

Procedure for Playoff games that end in a tie after regulation time.

1. When the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the referee will instruct both teams to return to their respective team benches. There will be five minutes during which both teams may confer with their coaches, then the head referee will instruct both teams as to proper procedure. A coin toss will be conducted, using the normal pregame procedure, with the visiting team calling the toss, and the winner of the toss selecting either to kick off or to choose direction. The overtime will consist of two 15-minute periods, sudden victory (first goal wins). If needed, the time between periods will be 2 minutes, with the teams exchanging direction of play.

2. If the score still remains tied, all coaches, officials and team captains shall assemble at the halfway line to review the procedure as outlined below:

A. The head referee shall choose the goal at which all of 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 may have been disqualified) to take the kicks.

C. A coin toss shall be held. The team winning the toss shall have the choice of kicking first or second.

D. Teams will alternate kickers. There is no follow-up on the kick.

E. Following five kicks for each team, the team scoring on the greatest number of these kicks shall be declared the winner.

F. Add one goal to the winning team score and credit the team with a victory. An asterisk (*) may be placed by the team advancing to indicate the advancement was the result of a tiebreaker system.

3. If the score remains tied after each team has had five kicks:

A. Each coach will select five different players than the first five who have already kicked to take the kicks in a sudden victory situation, wherein if one team scores and the other team does not score, the game is ended without more kicks being taken.

B. If the score remains tied, continue the sudden victory kicks with the coach selecting any five players to take the next set of alternating kicks. If a tie still remains, repeat 3-a.

4. Penalty Kick Mechanics

A. The first kicker on each team shall report to the official at the penalty area. The official will record the player's name, number and the order in his team's cycle. The next kicker shall be outside the penalty area before his attempt and during the attempt by the kicker who precedes him.

B. The goalkeeper who is to defend against the next penalty kick attempt shall be located outside the field of play at the intersection of the goal line and penalty area boundary to the side designated by the officials.

C. The home team will provide three game balls. The home team is responsible for providing ball persons to assist the game officials.

D. The referee indicates the area at which the ball may be placed, tells the goalkeeper to take his place on the goal line, and then signals with a whistle for the penalty kick.