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PLAYING REGULATIONS - MEN'S SOCCER

1. CHAMPIONSHIP ROSTER

Each championship team can declare up to 22 players from their most recently submitted U SPORTS Eligibility Form. Team's rosters must be declared by the Championship Technical meeting. Teams may dress any eighteen (18) of these players for each championship game.

2. TEAM BENCH

A team can have a maximum of 25 people in the bench area including athletes, coaches and support staff (this includes the eleven (11) players on the field).

Note: Any team member above the 25 is considered a spectator and will sit in the stands.

3. PARTICIPANTS

3.1 TEAMS

The participating teams for the **2016** Championship shall be:

- Atlantic University Sport Representative
- RSEQ Representative
- OUA Representative
- Canada West Representative
- Host (**University of Guelph**)
- Assigned berth OUA
- Assigned berth **AUS**
- Assigned berth CWUAA

(Refer to Policy 20.20.4.9 for more details.)

3.2 IDENTIFICATION (N/A)

3.3 INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY (N/A)

3.4 INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES (N/A)

3.5 INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS (N/A)

3.6 TEAM ENTRIES (N/A)

3.7 TEAM RANKINGS (N/A)

4. COMPETITION

4.1 CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

The U SPORTS Championship shall have a total of eleven (11) games taking place over four (4) days. There will be eight (8) teams in a quarterfinal knockout format that includes a 3rd place game and a consolation 5th place game, but no 7th place game.

4.2 SELECTION, SEEDING, DRAWS, POOLS, TRIALS AND HEATS

4.2.1 SEEDING COMMITTEE



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The U SPORTS Office shall follow the criteria and procedures below in establishing the Championship draw.

4.2.2 SEEDING CRITERIA

After the previous year's U SPORTS Championship, the 4 regions will be assigned a seeding order of #1 through #4 based on final standing of the highest finishing team from each conference at the Tournament. Games A through D will each have a Sport Conference champion in the game.

The host, the assigned berth to OUA and the 2 assigned berths are to be put on opposite sides of the draw as the team ranked as the #1 team from each Sport Conference. (Exception #1: When Ontario hosts...the host would be on the same side as Ontario's conference champion, but they should not meet in the first game. Exception #2: The #1 seed will not play the host institution in the first game...the host would be put against the #4 seed if on that side of the draw.) Therefore each team ranked as the #1 team from each Sport Conference would be paired against a different Sport Conference's Runner-Up (2nd Place) team or the Host.

Where possible, teams from one conference will not play the same teams as the other team from the conference. (Example: CWUAA #1 plays RSEQ #2 then CWUAA #2 will not play RSEQ #1.)

Final standings from the **2015 U SPORTS Championship**

- 1. York University**
- 2. University of New Brunswick**
- 3. University of British Columbia**
- 4. UQAM**
- 5. McMaster University**
- 6. Cape Breton University**
- 7. University of Victoria/ University of Toronto**

Seeding of the four Sport Conferences based on the results of the **2015 Championship**:

- 1. OUA**
- 2. AUS**
- 3. CWUAA**
- 4. RSEQ**

4.2.3 SEEDING PROCEDURES

1. Immediately following the completion of the Sport Conference championships, the U SPORTS office will release the final seeding and schedule.



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2. The championship playing schedule is to be reviewed by the Coaches Executive prior to the release and once they have approved it the schedule will be final.
3. There shall be no appeal of decisions regarding seeding.
4. Any member institution or Regional Association that releases this information prior to the embargo established by the U SPORTS office will be fined \$500.00.

