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A. HISTORY OF THE SPORT

The modern sport of Soccer was founded in the mid 1900's in England. In an effort to unite the various versions of soccer being played at the time the Football Association (The FA) was formed in London in 1863. The Football Association created the first set of 13 standardized rules in 1871 upon which the modern game is played.

The Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) is the international governing body of soccer. FIFA was founded in 1904 and has 208 member associations. FIFA is responsible for the organization and governance of football's major international tournaments, most notably the FIFA World Cup, held since 1930. The list of international tournaments includes: FIFA World Cup, FIFA Confederations Cup, FIFA Women's World Cup, FIFA U-20 World Cup, FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup, FIFA U-17 World Cup, FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, Men's Olympic Football Tournament and Women's Olympic Football Tournament.

Today the laws of soccer are determined by the International Football Association Board (IFAB). The IFAB is made up of four representatives from FIFA and one representative from each of the boards founding associations (England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales).

In Canada, the sport is governed by the Canadian Soccer Association, which was established in 1912. The Canadian Soccer Association has 12 member associations (Canada's 10 provinces and two territories) and one associate member (Nunavut).

Soccer, often referred as the "World's Game," is the now widely considered to be the most popular sport in the world.

B. CANADA GAMES SPORT HISTORY AND PAST RESULTS

Men's soccer made its first appearance at the 1969 Canada Summer Games in Halifax-Dartmouth. Women's soccer was first included in the Canada Games program at the 1993 Canada Summer Games in Kamloops, BC.

PAST RESULTS

	1969	1973	1977	1981	1985	1989	1993		1997		2001	
	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	F	M	F	M	F
AB	7	8	5	2	1	5	5	4	3	5	1	7
BC	1	1	1	1	4	6	1	1	2	1	7	2
MB	5	3	7	7	6	3	4	6	10	4	9	8
NB	6	6	8	10	7	8	9	9	8	9	10	10
NF	3	5	4	6	5	4	8	8	6	7	2	6
NWT	10	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	11	11	12	12
NS	4	7	6	4	9	7	3	2	4	6	3	4
ON	2	2	3	5	3	1	2	5	7	3	5	1
PEI	11	10	10	9	8	10	6	10	5	10	4	9
QC	9	4	2	3	2	2	7	3	1	2	7	5
SK	8	9	9	8	10	9	10	7	9	8	6	3



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YK	12	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	11
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M = Male
F = Female

C. NUMBER OF ATHLETES ON TEAM

Competitors: Male 17 Female 17

D. EVENT FORMAT AND RULES OF PLAY

Seeding is based on the final results of the 2005 Canada Summer Games. There are four groups of three teams, each playing a round robin within the group. Teams are grouped as follows:

Men

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
1 ON	2 NB	3 QC	4 BC
8 PEI	7 SK	6 NS	5 AB
9 MB	10 NL	11 YK	12 NT

Women

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
1 BC	2 AB	3 ON	4 QC
8 NS	7 NL	6 SK	5 MB
9 NB	10 PEI	11 YK	12 NT

The top two teams in each group will participate in the Medal Round. The bottom team in each group will participate in the Consolation Round. Games will be a knock-out format but all teams continue to play for placings. The quarter-finals and semi-finals are arranged such that the first and second seeds would not meet until the final if they win their way through. The first and second place teams in any one round-robin group would not meet again until the final if they win their way through.

E. EQUIPMENT AND TERMINOLOGY

Center Circle – A circular marking with a 10-yard radius in the “center” of the field from which kickoffs are taken to start or restart the game. Purpose: Simply a reference line for the referee and defenders. Defenders must be as least 10 yards away from the ball prior to start or restart.

Center Spot – The “center” of the center circle from which kickoffs are taken to start or restart the game.

Corner Arc – An arc or quarter-circle with a radius of 1 yard located at each of the 4 corners of the soccer field. Purpose: Also a reference line, the ball must be kicked from inside this arc on a corner kick.

Corner Flag – The flag located at each of the 4 corners of the soccer field, inside the corner area.

Defenders (or backs) – Players who work mainly in the defensive third of the field. They are primarily focused on stopping the opposition’s attackers from scoring.

End Line (or goal line) – The boundary line extending from corner to corner along its width at each end.



