

100. State Series

Terms & Conditions

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In accordance with Article 9.8.0 of the FHSAA Bylaws, the following Terms and Conditions governing the 2007 FHSAA State Fall Soccer Series have been approved by the FHSAA Board of Directors: These terms and conditions are applicable **only** to those schools that have voluntarily accepted the invitation to participate in the state series.

[The FHSAA utilizes a standardized calendar in which the weeks of the year are numbered. This ensures consistent dates from year to year. Week 1 begins with the first Sunday in July. Thanksgiving always falls in Week 21.]

[The forms referenced in these terms & conditions are provided on the FHSAA web site (www.fhsaa.org) as downloadable PDF and/or Word documents.]

101. Important Dates

Monday, August 6 (Week 6) – First practice date.

Sunday, August 5-Tuesday, August 14 (Week 6-7) – Coaches video rules presentation available in E-Classroom on FHSAA.org.

Monday, August 27 (Week 9) – First regular season competition date.

Saturday, October 13 (Week 15) – Last date for district game; last date on which a student may transfer and represent a school in the 2007 FHSAA State Fall Soccer Series.

Monday, October 15 (Week 16) – 2007 FHSAA State Fall Soccer Series Official Entry List(s) must be submitted to district tournament manager; district tournament seeding information must be reported to district coordinator.

Saturday, October 20 (Week 16) – Last regular season competition date.

Monday-Saturday, October 22-27 (Week 17) – District tournaments.

Tuesday, October 30 (Week 18) – FHSAA Fall Soccer Finals first-round play-in games.

Friday-Saturday, November 2-3 (Week 18) – FHSAA Fall Soccer Finals state championship tournament.

Monday, March 3 (Week 36) – FHSAA Soccer Advisory Committee meeting.

102. Eligibility of Student-Athletes, Teams

102.01 Program Eligibility.

Member schools that do not participate in interscholastic football competition are eligible to enter boys teams into interscholastic soccer competition during the fall season. A member school that chooses to participate in fall soccer competition, and is eligible to do so, may not enter any boys team into interscholastic soccer competition during the winter season.

102.02 Teams.

(1) Participation in the state series is voluntary and open to any full member senior high school varsity team provided:

(a) The school successfully sponsors a varsity fall soccer program in the previous school year (i.e., schedules and completes a minimum of four varsity-level contests);

(b) The school's varsity team competes in a minimum of four (4) regular season

varsity contests during the current season;

(c) The school notifies the FHSAA Office of its entry into the state series by the specified deadline;

(d) The school pays the entry fee(s) established by the Board of Directors;

(e) Effective with the 2008-09 school year, a school must play not less than 60 percent of its regular season contests in the sport against FHSAA member schools; and

(f) Effective with the 2008-09 school year, a school must not take more than one trip per school year in the sport beyond the neighboring states of Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi.

(2) A school shall enter only one (1) boys team.

(3) A first-time member senior high school shall not be eligible to enter a team into the FHSAA State Series in any sport in its two years of provisional membership, unless the school is created from the consolidation or division of existing member high schools and remains under the control of the same governing board. A continuing member school that is starting a new program or resuming a previously discontinued program shall not be eligible to enter a team into the state series until the school successfully sponsors a varsity program for a minimum of one school year.

102.03 Student-Athletes. Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaw 11 and applicable administrative guidelines, regulations, policies and procedures may compete in interscholastic competition. In accordance with Bylaws 11.12.1 and 11.13.1, schools are required to certify the eligibility of their student-athletes prior to the beginning of competition and to withhold ineligible student-athletes from all interscholastic competition.

A student-athlete shall participate in a minimum of four (4) fall soccer matches on the varsity or sub-varsity levels during the regular season to be eligible to participate in the state series.

Only those student-athletes who are enrolled in and in regular attendance at a school prior to Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006 shall be eligible to represent that school in the state series. Student-athletes who transfer to and enroll in a school after that date shall not be eligible to represent that school in the state series.

103. Season and Contest Limitations

103.01 Practice. Practice shall begin not earlier than Monday, Aug. 6, 2007. Practice shall end not later than Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007.

No practice session of any kind shall be held on a Sunday.

103.02 Contests. The first regular season contest shall be played not earlier than Monday, Aug. 27, 2007. The last regular season contest shall be played not later than Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007.

(1) Maximum number of regular season contests – 25, inclusive of all games played in regular season tournaments.

