

NEPEAN DISTRICT SOCCER FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INC.
SEMI FINALS & FINALS INFORMATION SHEET FOR 2010 SEASON

Junior competition – Under 10 to under 16 male & female

1. At the completion of the 8 team competition, a 3 round semi final series will take place.
 - a. The top 4 placed teams will play as top 4 semi finals
 - b. The next 4 placed teams will play as pennant semi finals
 - c. The semi finals will take place over the course of three weekends. The top 2 placed teams will advance to the grand final or pennant final.
 - d. There is no requirement for extra time or penalties in 8 team round robin semi finals matches
2. At the completion of the 10 team competition, a single semi final will take place for 8 of the 10 teams in the division.
 - a. The top 4 placed teams will play a top 4 semi final 1 v 4 and 2 v 3. Losers are eliminated, winners to grand final. Teams finishing in positions 9 & 10 in the league do not qualify to play in the semi finals and the season is complete after 18 competition rounds.
 - b. In 10 team semi finals, there must be a result. Please refer to the paragraph “determining a winner in knockout semi finals”.
3. At the completion of the 6 team competition, the division shall be divided top three and next three. The top 3 shall compete for a place in the grand final and the next 3 shall compete for a place in the pennant final. Each team shall play two games. The pennant final will take place on the same day as the grand final in U10G.

In all cases where teams end the season on equal points, the following methods shall be used to determine league position:

- a. Goal difference (goals scored minus goals conceded)
- b. Goal average (goals scored divided by goals conceded)
- c. Greatest number of wins
- d. Greatest number of draws
- e. Team that has scored the most goals
- f. Team that has scored the most goals in any single game

Senior Competition Sunday Teams

1. At the completion of the 8 team competition, a 3 round semi final series will take place.
 - a. The top 4 placed teams will play as top 4 semi finals
 - b. The next 4 placed teams will play a mini round robin.
 - c. The semi finals will take place over the course of three weekends. The top 2 placed teams will advance to the grand final. There are no finals for the bottom 4 teams.
 - d. There is no requirement for extra time or penalties in 8 team round robin semi finals matches
2. At the completion of the 10 team competition, a semi final will take place for the top 4 placed teams.
 - a. The top 4 placed teams will play a top 4 semi final 1 v 4 and 2 v 3. Losers are eliminated; winners to grand final. Teams finishing in positions 5 to 10 in the league do not qualify to play semi finals and the season is complete after 18 competition rounds.
3. At the completion of the 6 team competition, the division shall be divided top and bottom three. The top 3 shall compete in a round robin format for a place in the grand finals. The bottom 3 will participate in a mini round robin but with no final.

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Senior competition – 12 Team competitions All Age 8 & 9

1. At the completion of the 12 team competition, there will be a top 4 play off. The top 3 placed teams in group A will automatically qualify for the semi finals. The team finishing 4th in Group A will play against the highest placed team from Group B in a play -off to be held mid-week under lights. The winner of this match will qualify for the top 4 semi finals.
2. The top 4 semi finals for 12 team competitions will be played as follows:
The top 3 placed teams from group A will be joined by the winner of the play off between 4th place from group A and winner of group B.
 - a. Week 1 – Game A is 1 v 2 with winner through to the final. Game B is 3 v play off winner with the loser eliminated.
 - b. Week 2 will see loser of game A play winner of game B with winner through to final.

DETERMINING A WINNER IN A KNOCK OUT SEMI FINAL OR FINALS

Semi-Finals and Finals

In 2010 this will apply to the following ages/divisions

Under 12 division 5

Under 13 division 4

Under 12G division 3

1. Under 10 to Under 14, matches that result in a draw at the end of normal time, teams shall play an extra ten minutes, five minutes per half. If still a draw at end of extra time, **the game shall be awarded to the team that finished higher on the league ladder during the regular season.** In the event that this method does not create a clear winner, there shall be a penalty shoot-out conducted as per the L.O.T.G.
2. In all competitions Under 15 and above, matches that result in a draw at the end of normal time, teams shall play an extra 20 minutes, 10 minutes per half. If still a draw at end of extra time, the game shall be decided on penalties as per Laws of the Game. No break shall be allowed at the completion of the first period of extra time. The second half shall start immediately.

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Play-Offs and Semi finals / Finals Ground Planning

1. Grounds to be allocated for play-offs shall be selected on the basis of quality of playing surface and facilities offered by the hosts. However, the final decision is the responsibility of the association management committee.
2. If inclement weather prevents there being sufficient time for the completion of play-offs and finals, the Operations Manager shall make alternative plans or advise the Association that play-offs and finals have been cancelled.
3. Protests and disputes are dealt with as close to the time of incident as possible for all semi-finals and finals. If a protest is made by a club official, a special protests committee is convened by a member of the Board. The panel must consist of a minimum of three persons formed from the Board and any club committee members available that are not connected with the incident. If the protest relates to laws of the game, a referee shall be appointed to the committee. The case may be stated in writing or verbally. A Board member shall chair the case and the decision of the committee is final with no right of appeal.
4. Any player sent from the field in a semi-final or final shall be managed using the standard rules relating to judiciary.

Finals Day Presentations

1. Winners and Runners Up of play-offs shall receive a memento of the final. The Board shall determine the memento each year.
2. There shall be only one memento for the registered coach and manager of each team. Teams with multiple coaches or managers or trainers may apply to the Association's office after the finals have been completed for extra mementos if there is a surplus.
3. **Any player who is sent off during a final shall not be allowed to be present with the team at the awards ceremony following the game. A memento may be collected from the Association's office in the week following the final or may be given to the team manager to give to the player away from the presentation area.**
4. Only a representative of a club management committee may collect mementos from the Association's office.