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Forwards – Players who are responsible for most of a team's scoring. They play in front of the rest of their team (or in the attacking third of the field) where they can take most of the shots.

Field (or pitch) – The rectangular area where soccer matches are played.

Fullback – A rear defender.

Goal Area – The rectangular area (20 x 6 yd. on a full-size soccer field) marked within the penalty area (or inside the larger rectangle) and directly in front of goal. Purpose: Marks the area from which all goal kicks must be taken.

Goal Box – Commoner's term for the goal area or sometimes the penalty area.

Goalkeeper (or keeper, goalie) – I bet you know this one. The player positioned directly in front of the goal who tries to prevent shots from crossing the goal line; the only player allowed to use their hands and arms, though only within the 18-yard penalty area.

Midfielders – Players generally positioned in the middle third of the field between the forwards and defenders. Their job is to link the defense and the offense through ball control and passing. They play both an attacking role and a defensive role.

Striker – Generally the same as a forward, though it sometimes refers to a forward that is his team's primary scoring threat.

Sweeper – Not always used. In some formations, a single defender that plays closest to their own goal behind the rest of the defenders; a team's last line of defense in front of the goalkeeper.

Penalty area – The larger rectangle (18 x 44 yd. on a full size field) in front of the goal that includes the goal area. Purpose: Marks both where the goalkeeper is allowed to touch the ball with his hands AND the area where harsh fouls committed by the defending team result in penalty kicks.

Penalty Arc – The arc at the top of the penalty area. Purpose: Designates how far back all players must be away from the ball while a penalty kick is being taken.

Penalty Mark (or Spot) – The mark on the soccer field from which penalty kicks are taken.

Stopper – The player that defends or guards the best scorer on the attacking team, often the opposition's striker.

Touchline (or sideline) – The line that runs along the length of each side of the field. Commonly called the sideline in other sports.

Wingers – The outside forwards and midfielders (often the fastest players and best dribblers) who play on the sides of the field. Their primary task is to provide them with accurate crossing passes so they can shoot at the goal.

F. AGE ELIGIBILITY

Athletes must be under 18 years of age. (Born on or after January 1, 1991)



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G. JUDGING / SCORING SYSTEM

Win 3 points

Tie 1 point

Loss 0 points

H. PLAYOFF AND TIE-BREAKING FORMAT

Playoff Games Only

In the event that the score is tied at the end of regulation time, two periods of extra time, each of 15 minutes duration will be played. If the score is still tied at the end of extra time, the winner shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with the F.I.F.A. Laws of the Game.

I. ROLE OF OFFICIALS IN SPORT

Each match is controlled by a referee who has full authority to enforce the Laws of the Game in connection with the match to which he has been appointed.

The Referee:

- enforces the Laws of the Game
- controls the match in co-operation with the assistant referees and, where applicable, with the fourth official
- ensures that any ball used meets the requirements
- ensures that the players' equipment meets the requirements
- acts as timekeeper and keeps a record of the match
- stops, suspends or terminates the match, at his discretion, for any infringements
- stops, suspends or terminates the match because of outside interference of any kind
- stops the match if, in his opinion, a player is seriously injured and ensures that he is removed from the field of play. An injured player may only return to the field of play after the match has restarted.
- allows play to continue until the ball is out of play if a player is, in his opinion, only slightly injured
- ensures that any player bleeding from a wound leaves the field of play. The player may only return on receiving a signal from the referee, who must be satisfied that the bleeding has stopped.
- allows play to continue when the team against which an offence has been committed will benefit from such an advantage and penalizes the original offence if the anticipated advantage does not ensue at that time
- punishes the more serious offence when a player commits more than one offence at the same time
- takes disciplinary action against players guilty of cautionable and sending-off offences. He is not obliged to take this action immediately but must do so when the ball next goes out of play
- takes action against team officials who fail to conduct themselves in a responsible manner and may at his discretion, expel them from the field of play and its immediate surrounds
- acts on the advice of assistant referees regarding incidents which he has not seen
- ensures that no unauthorized persons enter the field of play
- restarts the match after it has been stopped
- provides the appropriate authorities with a match report which includes information on any disciplinary action taken against players, and/or team officials and any other incidents which occurred before, during or after the match.