(2) The following combination of games in a school week are permissible:

- Three games;
- One game and one tournament, not to exceed four games total; or
- One tournament, not to exceed four games total.

No more than one school day or part of one school day may be missed in a week for traveling to, traveling from and participating in an athletic contest(s).

No contest of any kind shall be held on a Sunday, except in tournaments under emergency conditions that are approved by the Commissioner.

103.03 Opponents. Member schools shall compete only against schools that also are full or affiliate members of the FHSAA or out-of-state schools that are members of associations that regulate interscholastic competition within their respective states. Such out-of-state schools, however, must have eligibility guidelines comparable to those of the FHSAA and must have an established season of competition in the sport that is concurrent with that of the FHSAA. Competition with out-of-state schools, in some cases, may require the approval of the NFHS.

103.04 Contracts. The “Contract for Interscholastic Athletic Contest” (Form AT1) is required for all regular season contests.

Practice matches, exhibition matches, non-contract matches and scrimmage matches with other schools, groups, alumni or league teams are strictly prohibited. All such matches shall be on an intra-squad basis. Non-squad members shall not participate in any team practice, match or contest.

103.05 Student-Athletes.

(1) Maximum number of regular season contests – 25, inclusive of all games played on the varsity and sub-varsity levels, or in regular season tournaments. This does not mean a student may participate in 25 games during the fall season at one school and 25 games during the winter season at the same school or another school. The total number of games in which a student may participate during a school year is 25.

A student who participates as a member of a varsity team shall not participate as a member of a sub-varsity team, or vice versa, until the day following such participation.

(2) The following combination of games in a school week are permissible:

- Three games;
- One game and one tournament, not to exceed four games total; or
- One tournament, not to exceed four games total.

No more than one school day or part of one school day may be missed in a week for traveling to, traveling from and participating in an athletic contest(s).

104. Tournaments

104.01 There is no limit on the number of regular season tournaments in which a team may participate. Each and every game played by a team in a tournament, however, shall count toward the team’s maximum limit of 25 games.

104.02 Regular season tournaments:

- May have a maximum field of 16 teams;
- May have single elimination, double elimination, round robin or pool play formats;
- Must begin and end within the same one week (Monday-Saturday) unless held during a holiday period.

104.03 No more than one school day or part of one school day may be missed in a week for traveling to, traveling from and participating in an athletic contest(s).

104.04 No junior varsity, junior high or other sub-varsity team may participate in a tournament involving a varsity team. Junior varsity, junior high and other sub-varsity tournaments, if held, must be held as separate events.

104.05 Certain invitational tournaments involving out-of-state schools may require the approval of the NFHS. See Appendix B for NFHS regulations on interstate and international competitions.

104.06 Preseason classic tournaments and jamborees are prohibited.

105. Rules of Competition

105.01 Playing Rules. NFHS Soccer Rules, as modified by the FHSAA, are the official rules for all soccer games. The following modifications to those rules have been adopted by the Board of Directors.

- **4-1-1(f).** Compression/bicycle shorts may be worn under the uniform bottom in accordance with the National Federation rule. Such shorts, however, may not be worn in lieu of the uniform bottom.

- **5-1-1.** The minimum crew size that may be used during a regular season game is two officials (head referee and assistant referee). The use of three officials for regular season games is optional. When three officials are utilized during competition, the Double Dual System of Control shall be utilized, unless the use of the Diagonal System is mutually agreed upon.

- **5-2-2d-3.** Officials shall conduct a lineup check 5 minutes before game time. At this time all players shall be in proper uniform, properly equipped and ready for competition. The teams will line up shoulder to shoulder in front of their team benches for the referees to inspect the players for proper equipment and uniforms. At this time, any corrections to uniforms or equipment shall be made without penalty. In the event that an entire team's uniforms cannot be corrected, no card shall be issued to the head coach. The head referee shall submit an Unsporting Conduct Report form to the FHSAA Office documenting the offending team's infraction, and the FHSAA Office will resolve the matter. For any infractions with illegal equipment under NFHS Rule 4-2, NFHS procedures and protocol shall be followed.

- **6-2-1.** The official time may be kept by the head referee during the regular season.

- **7-1-1.** Varsity level games will be played in two 40-minute halves; sub-varsity level games will be played in two 40-minute halves, but may play two 30-minute halves if stated in the contract.

