



SEC and ECADC
A Partnership Serving Essex County Student Athletes

Girls' Soccer 2021

1. **Eligibility:**

All schools must be members of the ECADC in good standing to be eligible to enter the **2021 Girls Soccer Tournament**. The tournament is a single elimination tournament played on the following dates:

Preliminary Round (If necessary) Games must be played on or before **Saturday, October 2nd** if a 1st Preliminary is needed, and on or by **Tuesday, October 5th** if a 2nd preliminary is needed. If schools cannot agree on a mutual date for preliminary games, then Oct 2 and Oct 5 are the mandatory dates. Rain date is next available day.

First Round On or by **Thursday, October 7th** at higher seed. Rain date is next available day.

Quarter Finals **Saturday, October 9th**, with a 2pm recommended starting time, at the higher seeded team's home field. Rain date is next available day.

Semi Finals **Wednesday, October 13th**, at Millburn High School.
Rain date is next available day.

Finals **Saturday, October 16, 2021, 7:00pm** at Belleville High School.
(Doubleheader with boys).

Postponed games shall be rescheduled on the following day if conditions are acceptable. The tournament director shall oversee the rescheduling of games and has the right to reschedule in order to prevent a deleterious scheduling situation for schools involved. Tournament contests take precedence over conference and independent contests. If a higher seeded team's field remains unplayable, the game will either be moved to a neutral site or to the lower seeded team's site if that field is playable and in better condition than the higher seeded team's site.

2. **Entry Fee**

The entry fee for the tournament is \$105.00. Please make the check payable to the "Super Essex Conference" and mail to:

****Bruce Essing, Tournaments Administrator**

3. **Tournament Directors**

Lorenzo Sozio
Mt. St. Dominic Academy,

Francesco Bifulco
Millburn High School

4. **Entry Procedure**

Entry into the 2021 Essex County Girls Soccer Tournament must be submitted online through the Super Essex Conference website, www.sec.powermediallc.org no later than noon on Wednesday, September 29, 2021.

In order to ensure that sufficient recording of game results be documented for seeding purposes, the online entry may only be submitted between Sunday morning September 26th until noon on Wednesday, September 29th.

Results of any games, which are played after the entry is submitted, must be phoned, e-mailed, or verbally transmitted to the tournament directors by the start of the seeding committee meeting.

Mail entry fee to Bruce Essing, 6 Waverly Place, Cranford, New Jersey 07016

5. **Seeding**

The tournament will be seeded by committee. Only the members of the seeding committee and the tournament directors are permitted to attend the seeding meeting. Seeding Committee members shall be contacted by the tournament directors for a **virtual meeting on Wednesday evening, September 29.**

Athletic Directors will be called regarding their seeds and their opening round opponents. The seeding committee will be organized in accordance with ECT policies. **Seeding criteria will be based on, but not limited to; records, strengths of schedules, head-to-head competition, common opponents and judgment.**

6. **Officials**

All officials will be assigned by the SEC soccer assignor. The higher seeded team is responsible for paying the officials with the exception of the semifinals and finals. The ECADC shall pay the officials at the semifinals and championship final. The fee for all officials is \$85.00 per game up to semifinals. The semifinals rate will be \$87.00 and \$90.00 for the finals.

7. **Balls**

Each team shall provide three (3) National Federation approved game balls. The officials shall determine which balls are used.

8. **Ball Persons**

Each team will provide at least one (1) ball person to run the sidelines with a ball in order to keep the game moving.

9. **Tie Breaker Rule**

The following tie breaker rule shall be implemented:

If the game is still tied after the regulation game and 2 ten minute “sudden victory” overtime periods have been played, penalty kicks will be used as a tie-breaker. **This procedure shall be utilized for all rounds including the championship final.**

I.

- a. The head referee shall choose the goal at which all of the kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken
- b. Each coach will select five (5) players, 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 choice of kicking first or second.
- d. Teams will alternate kickers. There is no follow –up on the kick.
- e. The defending team may change the goal keeper prior to each kick.

II.

If the score remains tied after each team has taken five (5) kicks:

Each coach will select any five (5) players, whether or not a player participated in the initial five (5) kicks, to take another set of five (5) 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.

This procedure shall be repeated until a winner is determined.

10. **Automated External Defibrillator.**

Pursuant to NJ state law, Janet’s Law, schools hosting any ECT game, match or contest must provide an AED on site. For events held at predetermined neutral sites all contestants must bring and have available for immediate need an AED for their team

11. **Statement of Agreement**

The “**Tournament Information & Statement of Agreement**” form **must be signed and submitted by the athletic director, and the school principal.** The signatures indicate the school’s agreement, awareness and compliance with all rules and regulations governing the **2021 Essex County Girls Soccer Tournament.**

12. **Admission**

Admission for the semifinals and finals will be \$5.00 general admission and \$2.00 senior citizens and students.

13. **Deadlines**

Please adhere to all the tournament deadlines.

14. **Proper Completion of Entry Forms**

Properly complete all required entry forms and adhere to the instructions on each form **and** the instructions within the aforementioned tournament rules and regulations.

Good Luck,

Lorenzo Sozio and Frank Bifulco, Tournament Directors