

## **SSNL GENERAL TECH STANDARD RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Where applicable, the following regulations will apply to ALL SSNL tournaments under the jurisdiction of School Sports Newfoundland and Labrador (SSNL). Please consult the technical standards which follow for each sport's specific rules.

1. All SSNL sports have some sport specific rules that differ from Provincial Sport Organization or National Governing body playing rules so make sure you and the Officials review these in the tech standards that follow.
2. No player will be permitted to play wearing a cast made of plaster, fibreglass or any other material considered dangerous by the referee.
3. All players must be registered with their school through the SSNL web site and their roster directly with the tournament convenor prior to their FIRST GAME STARTING in order to be eligible to play in an SSNL Tournament. No new players are permitted to play after their school's first game begins. Failure to comply will result in the defaulting of the games in question and awarding of points to the teams they played.
4. SSNL has instituted a maximum point spread to be used in tie breaking situations and to promote SSNL ideals of sportsmanship. All games should be recorded on the SSNL tournament page website and at the playing venue(s) and reported to media using only the maximum point spread as set out in the technical standards of each sport. In the tie-breaking procedure, the goal/point spread must credit all the points for the losing team only (eg. If sport has a max 7-point reporting spread and score was 12-2 then report/post as 9-2, not 7-0).
5. There is a no fighting policy in all SSNL events. Any violation will result in an immediate expulsion from the tournament and a possible multi-year suspension from all SSNL activities.
6. Players and fans are not permitted to engage in behaviour where they are intentionally trying to distract players or impeding on the playing surface. Failure to comply could result in in-game penalties, expulsion from the playing venue, and further discipline from SSNL.
7. Teacher-sponsors must be on the bench at all times. Games do not start without the teacher-sponsor present. If the teacher-sponsor is not on the bench 10 minutes after the scheduled start time, the team without the essential personnel will lose the game by default.
8. Players who are not dressing for a game are permitted to still sit in the bench area, but are still subject to all rules governing appropriate team behaviour.
9. SSNL game referees are to be instructed to remain on the floor after the game to sign the score sheet and participate/oversee the shaking of hands by teams.
10. In-Game Protests: It is expected that all tournament game related protest should be made in-game when the issue arises. Teams wishing to protest must do so in game by

telling the Referee (or in sports where self-refereeing is used, stop and tell the convenor or other designated official) at the next available stoppage in play.

The Tournament Protest Committee (game referee, head referee, and convenor or other replacement previously set up by the convenor if there is a conflict of interest or also for self-refereeing sports) shall review and rule on the issue within a reasonable time before the game will re-commence. The SSNL Rep may be used help with the ruling. You CAN NOT protest discretionary calls by the referee. **Protests must still be accompanied in game by a \$50 protest fee or they will not be considered.** The ruling by the Tournament Protest Committee regarding an in-game protest is final and cannot be appealed. See “Protest, Disciplinary Infractions, and Appeals” section of this Convenor Guide for more details.

11. Coaches are not permitted to change any SSNL rules at the coaches meeting/tournament or at any other time by consensus vote. Any change in rules in this situation will result in a loss of points by infracting teams, potential school fines and sanctions, and/or the entire tournament being voided.
12. The use of unauthorized video replays is banned from SSNL events as a measure of officiating.
13. No cell phones or any person who is not a minor official are permitted at scorer's tables.
14. Game officials MUST provide written reports to the convenor for all major rule infractions.
15. At least one member of the coaching staff for each team MUST complete the free schoolcoach.ca concussion course in order for their school's team to be eligible for SSNL tournaments.
16. SSNL philosophy values team accomplishments and sportsmanship. Aside from SSNL sports with an individual component, the Sportsmanship and MVP medals will be the only individual awards presented at SSNL tournaments. There are to be no other individual awards (i.e. Player of the Game for example) to be awarded at our tournaments. Failure to comply with this will result in a \$100 fine.
17. Schools who pull out of a Foundation Sport Tournament after registering may be subject to discipline if the reason is not deemed valid by the Varsity Council.