4.2.4 DRAW:

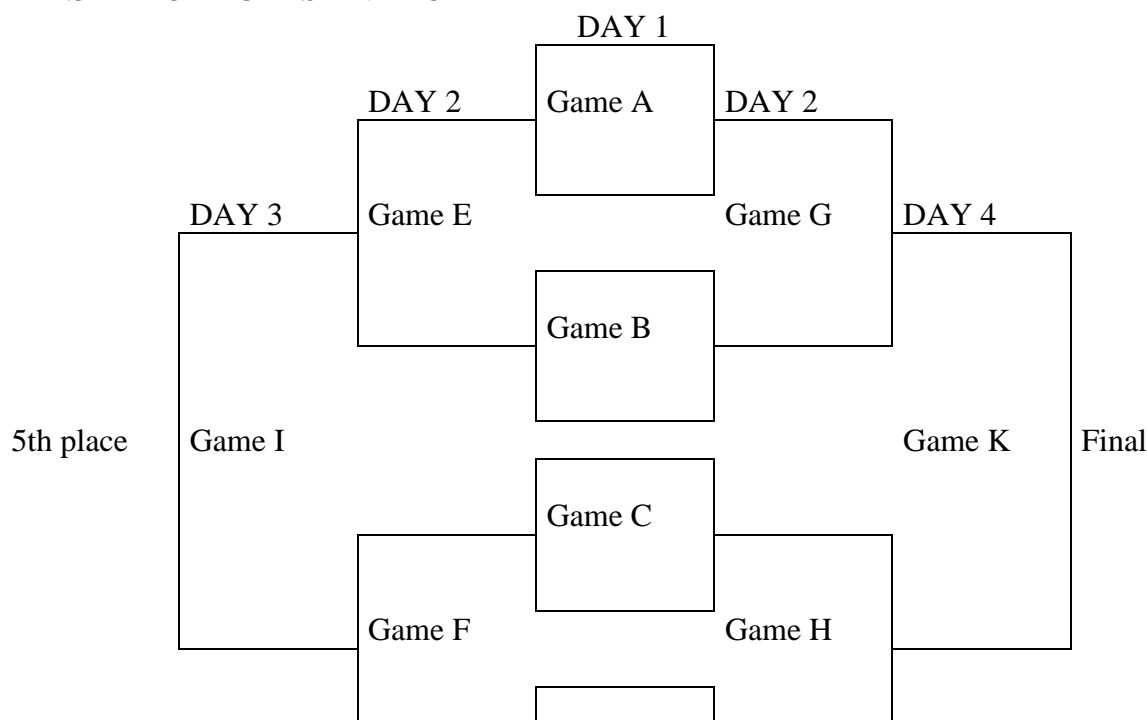
The draw for the **2016** Championship is as follows:

- Game A OUA #1 vs. AUS #2**
- Game B RSEQ #1 vs. CWUAA #2**
- Game C CWUAA #1 vs. OUA #2**
- Game D AUS #1 vs. HOST**

Note 1: If the Host wins their Sport Conference Championship they will take the #1 Sport Conference spot and the 2nd place finisher in that Sport Conference will assume the Host spot for the purposes of the draw.

Note 2 (when OUA is hosting): If the Host finishes 2nd in their Sport Conference Championship they will take the #2 Sport Conference spot and the 3rd place finisher in that Sport conference will assume the Host spot for the purposes of the draw.

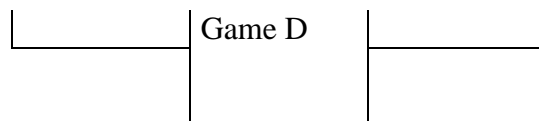
4.3 FORMULAS AND FORMAT





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Loser G	} 3 rd Place (Bronze)
vs.	
Loser H (J)	

Note 1: To ensure the integrity of the draw, the structure of the brackets must be maintained (i.e. Game A and Game B must always stay together and Game C and Game D must always stay together) so that common rest times are protected. Game A and Game B can however be moved to the bottom side of the draw, allowing Game C and Game D to move to the top side of the draw.

Note 2: Without affecting the integrity of the draw, games in the upper half of the draw can be switched to accommodate travel and time zone adjustment (i.e. Canada West teams traveling East). If the teams playing are not impacted by the time zone change then there can be no switching of game times.

