

Sabers Invitational WJAA HS Boys Futsal

8 April 2017

12th year of tourney

RESULTS

6 schools, 8 teams, 1 division, 2 pools

5 matches per team

1st Senri & Osaka International Schools A

Dominated throughout tourney, outscoring opponents 34-6.

SOIS: futsal champions 11 of past 12 years of tourney.

2nd Kyoto International University Academy

Highest tournament finish. Did well to come back from 3-1

deficit against MCP in semi to tie match and then win on kicks from penalty mark, 3-2.

3rd MC Perry High School

Great sportsmanship and coaching class, as always.

4th Fukuoka International School

So close! Played very well, deserving of making semifinals.

5th Senri & Osaka International Schools B

Stumbled a bit in pool play, falling short of chance to play teammates on A team in semifinals.

6th Hokkaido International School B

B team bragging rights over Huskies A team?

7th Sons of the Light International School

8th Hokkaido International School A

Golden Boot winner: Kento Moriguchi SOIS #30, 15 goals

Notes:

- 2017: smaller (than usual) 8-team single-division tournament.
- Good competitive balance: 8 of 20 matches decided by 2 goals or fewer; 1 semifinal went to PKs; 2 teams advanced to semifinals and finals for first time.
- Matches started on time and ran smoothly.
- Rules: Still some confusion about things like "goal clearance" and kickoff protocol. These things are explained in the rule book.
- All teams stayed for brief awards ceremony – nice. Players were polite and good-natured to the host AD.
- Drizzling rain until 10:30. Then cloudy and dry until 13:00. Then drizzle again. Unfortunate, but we all survived.