- **7-1-3.** A regular season soccer game that has completed one-half or more of play is an official game. A game that has been called because of weather or darkness prior to the first half being completed is a suspended game and, if played, shall restart from the point of suspension. (See also FHSAA Policy 34: Policy on Inclement Weather.)

- **7-1-5.** Eight (8) goal differential attained at end of the first half or secured at any point during the second half terminates the game.

- **7-3-1.** Regular season games that are tied at the end of regulation play will end as a tie. Games in invitational tournaments that are tied at the end of regulation play may be resolved using the overtime procedure contained in s.105.04. The overtime procedure shall be used in the FHSAA State Fall Soccer Series.

- **7-3-2.** There will be a five-minute interval between the second half and the first of the two overtime periods and a two-minute interval between the sudden victory overtime periods.

- **12-8-3 Note.** See Section 107 (Unsporting Conduct) of this manual.

- The following modifications to NFHS Rules **HAVE NOT** been adopted by the

FHSAA Board of Directors:

- **7-1-2.** Game-ending procedure or shortening game periods.

105.02 Athletic Uniforms. Commercial advertising, with the exception of the manufacturer's logo/trademark or "reference," is prohibited on all athletic uniform items.

105.03 Timeouts. There shall be a one-minute timeout in each half for re-hydration of players and for coaches to deal with player situations. Players shall remain on the field and there shall be no delay in substitution. The timeout shall occur when there is stoppage immediately prior to or after the 20-minute mark at the discretion of the referee when there is no offensive scoring opportunity.

105.04 Card System for Misconduct. Administration of the Card System for Misconduct in all contests must be administered as follows:

(1) A player who commits any of the violations listed in NFHS Rule 12-8-1(a-f) shall be issued a yellow card, shall be cautioned, may be substituted for immediately, and shall be required to leave the field until the next legal substitution opportunity. An official, however, may issue a red card and disqualify (eject) a player on a first offense if the situation warrants.

(2) A coach who commits any of the violations listed in NFHS Rule 12-8-1(a-f) shall be issued a yellow card and shall be cautioned. An official, however, may issue a red card and disqualify (eject) a coach on a first offense if the situation warrants.

(3) A player who commits a second violation of any of the violations listed in NFHS Rule 12-8-1(a-f) and 12-8-2(b) shall be issued a second yellow card, may be substituted for immediately and shall be disqualified from further participation in the game.

(4) A coach who commits a second violation of any of the violations listed in NFHS Rule 12-8-1(a-f) or a first offense of NFHS Rules 12-8-1(g), 12-8-2(a) or 12-8-3(a-f) shall be guilty of unsporting conduct, shall be issued a red card, shall be disqualified (ejected) and removed from the premises, and shall be subject to the provisions of Section 107 (Unsporting Conduct).

(5) A player who commits any of the violations listed in NFHS Rule 12-8-1(g) and 12-8-3(a-h), including taunting, shall be guilty of unsporting conduct, shall be issued a red card, shall be disqualified (ejected) from further participation in the game and shall not be replaced on the field with a substitute. This player shall be subject to the provisions of Section 107 (Unsporting Conduct).

(6) A player who violates NFHS Rule 12-8-2(a) (excessive or delaying acts) shall be guilty of unsporting conduct, shall be issued a red card (official shows a yellow/red card combination) and disqualified (ejected) from further participation. The number of players on the field shall not be reduced for violation of 12-8-2(a and b).

(7) A player who violates NFHS Rule 12-8-3(d1) shall be guilty of a hand ball foul (non-contact with opponent) and disqualified for serious foul play. The player shall be issued a blue card and disqualified from further competition in the game and shall not be replaced on the field with a substitute.

(8) A coach who commits any of the violations listed in NFHS Rule 12-8-1(g) and 12-8-3(a-h) shall be guilty of unsporting conduct, shall be issued a red card, shall be disqualified (ejected) and removed from the premises and shall be subject to the provisions of Section 107 (Unsporting Conduct).

105.05 Overtime Procedure. The overtime procedure to be used in the

state series, as well as invitational tournament games, is as follows (Note: schools hosting invitational tournaments during the regular season may use this overtime procedure or go directly to penalty kicks as specified in s.105.05(2):

(1) Following a five-minute interval, there shall be a maximum of two (2) 10-minute sudden-victory overtime period. A coin toss as specified in NFHS Rule 5-2-2(d)(2) shall be held in advance of this sudden-victory overtime period. The first goal scored in the sudden-victory overtime period shall terminate the game. If there is no winner in the sudden-victory overtime period, the teams shall change ends of the field and a second 10-minute sudden-victory overtime period shall be played after a two-minute interval.

