



SOCCER TOURNAMENT TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

When a District, Region or State Tournament match is tied at the end of regulation time, the referee shall instruct both teams to return to their respective team boxes. There will be five minutes during which both teams may confer with their coaches and the head referee will instruct teams as to proper procedures below.

1. There shall be two five-minute overtime periods.
 - a. A coin toss shall be held as in Rule 5-2-2(d-3).
 - b. At the end of the first five-minute overtime period, teams shall change ends and begin play immediately.
2. If a tie still exists after two five-minute overtime periods, there shall be one five-minute sudden victory overtime period.
 - a. There shall be a two-minute interval between periods.
 - b. A coin toss shall be held as in Rule 5-2-2(d)(3).
 - c. If a tie still exists, teams shall change ends and play a second five-minute sudden victory overtime period.
3. If a tie still exists, all coaches, officials and team captains shall assemble at the halfway line to review the procedures for penalty kicks as outlined below.
 - a. The head referee shall choose the goal at which all the kicks from the penalty line shall be taken.
 - b. Each coach will select any five players, including the goalkeeper, on or off the field (except those who were disqualified) to take the kicks.
 - c. A coin toss shall be held as in Rule 5-2-2(d)(3). The team winning the coin toss has the choice of kicking first or second.
 - d. The 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 five kicks for each team, the team scoring the greater number of kicks is declared the winner.
 - g. Add one goal to the winning team score and credit the team with a victory. An asterisk (*) may be placed by the team declared the winner to indicate the win was the result of the tie breaker system.
4. If the score is still tied, repeat the procedures in (3) and add the sudden victory element wherein if one team scores and the other team does not score, the game is ended without more kicks being taken. Any or all of the same players may or may not be used again. A winner will be declared if the team scores and opponent fails to score.
5. If the score is still tied (after a series of 5 "sudden victory" penalty kicks), repeat the procedures in (4) until there is a winner.