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J. FACILITY DESCRIPTION

Kensington Intermediate Senior High School - Female Soccer

The soccer field is located directly behind the high school in the Town of Kensington, 15 minutes east of Summerside, and will be used for Female Soccer in Week One. Participants will have access to change rooms and washrooms in the school.

Westisle Composite High School, Elmsdale - Female Soccer

Westisle Composite High School is 45 minutes west of Summerside in Elmsdale. The adjacent sports complex features three soccer fields, one of which will be used for Female Soccer during Week One. Change rooms and washrooms are located in the school.

Summerside Wellness Centre - Female Soccer

The new Summerside Wellness Centre, located on Notre Dame Street, opened in 2007 and will host Basketball in its two arenas during Week One. The facility also features an aquatic centre with 25 metre pool, and a fitness centre. A new artificial turf field for Female Soccer and new courts for Beach Volleyball will be constructed on the Wellness Centre property for Week One play.

Eastern Eagles Soccer Complex, Lower Montague - Male Soccer

This facility is located in the community of Lower Montague, 30 minutes east of Charlottetown, and will feature Male Soccer during Week Two. This multi-field facility features a clubhouse with change rooms and washrooms along with adequate parking.

Jerry McCormack Memorial Complex, Souris - Male Soccer

This facility is located in the middle of the community of Souris, 50 minutes west of Charlottetown. The facility will host Male Soccer during Week Two. Change rooms and washrooms and parking for 100 vehicles are located at the adjacent arena parking lot.

Morell Soccer Complex - Male Soccer

This soccer complex is located in the community of Morell, 30 minutes east of Charlottetown and features two newly developed fields which will play host to Male Soccer in Week Two.

Stratford Soccer Field - Male Soccer

This soccer complex is located in the town of Stratford 10 minutes east of Charlottetown and will be a site for Male Soccer in Week Two. The facility has three pitches and a clubhouse complete with change rooms and washrooms.

UPEI Alumni Canada Games Place, Charlottetown - Male Soccer

Only a ten minute drive from the Charlottetown Airport, the University of Prince Edward Island will be the site for Week Two's Athletes' Village. A new on-campus feature is the artificial turf field which opened in 2006 and already has hosted regional and national soccer championship events. In 2009, it will play host to Male Soccer in Week Two.

K. SPORT MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS AND STRUCTURE

The Canadian Soccer Association demographics report of 2008 indicates there were more Canadian registered soccer players than ever before in 2008 (871,893), an increase of 4,024 or 0.46% over 2007 this continues a trend of 26 consecutive years of increased soccer participation numbers in Canada



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2009 demographics by province

2009 YT • 1,438 (0.16%)
 2009 NT • 1,813 (0.21%)
 2009 BC • 119,456 (13.70%)
 2009 AB • 90,140 (10.34%)
 2009 SK • 20,873 (2.39%)
 2009 MB • 17,054 (1.96%)

L. NOTABLE CANADIAN RECORDS

Men's teams:

Championships won by Canada

2000 Gold Cup – Men's World Cup Team
 1997 Francophone Games – Men's Youth (U-20) Team
 1996 CONCACAF Youth Championships – Men's Youth (U-20) Team
 1989 Francophone Games – Men's World Cup team
 1986 CONCACAF Youth Championships – Men's Youth (U-20) Team
 1904 Olympic Games – Men's National Team (Galt Football Club)

Canadian Men's teams have participated in 1 World Cup (1986, Mexico), 6 FIFA World Youth Championships (U-20), 2 FIFA/JVC Cups (U-17), 2 FIFA Under-16 World Championships, 3 Olympic Games, 7 Pan American Games and 4 Francophone Games.

Women's team:

Championships won by Canada

1998 CONCACAF Championships – Women's World Cup Team

Canadian Women's teams have taken part into 3 World Cups, 1 FIFA U-19 World Championship, 6 FIFA World Youth Championships (U-20), 2 FIFA/JVC Cups, 2 FIFA Under-16 World Championships, 3 Olympic Games, 7 Pan American Games and 4 Francophone Games.

M. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Men's Soccer

Monday, August 24, 2009

Time	Event Stage	Game no.	Participants	Venue
11:00	Preliminary	1	ON v MB	Montague
14:00	Preliminary	2	BC v NT	Souris
17:00	Preliminary	3	NB v NL	UPEI
19:30	Preliminary	4	QC v YT	UPEI

Tuesday, August 25, 2009

Time/	Event Stage	Game no.	Participants	Venue
11:00	Preliminary	5	PE v MB	Montague
14:00	Preliminary	6	SK v NL	Souris
17:00	Preliminary	7	NS v YT	UPEI
19:30	Preliminary	8	AB v NT	UPEI



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Wednesday, August 26, 2009

Time	Event Stage	Game no.	Participants	Venue
11:00	Preliminary	9	NB v SK	Montague
14:00	Preliminary	10	BC v AB	Montague
17:00	Preliminary	11	QC v NS	UPEI
19:30	Preliminary	12	ON v PE	UPEI

Thursday, August 27, 2009

Time	Event Stage	Game no.	Participants	Venue
11:00	Play-Offs	13	A 3rd v D 3rd	Montague
11:30	Play-Offs	14	B 3rd v C 3rd	UPEI
13:00	Quarter-Finals	15	D 1st v A 2nd	Montague
16:00	Quarter-Finals	16	B 1st v C 2nd	Montague
16:00	Quarter-Finals	17	C 1st v B 2nd	Montague
19:30	Quarter-Finals	18	A 1st v D 2nd	UPEI

Friday, August 28, 2009

Time	Event Stage	Game no.	Participants	Venue
11:30	11th/12th	19	L 13 v L 14	UPEI
11:30	9th/10th	20	W 13 v W 14	Montague
13:30	Placing	21	L 15 v L 18	Montague
14:30	Placing	22	L 16 v L 17	UPEI
16:30	Semi - Final	23	W 16 v W 17	Montague
16:30	Semi - Final	24	W 15 v W 18	Montague

Saturday, August 29, 2009

Time	Event Stage	Game no.	Participants	Venue
8:00	7th/8th	25	L 21 v L 22	UPEI
10:30	Gold	26	W 23 v W 24	Montague (Field 1)
10:30	Bronze	27	L 23 v L 24	Montague (Field 2)
11:00	5th/6th	28	W 21 v W 22	UPEI

Venue: Summerside – Turf
Kensington – Kensington Intermediate Senior High School
Elmsdale – Westisle Composite High School

Monday August 17, 2009

Time	Event Stage	Game No.	Participants	Venue
12:00	Preliminary	1	BC v NB	Summerside
12:00	Preliminary	2	QC v NT	Kensington
14:30	Preliminary	3	ON v YT	Summerside
17:00	Preliminary	4	AB v PE	Summerside

Wednesday, August 19, 2009

Time	Event Stage	Game No.	Participants	Venue
12:00	Preliminary	9	BC v NS	Summerside
14:30	Preliminary	10	QC v MB	Summerside



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14:30	Preliminary	11	AB v NL	Westisle
17:00	Preliminary	12	ON v SK	Summerside

Thursday, August 20, 2009

Time	Event Stage	Game No.	Participants	Venue
9:00	Play-Offs	13	A 3rd v D 3rd	Kensington
9:00	Play-Offs	14	B 3rd v C 3rd	Summerside
11:30	Quarter-Finals	15	A 1st v D 2nd	Kensington
11:30	Quarter-Finals	16	C 1st v B 2nd	Summerside
14:00	Quarter-Finals	17	B 1st v C 2nd	Summerside
16:30	Quarter-Finals	18	D 1st v A 2nd	Summerside

Friday, August 21, 2009

Time	Event Stage	Game No.	Participants	Venue
9:00	11th/12th	19	L 13 v L 14	Summerside
9:30	9th/10th	20	W 13 v W 14	Kensington
11:30	Semi - Final	21	W 15 v W 18	Summerside
12:00	Placing	22	L 15 v L 18	Kensington
14:00	Semi - Final	23	W 16 v W 17	Summerside
16:30	Placing	24	L 16 v L 17	Kensington

Saturday, August 22, 2009

Time	Event Stage	Game No.	Participants	Venue/ Site
9:00	7th/8th	25	L 23 v L 24	Kensington
9:00	Bronze	26	L 21 v L 22	Summerside
11:30	Gold	27	W 21 v W 22	Summerside
11:30	5th/6th	28	W 23 v W 24	Kensington