(2) If a tie still exists following the second sudden-victory overtime period, the head coaches and team captains for both teams will meet with the officials at the half-way line to review the procedure for penalty kicks as follows:

(a) The referee will choose the goal at which all of the kicks from the penalty line will 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 penalty kicks.

(c) A coin toss will be held as in NFHS Rule 5-2-2(d)(2). The team winning the toss will have the 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 goalkeeper prior to each penalty kick.

(f) The team scoring the greatest number of these kicks will be declared the winner.

(g) 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 tie-breaker system.

(3) If the score remains tied after each team has had five penalty kicks:

(a) Each coach will select five different players than the first five who already have 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. If a team has fewer than 10 available players at the end of the first set of kicks from the penalty mark due to either injuries or disqualification, the coach must use all players who have not participated in the first five kicks. The coach may choose additional players from the first five kickers to ensure that five different players participate in the second set of kicks.

(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 remains, repeat s.105.05(3)(a).

(4) The Misconduct Procedure as listed on page 71 in the NFHS Rules Book shall be in effect during the penalty kick phase of overtime.

105.06 Suspended Contest. A suspended contest shall be resumed from the point of interruption under the provision of NFHS Rule 7-1-3 (see s.105.1).

105.07 Protests. Protests of interscholastic contests shall not be allowed. The decision of the officials shall be final. The outcome (i.e. winners and losers) of all interscholastic contests are final, and cannot be reversed, except where the rules of the sport permit or in the case where a winner must forfeit its victory or points.

106. Coaches

106.01 The head coach is required to complete the FHSAA Video Rules Presentation. The rules presentation for coaches will be available Aug. 5-14, 2007 in the E-Classroom on FHSAA.org. The financial penalty for failure to complete is \$50.

107. Sportsmanship and Unsporting Conduct

107.01 Sportsmanship. Student-athletes, coaches, administrators, spectators and all other persons connected directly or indirectly with a member school, as well as contest officials, shall adhere to the principles of good sportsmanship and the ethics of competition before, during and after all contests in which they participate and/or attend.

Each participating school shall be held strictly accountable for unsporting conduct on the part of its competitors, coaches and spectators.

If contestants or people from any school are found guilty of carelessness or maliciously breaking, damaging or destroying property or equipment belonging to the host school or host organization, such school will be held responsible for costs incurred in replacing or repairing such property or equipment.

107.02 Disqualification (ejection) for general unsporting conduct or flagrant foul.

(1) **Student-Athlete.** Suspended from competition for remainder of contest and all contests on all levels for the following seven days, but not less than the next two regularly scheduled contests (one contest in boys football); if last contest of season, suspension is served in the next sport in which the student-athlete participates; beginning with fourth such ejection in a sport, program in that sport is placed on administrative probation and school is assessed a \$100 fine per occurrence in that sport.

(2) **Coach.** Suspended from competition for remainder of contest and all contests on all levels for the following seven days, but not less than the next two regularly scheduled contests (one contest in boys football); if last contest of season, suspension is served in the next sport in which the individual coaches; school is assessed a minimum fine of \$100 per occurrence.

107.03 Disqualification (ejection) for gross unsporting conduct (Bylaw 11.11.2), or second or subsequent act of general unsporting conduct or flagrant foul.

(1) **Student-Athlete.** Suspended from competition for remainder of contest and all contests on all levels for up to a period of six weeks; if last contest of season, suspension is served in the next sport in which the student-athlete participates; beginning with second such ejection in any sport, school is assessed a \$250 fine per occurrence.

(2) **Coach.** Suspended from competition for remainder of contest and all contests on levels for up to a period of six weeks; if last contest of season, suspension is served in the next sport in which the individual coaches; school is assessed a minimum fine of \$100 per occurrence.

107.04 Restrictions on Disqualified Coach.

(1) Must immediately leave the competition area to a place where he/she is not visible to student-athletes, officials, spectators or other coaches and where he/she cannot see the competition itself.

(2) Must not have any further contact with or give instruction to student-athletes

or other members of his/her staff for the remainder of the contest; including halftime intermission; breaks between quarters, periods or innings; and post-contest activities.

