

# **2015 Rule Differences**

**Between National Federation  
and Prep School**

# Length of Match

- NF: 40-minute halves  
OT varies by league
- Prep: Boys 45-minute halves  
Girls 40-minute halves  
NO OT for either gender

# Uniforms

- NF: Home Team-Jerseys and socks must be solid white; visitors-dark jerseys and socks. (If tape or a similar material is applied externally to the socks, it must be of similar color as that part of the sock to which it is applied.)
- Prep: Home team is responsible to ensure that their uniforms (shirt and socks) contrast to those of the visitor. In the NCAA rules book there is no mention of tape or straps having to be of similar color as the sock.)

# Throw Ins

- NF: Any throw in that does not enter the field of play is awarded to the opponent
- Prep: Boys and Girls: Same as NF. (This is a recent change with the girls...now the same as NF and Prep Boys.)

# Substitutions on Corner Kicks

- NF: The team in possession of the ball may substitute an unlimited number of players on a corner kick. The team NOT in possession of the ball may substitute an unlimited number of players on a corner kick if the team in possession of the ball is also substituting.
- Prep: Boys and Girls: Substitutions for the attacking team on a corner kick if the player is already at the table; the defending team may MATCH the substitution if the player/s is at the table (one for one, or two for two). This is a recent change with the girls...now the same as the boys.

# Substitutions for Injuries

- NF: If the referee stops the clock for an apparent injury to a field player or goalkeeper, the field player or goalkeeper will have to leave the field. The field player may be replaced and the goalkeeper must be replaced.
- Prep: Boys and Girls: Player replacement not necessary unless the referee beckons the coach and/or trainer on to the field. Only field players must leave the field. The goalkeeper does NOT have to be replaced. Matching number of substitutions on an injury for both teams.

# Time for Substitutions

- NF: Either team may substitute an unlimited number of players from the bench, provided they report to the scorer's table prior to an injury or caution.
- Prep: Boys and Girls: Matching number of substitutions on an injury or caution for both teams.

# Caution (Yellow) Card

- NF: A cautioned player shall leave the field and may be replaced. Goalkeeper must be replaced.
- Prep: Boys: Same as NF  
Girls: A cautioned player does not have to leave the field of play; it is up to the head coach's discretion whether or not the player leaves the field.



# At Completion of Match

- NF: Officials are to leave the field immediately (per CIAC ruling)...not to watch hand shakes.
- Prep: Boys and Girls: The Prep schools encourage the officials to participate in the hand shaking ceremony.