4.4 PROCEDURES AND PROTESTS (N/A)

4.5 SCHEDULES OR ORDER OF EVENTS

DAY PRIOR TO START OF COMPETITION

Championship Awards Banquet

DAY 1 – THURSDAY

Game A: #1 seed's Conference Champion vs. #3 or #2 seeded Conference's second representative, in that order.

Game B: #4 seed's Conference Champion vs. #2 or #3 seeded Conference's second representative or host, in that order.

Game C: #3 seed's Conference Champion vs. #1 or #4 seeded Conference's second representative or host, in that order.

Game D: #2 seed's Conference Champion vs. #4 or #1 seeded Conference's second representative or host, in that order.

DAY 2 – FRIDAY

Consolation

Game E: Loser Game A vs. Loser Game B

Game F: Loser Game C vs. Loser Game D



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Championship

Game G: Winner Game A vs. Winner Game B

Game H: Winner Game C vs. Winner Game D

DAY 3 – SATURDAY

Consolation

5th Place: Winner Game E vs. Winner Game F

DAY 4 – SUNDAY

Bronze: Loser Game G vs. Loser Game H

Gold: Winner Game G vs. Winner Game H

4.6 GAME TIMES

The schedule of game times will be at the discretion of the Host Organizing Committee. No games can be held earlier than 11:00 a.m. while the final should be held no later than 2:00 p.m. so that teams may depart Sunday evening.

4.7 PRACTICE TIMES / WARM-UPS

Host Committee must work with participating teams to organize practice times and locations. Teams will be allowed a minimum of twenty (20) minutes of warm-up time on the playing field prior to kickoff, for all games at the U SPORTS Championship.

4.8 OVERTIME AND TIME-OUTS

1. Gold Medal Game, First Round Games and Championship Semi-Final Games:

At the end of regulation time two (2) 15-minute halves will be played. If the score is still tied at the end of overtime, the winner shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game. A team official may accompany each team to the centre circle for the taking of such kicks.

2. Bronze Medal Game, Consolation Semi-Finals and Consolation Final (5th-6th place game):

If the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the winner shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game. A team official may accompany each team to the centre circle for the taking of such kicks.

4.9 TIE-BREAKING (N/A)

4.10 SCORING AND STANDARDS (N/A)

4.11 RECORDS AND STATISTICS (SUSPENSIONS)



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The Sport Conference Commission/Conveners/Statisticians provide the Championship Organizing Committee with a current card status for all Sport Conference and playoff games for all participating players. Participating coaches must produce a good legible copy of their last game sheet to determine if any athletes have received a red card in that game.

4.11.1 IN SEASON

The following has been agreed to in principle by each of the four Regional Associations however regulations surrounding regular season play rests solely with each Regional Association. For more details please refer to the playing regulations from each Regional Association.

The accumulation of three yellow cards results in a one game suspension. Upon returning from the suspension, two yellow cards will result in a one game suspension. A red card results in a minimum one game suspension. Upon returning from a red card suspension, a player who did not have any yellow cards accumulated prior to the red card would receive a one game suspension after accumulating two yellow cards. If a player receives a second red card during the season, there will be a disciplinary review.

4.11.2 PLAY-OFFS/ U SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP

All yellow cards are erased at the end of the conference season including playoffs with the exception of red card suspensions, which are carried forward to the U SPORTS Championship.

The accumulation of three yellow cards in the games of the U SPORTS Championship (excluding yellow cards that lead to a red card) will result in a one game suspension. The player receiving the three yellow cards will be required to serve the one game suspension in their next regularly scheduled game in their Sport Conference. The U SPORTS Delegate is to notify the Regional Association at the end of the Championship of any suspensions owing.

All red cards issued in the games of the Championship shall result in a minimum one game suspension. Further suspensions will apply if warranted, as deemed appropriate by the Championship Management Committee. A player or coach receiving a red card in the final game or from any resulting outstanding suspension will be required to serve the game suspensions in their next regular season league game in their Sport Conference.