(3) Shall not attend any subsequent contest from which he/she has been suspended in any capacity; shall not be present at the site; and shall not accompany his/her team to the site of the contest.

107.05 Enforcement. It is the responsibility of local school authorities to ensure this policy is enforced. When an ineligible student-athlete is allowed to participate, forfeiture of the contest is mandatory. When a coach is allowed to coach in a contest from which he/she has been suspended, the school shall face additional penalties. When a coach is disqualified (ejected) from a contest and no other authorized school personnel are present to take charge of the student-athletes, the contest shall be forfeited. Contest officials, or host schools for contests in sports in which there are no registered officials, must report acts of unsporting conduct to the FHSAA Office using Form AT6 or iFHSAA.

107.06 Additional Penalties. In addition to the standard monetary penalty of \$100 for the disqualification (ejection) of a coach, a school may be assessed additional minimum fines for unsporting conduct by the coach or other school personnel as follows:

- Use of profanity or gutter language – \$150.00
- Continuing to give instruction to student-athletes or other members of the coaching staff after having been disqualified from a contest – \$150.00
- Pursuit of officials following a contest – \$150.00
- Refusal to leave the court, playing field or team area following disqualification – \$100.00
- Physical contact with an official – \$250.00
- Removal of a team or individual from an athletic contest prior to its normal conclusion – \$250.00
- Storming the playing field, court or pool before, during or after an athletic contest – \$500.00

107.07 Public Criticism of Officials. No coach or other school employee may publicly criticize or berate an official prior to, during or following a contest. Professional ethics require that coaches and other school employees use proper channels to report their complaints about officials rather than airing them publicly. A minimum fine of \$50 shall be assessed a school whose coach or other employees are in violation of this provision.

107.08 Crowd Control.

(1) The home school administration is responsible for the control of spectators during a contest. The presence of uniformed officers is recommended.

(2) The visiting school administration is encouraged to assist with the control of its own spectators. Visiting school administrators (i.e., principal, FHSAA representative, assistant principals and athletic director) who are required by their principal to attend the event for supervisory purposes upon presentation of a photo I.D. must be provided complimentary admission to the event, provided the visiting school submits their names to the home school administration by fax in writing on school stationery not less than 24 hours prior to the scheduled starting time of the event.

(3) The officials assigned to officiate a contest are responsible for the conduct of the contest itself. In the event, however, a spectator or group of spectators interferes with the conduct of a contest or causes an official to become distracted through continual, unrelenting verbal abuse, the official should immediately stop the action and

report the spectator or group of spectators to the home school administration or the nearest uniformed security officer and ask that they be restrained or removed from the facility. If the home school administration or uniformed security officer is unwilling or unable to comply and the official does not believe the contest can be safely continued, the official must declare the contest ended at that point. Under no circumstance should an official ever confront, challenge, rebuke or threaten a spectator, or make gestures of any kind toward a spectator before, during or after a contest.

(4) Both the officials assigned to officiate a contest and the home school administration are required to file with the FHSAA Office by fax within 24 hours a written report on any contest that is disrupted or terminated due to interference by a spectator(s).

107.09 Banned Substances.

(1) The use of alcohol, tobacco or tobacco-like products by student-athletes, coaches and officials is prohibited during any interscholastic athletic contest and in the vicinity of the playing field or court. A student-athlete in violation of this policy is guilty of gross unsporting conduct, will be disqualified from the contest and shall be suspended from subsequent contests in accordance with the provisions of s.107.03(1). The official must report any violation of this policy by either a student-athlete or coach to the FHSAA Office. Violation of this policy by a student-athlete or coach shall subject the school to a monetary penalty. Violation of this policy by an official shall subject the official to a monetary penalty or suspension or both. For violations of this policy, a minimum fine of \$100.00 shall be assessed.

(2) The use of anabolic steroids or other performance-enhancing drugs by a student-athlete is not permissible and is considered to be an act of gross unsporting conduct. A student-athlete discovered to be using such substances shall be ineligible to compete in any interscholastic contest until such time as medical evidence can be presented that the student's system is free of those substances.

108. Inclement Weather Procedures

108.01 If a thunderstorm or electrical storm occurs in the area prior to the start of or during any outdoor contest, the officials must immediately contact the principal or his/her designee of each school involved in the contest to determine if the contest should be played as scheduled, delayed, suspended or postponed. If the principal or his/her designee of either of the schools involved requests that the contest be interrupted or postponed, the officials must immediately honor such request. If the principal or his/her designee of only one of the competing schools is available, his/her request must be honored.

