



## PLAYOFF PROCEDURES

If you are assigned a playoff game, confirm the game with the home team that morning. Bring a copy of the guidelines with you. Review with your partner or partners. **Arrive 30 minutes prior to game time to inspect the field, nets, balls etc. Review playoff procedures for tie games with the coaches.**

### **Tie Breaking Procedure:**

A- A coin toss shall be held as per Rule 5-2-2(d)

B- There shall be 2, 15 minute sudden-victory overtime periods.

C- At the end first 15-minute period, teams shall change ends after a 2-minute interval.

D- If at the conclusion of the 2 overtime periods and the game is still tied, all coaches and team captains shall assemble at the halfway line to review the procedure outlined below.

A- The referees shall choose the goal at which all of the kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken.

B- Each coach shall select any 5 players, including the goalkeeper, on or off the field (except those who may have been disqualified, to take the kicks.

C- A coin toss shall be held as per rule 5-2-2(d). The team winning the toss shall have the choice of kicking first or second.

D- Teams will alternate kickers. There is no follow up on the kick.

E- The defending team may change the goalkeeper prior to each penalty kick.

F- Following 5 kicks for each team, the team scoring on the greatest number of those kicks shall be declared the winner.

### **If the score remains tied after each team has 5 kicks:**

A- Each coach will **select 5 different players than the first 5 who already have kicked** to take the kicks in a **sudden-victory situation**, wherein one team scores and the other team does not score, the game is ended without more kicks being taken. If a team has fewer than 10 available players at the end of the first set of kicks due to injuries or disqualification, the coach must use all players who have not participated in the first 5 kicks.

B- If the score remains tied, continue the sudden-victory kicks with the coach selecting any 5 players to take the next set of alternating kicks (Kicks 11-15). If the score remains tied after kicks 11-15 each coach will select 5 different players, then the 5 who already took part in kicks 11-15. If the score remains tied, continue the sudden-victory kicks with the coach selecting any 5 players to take the next set of alternating kicks.

- **During all tie breaker penalty kicks, the ball remains alive until its momentum is spent, it goes out of bounds or is retouched by the kicker.**
- **Unless participating in the kicks as a kicker or goalkeeper, team members, coaches and other bench personnel shall remain in a designated area as determined by the state association**