If a coach were ejected in their last game prior to the Championship, than they would be suspended for the first game of the Championship.

5. EQUIPMENT AND FACILITY



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5.1 BALL

To be determined.

5.2 RECORDING

5.2.1 FIRST ROUND OPPONENT (N/A)

5.2.2 HOST REQUIREMENT

It is requested Hosts make best efforts to record all games at the U SPORTS Championship. The Host will download game video to any participating team who provides a USB stick. The Host will determine the process with the participating teams at the championship technical meeting. NOTE: Beginning in 2015 the above will be a hosting requirement.

5.3 UNIFORMS

5.3.1 U SPORTS reserves the right to require participants in a U SPORTS Championship to wear a U SPORTS logo on their uniforms. These logos will be provided to each team in advance of the championship. The logo must be placed on the top, right chest area of each uniform.

5.3.2 Player's uniforms must be numbered, including the goalkeeper's uniform. Effective by the 2011 U SPORTS Championship, uniforms are to be numbered on the front and back of the tops while shorts must also be numbered. Numbers must be in contrasting color to the uniform color (easily distinguishable from the predominant background color and pattern).

Suggested size requirements:

Back of jersey - at least eight inches (20.32 cm) in height

Front of jersey – at least four inches (10.16 cm) in height

5.4 BIBS, SOCKS, SHIRT COLOR, TIGHTS AND TOWELS

Coaches shall mutually agree, at the Technical meeting, on the color of socks, shorts and shirts to be worn by each team throughout the championship. Each team shall have two different sets of socks and shirts, one light and one dark. Short tights are allowed under the uniform. Players shall be allowed to wear tights in adverse weather.

Undergarments/spandex:

1. Light jersey – any undergarments must be white.
2. Dark jersey – any undergarments must be black or the same colour as the uniform.

5.5 HEAD GEAR AND HELMETS (N/A)



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5.6 CAPTAIN'S IDENTIFICATION (N/A)

5.7 DEPTH CHARTS (N/A)

5.8 SPOTTER PHONES (N/A)

5.9 FACILITY AND MEET REQUIREMENTS

5.9.1 Wherever possible, the U SPORTS Championship shall be played on grass.

5.9.2 Five (5) balls will be used at the Championship with one (1) ball in play and four (4) balls being placed around the field. In addition, four ball people are used to assist with keeping the ball in play.

5.9.3 Music can only be played before the games and a half time for all games at the U SPORTS Championship.

5.9.4 Host Committee must provide substitution slips for all games at the U SPORTS Championship.

6. RULES

Competition shall be governed by the FIFA Laws of the Game with the following modifications:

Substitution: Teams are restricted to a maximum of six (6) substitutions during a game with unlimited substitutions at half time. Note: Players who are substituted out of a game can be substituted back into the game (considered as one or two of the maximum six substitutions). In the event of extra time, teams are permitted unlimited substitutions prior to and at the halfway point of the extra time period.

Note: FIFA rule changes that affect U SPORTS will go into effect immediately.



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7. MEETINGS

7.1 COACHES TECHNICAL MEETING

A participating coaches Technical meeting will be held on the Wednesday, the day prior to the first game at the Championship. Time of the meeting is at the discretion of the Host Organizing Committee.

7.2 COACHES MEETING (N/A)

7.3 COACHES CLINIC (N/A)

7.4 PRESS CONFERENCE

The date and time for a championship press conference is at the discretion of the Host Organizing Committee, working in consultation with the U SPORTS Office.

8. OFFICIALS

8.1 FUNDED OFFICIALS

Canada Soccer to assist U SPORTS with the increased travel costs for the additional 3 officials, from nine (9) officials to twelve (12) officials.

8.2 ASSIGNMENT

Canadian Soccer Association will work to ensure the best twelve (12) officials are assigned for the U SPORTS Championship.

8.3 NEUTRALITY

For the championship the referee and linesmen shall be from a neutral Sport Conference. If funds are not available to provide linesmen from a neutral Sport Conference, they shall be from a city of the host Sport Conference other than the city of the host team.