(1) The safety and welfare of all concerned is of paramount importance. In no case shall an official deny a request by a principal to delay, suspend or postpone an outdoor contest due to inclement weather or imply that the contest will be forfeited as a result of such a request.

(2) A suspended contest shall be resumed from the point of interruption under the provision of NFHS Rule 7-1-3 (see s.105.1).

108.02 If severe weather occurs in the area prior to the start of, or during any, scheduled outdoor game, tournament or meet and the event is delayed, postponed, suspended or cancelled, special financial rules apply. If for other unforeseen reasons, a game, tournament or meet is delayed, postponed, suspended or cancelled, special

financial rules apply.

(1) If tickets have been sold for the event and any revenue related to the event is retained by the school, then the regular financial reporting process must be completed with payments to the FHSAA and to the participating school(s). If free entry is given for a future event, the revenue received and retained should be reported for the event. If money is refunded and not retained then it should not be included as revenue reported for the event. If tickets were presold for the event and the event was cancelled before it was to begin, then the revenue received and retained (not refunded) from the presold tickets should be reported on the financial report.

(2) If a financial hardship results from the inclement weather and the related loss of playing time, the host school should submit a written request for waiver of financial share payments. Requests should be submitted to the Senior Director of Athletics. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

109. Photographing, Filming, Videotaping Contests

109.01 A visiting school may photograph, film or videotape its team's or contestants' performance in a preseason or regular season contest when permission is secured from and arrangements are made with the host school principal. Videographers and their equipment must be positioned so that they do not block the view of any spectator. No representative of a school that is not participating in a contest may film or videotape all or any part of the contest unless permission to do so is granted by the principal of each school that is participating in the contest. See s.114.09 for provisions relative to photographing, filming and videotaping state series contests.

109.02 Any school violating this policy is guilty of unsporting conduct and shall be subject to reprimand and the assessment of a financial penalty by the FHSAA.

110. Entries and Entry Fees

110.01 Entry Procedure.

(1) A member school that elects to participate in the state series in a team sport must have filed with the FHSAA Office a commitment to participate by the specified deadline. This commitment to participate is a binding agreement between the member school and the Association, and obligates the school to participate in accordance with and abide by all guidelines, regulations, policies and procedures for the state series.

(2) A school that does not commit to participate in the state series in a team sport by the specified deadline may be permitted to participate without penalty if its written request for entry using Form AT12 is received before the state series assignments are released. Once the state series assignments are released, the following provisions will apply:

(a) No existing or future member school will be assigned to a district after the district scheduling meeting has been held.

(b) Existing member schools which, at the time of commitment, were eligible for state series assignment and declined to commit, but then request assignment using the appropriate form effective in a subsequent year of the four-year term will be assessed a \$100 administrative fee.

(3) A school that commits to participate in the state series may be released from its commitment without penalty if written notice of its withdrawal using Form AT13 is

received in the FHSAA Office before the state series assignments are released. Once the state series assignments are released, withdrawal will result in the assessment of a \$250 fine and disqualification of the school from participation in the state series in that sport for the duration of the term. Withdrawal from a commitment will not relieve a school of any contractual obligations it may have with other member schools.

110.02 Entry Fee. Each school accepting the invitation to participate in the state series by the specified deadline has been assessed a non-refundable \$50 entry fee.

110.03 Official Entry List.

(1) Each participating school must generate in iFHSAA and submit by fax to its district tournament manager a “2007 FHSAA State Fall Soccer Series Official Entry List” on which is listed the name of each student-athlete who will represent the school in the state series. The official entry list:

(a) Must be filed by 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15, 2007 (late filing fee is \$50, increases to \$100 if not received by district tournament manager by 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, 2007).

(b) May contain the names of up to 22 student-athletes, all of whom may participate. All student-athletes listed must have been previously reported to the FHSAA Office on an “Annual Eligibility Report” through iFHSAA.

(c) Must be signed by the principal, FHSAA representative and head coach.

(d) Cannot be e-mailed

(2) A school whose official entry list is not received by the time of its team’s first match in the district tournament may be permitted to participate only with the approval of the FHSAA Office; however, that school shall be assessed a minimum financial penalty of \$250. This penalty will increase if it is later determined that a student-athlete(s) representing the school was ineligible to do so.

