11 Round 1 - #5 vs #12 - #6 vs #11 - #7 vs. #10 - #8 vs #9
Round 2 - #1 vs winner 8/9 - #2 vs winner 7/10 - #3 vs winner 6/11
#4 vs winner 5/12

Saturday 11/18 Round 3 - Semi Finals
Round 4 - Finals and 3 vs 4 Match

1st, 2nd AND 3rd place teams will advance to the Area Playoffs in January, 2018.

12U BOYS - 9 Teams

2 pools of 6 Inter-Regional teams -reduced to 9 Regional Teams

9 regular season matches (2 friendly, 7 inter-pool matches)

9 qualifying teams shall be seeded #1 through #8 based on total **Game, Sportsmanship AND Referee Points** accumulated during the season. The top seven seeded teams will bypass the first round and advance directly to second round matches (regardless of pool). The 8th and 9th seeded teams will play a first round match to determine who advances.

Saturday 11/11 Round 1 - #8 vs #9
Round 2 - #1 vs winner 8/9 - #2 vs. #7 - #3 vs. #6 - #4 vs #5

Saturday 11/18 Round 3 - Semi Finals
Round 4 - Final and 3 vs 4 Match

1st, 2nd AND 3rd place teams will advance to the Area Playoffs in January, 2018.

12U GIRLS - 6 Teams

1 pool of 8 Inter-Regional teams reduced to 6 Regional Teams

9 regular season matches (2 friendly, 7 inter-pool matches)

All 6 teams will advance to the Region Championship Tournament. Teams shall be seeded #1 through #6 based on total **Game, Sportsmanship AND Referee Points** accumulated during the season. The top two seeded teams will bypass the first round and advance directly to the second round matches. All other teams will play first round matches.

Teams seeded 1st and 2nd will have a FIRST Round BYE

Saturday 11/11

Round 1 - #3 vs #6 - #4 vs #5

Round 2 - #1 vs 8/9 winner - #2 vs 7/10 winner - #3 vs #6 - #4 vs #5

Saturday 11/18

Round 3 - Final – 3 vs 4 Match

1st, 2nd AND 3rd place teams will advance to the Area Playoffs in January, 2018.

14U BOYS - 4 Teams

1 pool of 6 Inter-Regional teams reduced to 4 Regional Teams

9 regular season matches (4 friendly / 5 inter-pool and inter-regional matches)

All 4 teams will advance to the Regional Championship Tournament. Teams shall be seeded #1 through #4 based on total **Game, Sportsmanship AND Referee Points** accumulated during the season. There will be no first round buy for any teams as all will advance directly to semi-final round matches.

Friday 11/10 Round 1 - #1 vs #4 - #2 vs #3

Friday 11/17 Round 2 - Final and 3 vs 4 Match

Teams 1st and 2nd will advance to the Area Playoffs in January, 2018.

14U GIRLS - 4 Teams

1 pool of 10 Inter-Regional teams reduced to 4 Regional Teams

9 regular season matches (9 inter-pool and inter-regional matches)

All 4 teams will advance to the Regional Championship Tournament. Teams shall be seeded #1 through #4 based on total **Game, Sportsmanship AND Referee Points** accumulated during the season. There will be no first round buy for any teams as all will advance directly to semi-final round matches.

Friday 11/10 Round 1 - #1 vs #4 - #2 vs #3

Friday 11/17 Round 2 - Final and 3 vs 4 Match

Teams 1st and 2nd will advance to the Area Playoffs in January, 2018.

PLAYOFF TIE-BREAKERS & KEEPER RESTRICTION LIFTED

- 1) Ties for all 1st round, elimination games or quarterfinals shall be broken by “Kicks from the Mark” immediately following the end of the game. (See details below)
- 2) Ties in all Semi-Final, Final and 3rd / 4th place matches shall be broken in the following order:
 - a) Two (2) full 5-minute overtime periods (no golden goal)
 - b) Kicks from the Mark (only those players on the field at the end of the 2nd overtime period may participate) (See details below)
 - i. One round of 5 players from each team, if still tied
 - ii. Sudden death, individual rounds of 1 player from each team
- 3) No player shall play 4 quarters until all other players have played 3 quarters
- 4) There are no requirements for playing time for each player during the overtime period. Coaches are free to play or not play any players they choose in OT.
- 5) **Goal Keepers may play 4 quarters as keeper in ALL divisions, for any round**
- 6) If a team is required to play short during the match because a player has been sent off, they will continue to play short in the overtime periods.

KICKS FROM THE MARK

Consult the Laws of the Game for the procedure for Kicks from the Penalty Mark (shootout). Here is a brief summary for those of you unfamiliar with this process:

- 1) Players on the bench for the final period (4th or OT) are ineligible for the shootout
- 2) The referee tosses a coin and the team whose captain wins the toss decides whether to take the first or the second kick. Each team will alternate taking kicks until one team has an insurmountable lead within the five initial kicks. If the kicks remained tied after five kicks, it goes to sudden death, meaning individual rounds until there is an advantage after a round. You will use new eligible players for the individual rounds until the shootout ends
- 3) IF you have exhausted all of your players, and it is still tied, you will start over but you may change the order of your kickers for the second cycle of kicks.
- 4) The goalkeeper is to position himself **ON** the goal line between the goalposts and facing the shooter. If they are in front or behind the line and a shot is made, it is allowed. If they are not on the line and the shot is missed, it will be retaken. The referees will make that determination.

OVERTIME FOR SEMIS AND FINALS

- 1) The game will go into two five-minute overtimes, switching sides of the field after the first period. Both periods will start with a kickoff
- 2) There are no playing requirements for overtime only, meaning you can play the same kids for the entire two periods
- 3) The goalkeeper can also play the entire overtime, even if they played four quarters of regulation play as keeper

SEEDING NOTE: When there is a disparity in pool games between divisions, the teams will be seeded by an average of the total of their Game and Sportsmanship Points per game.