8.4 QUALIFICATIONS

1. National Referee
2. Must have refereed at least one (1) U SPORTS game during the season.
3. Grade 1 Assistant Referee

8.5 HOST RESPONSIBILITIES

To provide accommodation (double occupancy), meals, ground transportation and game fees. To provide a fourth official for all games. The Host must work with the local officials association to ensure that they are provided.

8.6 NSO'S RESPONSIBILITIES (N/A)



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To provide accommodation (double occupancy), meals, and transportation for the assignors/evaluators.

8.7 FEES

Referee: - \$80.00 each/game

Assistant Referee: - \$40.00 each/game

4th Officials - \$40.00 each/game

8.8 STAND BY OFFICIAL (N/A)

8.9 SELECTION PROCESS

The CSA Referee's Committee shall submit to the U SPORTS Office the appointments no later than 30 days prior to the championship.

8.10 ON-SITE ASSIGNMENT

Non-participating coaches in attendance at the championship will be provided an assessment tool for evaluating the game officials. The forms will be completed following each game and provided to the Head Assignor/Evaluator and used as required.

9. SEASON AND CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

**Please refer to policy 60.20 for more details re standard championship awards.*

9.1 ALL-CANADIANS

9.1.1 First team (11) and second team (11) selected by the All-Canadian Selection Committee.

9.1.2 Each Sport Conference submits **seven (7)** nominations along with thumbnail sketch to Vice-President of the Coaches Executive.

9.1.3 Voting by conference call no later than 10 to 12 days prior to the awards celebration.

9.1.4 The All-Canadian Selection Committee is to be chaired by the Vice-President of the Coaches Executive. Each Sport Conference will nominate a single representative to the All-Canadian Selection Committee who would be the same make-up as the U SPORTS "Top 10" Ranking group. Note: OUA will nominate two representatives (one from the East division and one from the West division). Each will speak of the athletes in their division but only one representative will have voting power.

9.1.5 To win the national award the athlete must have been named to the All-Star team in their sport conference, if such a team is named.

9.2 OUTSTANDING PLAYER OF THE YEAR (JOE JOHNSON MEMORIAL TROPHY)

9.2.1 The All-Canadian who receives the most votes.

9.2.2 To win the national award the athlete must have won the player of the year award in their sport conference, if such an award exists.



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- 9.3 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR (LOU BILEK AWARD)**
- 9.3.1 Selected by the All-Canadian Selection Committee.
 - 9.3.2 Each Sport Conference submits one nomination with supporting information to Vice-President of the Coaches Executive.
 - 9.3.3 Must be in their first year of U SPORTS eligibility and be 21 years of age or under as of September 1st of current year.
 - 9.3.4 Voting by conference call one (1) week prior to the beginning of the Championship.
 - 9.3.5 To win the national award the athlete must have won the rookie of the year award in their sport conference, if such an award exists.
- 9.4 STUDENT-ATHLETE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**
- 9.4.1 Selected by the Coaches Executive, following the same timelines as the All-Canadian selection process.
 - 9.4.2 Recipient who best exhibits outstanding achievements in three (3) areas: soccer, academics and community involvement.
 - 9.4.3 Each Sport Conference must include with their nomination a bio outlining the three areas listed above.
 - 9.4.4 To win the national award the athlete must have won the award in their Sport Conference, if such an award exists.
 - 9.4.5 An athlete may only win the award once.
- 9.5 COACH OF THE YEAR**
- 9.5.1 Selected by the All-Canadian Selection Committee.
 - 9.5.2 Each Sport Conference submits one nomination with supporting information to Vice-President of the Coaches Executive.
 - 9.5.3 Voting by conference call one (1) week prior to the beginning of the Championship.
 - 9.5.4 To win the national award the coach must have won the coach of the year award in their sport conference, if such an award exists.
- 9.6 CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY (SAM DAVIDSON MEMORIAL TROPHY) AND U SPORTS PENNANT**
Presented to the U SPORTS Championship Team.
- 9.7 CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS**
Presented to the top 3 teams in the U SPORTS championship.
- 9.8 CHAMPIONSHIP MVP**
- 9.8.1 Selected by a committee established by the Host.
 - 9.8.2 Selection based on the athletes' performance at the U SPORTS Championship.
 - 9.8.3 Must be a member of the Tournament All-Star Team.