(3) Additions or changes to an official entry list must be submitted in writing to the district, regional or state tournament manager using Form AT8. A coach making a change to his/her official entry list must declare that the student affected in the addition/change is otherwise eligible by all FHSAA policies and bylaws; appears on his/her school’s annual eligibility list in the iFHSAA database, and meets all minimum contest requirements as established by the Association. The following provisions will apply:

(a) Additions/changes are permissible at any time during the state series provided the change is made between tournament matches. Once a team begins a tournament match it cannot make an addition/change to its official entry list for that match.

(g) An administrative fee of \$50 per addition or change will be assessed. The fee(s) will appear on the school’s next monthly statement.

(4) The manager for the district tournament, regional tournament match or state tournament shall forward to the FHSAA Office all entry list change forms (AT8) and entry list receipt logs filed by schools participating in the event within 10 business days of the conclusion of the event.

111. State Series Structure and Time Schedule

111.01 Tournament Field. Competition in fall soccer will be held for all member schools without classification by enrollment. The state series provides for a field of 8 teams. Competition will be single-elimination games. *(see Appendix E for*

tournament bracket).

111.02 State Series Levels. The successive state series shall be designated respectively as district and FHSAA Finals. The FHSAA Office will select the FHSAA Finals host site. FHSAA Associate Director of Athletics Shanell Young, the administrator for fall soccer, shall be the State Series Director.

111.03 District Complex. Participating schools are geographically assigned to one of 8 district complexes in their respective classifications (See Appendix D or FHSAA.org). A tournament shall be conducted in each district complex at the conclusion of the regular season to determine the team that shall represent the district complex in the remainder of the state series.

(1) **District Coordinator.** One school in each district complex has been designated as the district coordinator (See Appendix D or FHSAA.org). The FHSAA representative or his/her designee at the district coordinator school shall be responsible for hosting, conducting and reporting to the FHSAA Office results of the district scheduling/tournament planning meeting. At the conclusion of the district planning meeting, the district meet/tournament host (meet manager) will assume responsibility for the event, including seeding of the teams.

(2) **District Meeting.** Each district coordinator was required to conduct a district meeting between March 10 and April 10, 2007 to schedule mandatory district matches and plan the district tournament for the 2007-08 school year. Attendance by the FHSAA representative of each district member school was mandatory. During this meeting, district members were to:

(a) Determine whether district members would schedule and play one or two matches against each other for district tournament seeding purposes.

(b) Schedule the necessary district matches against each other; and

(c) Determine a site and make arrangements for the district tournament, including the selection of officials.

(d) A similar meeting will be held between March 10 and April 10, 2008 to schedule mandatory district games and plan the district tournament for the 2008-09 school year. Each school in the district shall be required to send a representative to attend the meeting and vote on behalf of the school on all matters pertaining to plans for the district tournament. A school that is not represented at the meeting shall be assessed a \$100 penalty. If a school wishes to submit an invitation to host the district tournament at the meeting and its representative present is not the principal, FHSAA representative or athletic director, the representative must have in his/her possession a letter of invitation signed by one or more of the principal, FHSAA representative or athletic director. [Note: A District Coordinator may request of the Senior Director of Athletic Operations permission to conduct a district scheduling/tournament meeting by teleconference if his/her district is spread over a large geographic area.]

If the FHSAA representative, athletic director, or baseball coach at a given school has requested and was granted placement in a district and has not received written notification from the district coordinator relative to the site and time of the district meeting, it is his/her responsibility to contact the district coordinator for the arrangements. The following agenda must be followed:

(1) Review FHSAA rules, policies, terms and conditions governing the state series, including the FHSAA Licensing and Merchandising Policy (s.115.06).

(2) Schedule all mandatory games between district opponents within the permissible dates. All district games must be scheduled during this meeting. If a school does not

have the appropriate representative present at the meeting, the district coordinator shall schedule the district games for that school.

(3) Select host school, site and determine schedule or tournament games and number of sessions for the district tournament. (Note: An actual host school must be selected at this meeting and may be subsequently changed only with the permission of the FHSAA Office. Designating the No. 1 seed, etc., when determined, as the host school is not permitted.)

(4) Review the seeding and bracketing provisions.

(5) Determine team awards to be ordered.

(6) Select and make arrangements for purchase of soccer balls.

