

November 14-15, 2026

SWD Playoff Overview

- **Participating Age Groups:**
  - 9x9 (U11, U12), and
  - 11x11 (U13, U15)

- **Participating Teams:**
  - Top 4 teams in standings at end of season qualify
  - Each bracket in U11+ has their own playoff semi and finals

- **When:**
  - **Semis:** Sat, Nov 14
  - **Finals:** Sun, Nov 15

- **Where:** All semis and finals at predetermined sites and fixed times

Key Deadlines and Dates

- **Mon, Nov 2nd (midnight)**
  - All scores for games through Nov 1st must be reported in system
  - Rosters frozen - see next page for Roster policy

- **Sun, Nov 8 (midnight)**
  - All scores for games played Nov 7th/8th must be reported in system

- **Mon, Nov 9th - Tues Nov 10th**
  - Final standings and resulting playoff matchups final

- **Sat, Nov 14:** Semifinals (#1 v #4 and #2 v #3)
- **Sun, Nov 15:** Finals

Playoff Roster Policies

- Playoff rosters should be substantially same as regular season rosters so as to maintain integrity of the games - teams/players that qualified should be those that participate in playoffs

- Players from A team rosters may NOT be double rostered to B/C etc rosters for playoffs (eg A team doesn't qualify, B team does.. do not add A team players to B team roster, also do not add outside players to playoff rosters); A team players from younger age groups can NOT play up on B, C team rosters either.

- Players may not participate in more than one playoff semi final or final - players can only be on one playoff roster, which should be their primary roster for season

- Playoff rosters will be compared to seasonal rosters to ensure compliance. **Managers for each team should take photo of their opponents rosters prior to each semifinal and final**

Game Details

- **Uniforms:** Higher seeds wear dark color jerseys, lower seeds wear light color
- **Playoff game duration:**
  - 9x9: 2 x 35 mins // 11x11: 2 x 40 mins
- **Semifinals:**
  - If regulation ends in tie, 2 x 10 mins overtimes (no golden goal)
  - If 2nd OT ends in tie, PKs (see PK rules on next page)
- **Finals:**
  - If regulation ends in tie, 2 x 10 mins overtimes (no golden goal)
  - If ends in tie after OT, NO PKs and Co-champions declared
  - If co-champs, higher seed takes winner shirts and medals at the match
  - Lower seed contact SWD to pick up shirts/medals swdadmin@cjsa.org

Penalty Kick Rules (Semifinals ONLY)

- Referee will select goal to use; coin toss to determine who kicks first
- Each team takes turns taking five penalty kicks (5 different players each)
- As soon as one team has an insurmountable lead, the penalty shootout ends
- If, after five rounds, no one is in the lead, the penalty shootout goes into sudden death (each team takes one kick at a time)
- In sudden death, the first team to score unanswered wins
- In the first 5 kicks and thru sudden death (if required), teams must use different kickers until a total of (X) players have kicked (this includes goalkeepers), before a player can take a 2nd kick in the shootout
- X = the 9 players for U11 & U12 or the 11 players for U13 & U15 that were on the field at the end of 2OT overtime period

Referee Assignment and Fees

- District will assign all referees. Participating teams split fees 50/50 for each game, each team must bring cash to field and pay referees prior to the game starting

- **9v9 (U11 & U12)**
  - CR = $70
  - 2 ARs = $46 each
  - $160 total = $81 per team

- **11v11 (13 & U15)**
  - CR = $90
  - 2 ARs = $56 each
  - $200 total = $101 per team

Playoff Schedule

- **Link to schedule / dates, times, venues**

- Game times and venues are fixed for all games
- Teams in the playoff hunt should hold / plan for the semis and final game time slots for their brackets - these times will not be changed due to team-specific conflicts
- Game times can not be moved for coaching or player conflicts due to fixed nature of schedule, so please plan ahead

Playoff Game Score Reporting

Winning team's Manager ONLY must report score immediately after the game in PlayMetrics.

Playoff Code of Conduct - Important Reminders

- The SWD playoffs are for the players
- All players, coaches and fans will represent their teams, their club and our district with pride, sportsmanship and the utmost integrity
- Fans / parents and coaches should NOT yell at the referees for any reason, yell instructions at their players during the match
- CJSA's Zero Tolerance Policy is in effect for all participants and constituents to the matches
- Please review CJSA Referee Abuse Policy HERE
- ***Let the players enjoy their match - win or lose, they are competing for the experience and joy they find in the game and their teammates!***