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9.9 CHAMPIONSHIP ALL-STAR TEAM

9.9.1 Selected by a committee established by the Host.

9.9.2 Selection based on the athletes' performance at the U SPORTS Championship.

9.10 CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYERS OF THE GAME

9.10.1 One player from each team will be picked as the player of the game.

9.10.2 In games that are televised, the primary lead broadcaster will make the selection of the players of the game.

9.10.3 In games that are not televised, the Host will work with the Coaches Executive to determine the make-up of the selection committee.

9.11 FAIR PLAY AWARD (R.W. PUGH)

Presented annually to the team at the U SPORTS Championship with the best discipline record.

Selected by members of the Coaches Executive in conjunction with Host Organizing Committee.

9.12 SPECIAL EVENTS

If the Host wishes to organize a participating team reception and/or banquet it should be held on the Thursday or Friday night as determined by the Host Organizing Committee.

10. COMMITTEES

10.1 CHAMPIONSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee shall rule on all matters necessary for the championship to proceed and will, in addition, act as the Protest Committee at the championship. The Management Committee shall apply U SPORTS Rules. The Management Committee may not, nor may any member, make an exception to any U SPORTS Rule or to a sanction imposed by U SPORTS. The Management Committee has no jurisdiction to consider or interpret U SPORTS Eligibility Regulations.

Composition of the Management Committee shall be:

1. Convener of Championship - non-voting chair.
2. U SPORTS Delegate.
3. Technical Delegate (Head official or Assignor/Evaluator);
4. President of the Coaches Executive, or designate.

A quorum shall require all four members, or their replacement.

If a member of the Management Committee was involved, directly or indirectly, in a decision or an interpretation of a U SPORTS Rule that is being appealed/protested to the Management



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Committee that member shall be excused from the Management Committee. In this event, the remaining members of the Management Committee have the authority to appoint as a replacement for the excused member an individual who is independent, unbiased and uninvolved in the matter in dispute. The decision regarding whether a member of the Management Committee should be excused and replaced lies solely with the Management Committee.

Notwithstanding the procedures described in U SPORTS policy 90.70.4.1.1 (see below), the U SPORTS Championship Management Committee shall have the power and jurisdiction to take interim on-the-spot measures to address minor code of conduct issues (inappropriate or unsportsmanlike conduct that is not criminal in nature) that arise at U SPORTS Championships, in a timely fashion. The record of the incident, including the interim measures taken to address it shall be copied to the Athletic Director(s) of the affected school(s), and the U SPORTS office and Discipline Committee.

It is the expectation of U SPORTS that persons representing Member institutions, and/or U SPORTS, at U SPORTS Championships will behave responsibly, and with propriety, and in accordance with the laws of the land.

90.70.4.1.1 Procedures Regarding Misconduct

Where misconduct occurs at a U SPORTS Championship (including traveling to and from the event, practice days and competition days), the Chief Executive Officer, assisted by the event Convener, shall:

1. Investigate the particulars of the incident that gave rise to the misconduct.
2. Determine the amount and type of damage to property or injury to persons.
3. Identify the persons and institutions responsible for the incident.
4. Summarize this information in a written report.

The Chief Executive Officer shall provide a copy of the written report to the President, who may bring a complaint in accordance with U SPORTS Policy 90.40 - Discipline. A copy of the written report shall be provided to the Directors of Athletics of the institutions involved.

10.2 JURY OF APPEAL (N/A)

10.3 DELEGATES (N/A)

11. APPENDICES (N/A)