(7) Determine number of passes to be allowed participating teams.

(8) Select officials and submit recommended list to local association by deadline.

(9) Select official timer and scorer and set their compensation.

(10) Determine financial arrangements. See Section 206.

(11) Determine allocation of tickets to participating schools on an equitable basis if seating is limited.

(12) Determine the amount of compensation, not to exceed \$100.00, to be paid to the tournament manager.

(13) Other business (i.e., AED availability, etc.).

(e) The FHSAA Office will mail each district coordinator a form on which to record the decisions made during the district meeting. The report form should be completed and returned to the FHSAA Office immediately after the meeting is concluded. A copy of the report form as well as the minutes of the meeting should be mailed to each school in the district.

(3) **District Schedule.** Each participating school shall schedule and play one or two regular season matches (as determined in the district meeting) with every other district member to be eligible to participate in the district tournament. The results of the district matches shall be used to determine seeding for the district tournament.

(a) The decision to play a one-match district schedule, rather than two, must be by majority vote of representatives present at the district meeting. If a majority cannot agree to play a one-match schedule, then a two-match schedule shall be played.

(1) If a district votes to play a one-match district schedule and two district opponents elect to play each other more than once, then the results of the first match played will count toward district seeding.

(b) All district matches must be scheduled and played not later than Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007. If a scheduled district match is postponed due to inclement weather or other unforeseen and unavoidable situations and can only be played after the Oct. 13, 2007 deadline, the FHSAA Office may grant permission for the match to be played after the deadline and counted. This exception, however, will be granted only if the match was originally scheduled to be played prior to the deadline.

111.04 District Tournaments. District tournaments shall be held Monday, Oct. 22-Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007. The top four teams in district competition shall comprise the field. Each district will determine a site for its tournament at the district meeting. The FHSAA representative at the host school shall be designated the tournament manager. No local manager is authorized to change the dates, times or order of matches as determined by the district planning meeting without written permission from the FHSAA Office.

(1) **Seeding.** The following guidelines shall be used to seed a district tournament:

(a) Each school shall be seeded based on the district points it accumulates in the

games played against all district opponents during the regular season. Three (3) points shall be awarded for each victory over a district opponent. One (1) point shall be awarded for each tie with a district opponent. The school with the most district points shall be seeded No. 1; the school with the second-most district points shall be seeded No. 2; etc. In the event two or more teams are unable to play the required district games due to reasons acceptable to the FHSAA Office, all teams in that district shall be seeded according to the average of district points accumulated.

(b) Two Teams Tied. When two teams are tied for a seed, the following procedure shall be used (in the following order until the tie is broken):

1. Won-loss results of head-to-head competition between the two teams;
2. District points accumulated by the two teams versus the highest-seeded team (and proceeding through the lowest seeded team, if necessary);
3. Number of district points earned on the road in district games;
4. Number of district points earned at home in district games; and
5. Coin toss by the District Coordinator.

(c) Three (or more) Teams Tied. When three or more teams are tied for a seed, the following procedure shall be used (in the following order until the tie is broken):

1. Total district points earned in all games played among the tied teams;
2. District points accumulated by the tied teams versus the highest-seeded team (and proceeding through the lowest seeded team, if necessary);
3. Number of district points earned on the road in district games;
4. Number of district points earned at home in district games; and
5. Draw by the District Coordinator.

Once the three-or-more-way tie has been reduced to two schools, the two-school tiebreaker formula shall be used.

111.05 FHSAA Finals State Tournament. The 2007 FHSAA Fall Soccer Finals state championship tournament shall be played on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 2-3, 2007 at a site to be determined. The following provisions will apply:

(1) First-round play-in matches will be played at 4 p.m. or 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2007 at four sites to determine the four semifinal teams advancing to the FHSAA Finals state tournament. The champion of each **even**-numbered district complex shall serve as host to the neighboring higher **odd**-numbered district complex. The FHSAA representative of the host school shall be designated the match manager.

(2) The following time schedule shall be followed in the FHSAA Finals state championship tournament:

Friday, Nov. 2

Meeting of head coaches, TBA

Session 1

Semifinal Match 1, TBA

Semifinal Match 2, TBA

Saturday, Nov. 3

Session 2

Championship Match (semifinal winners), TBA

111.06 Advancement of Winners. The winners of the 8 district tournaments shall advance to four (4) FHSAA Fall Soccer Finals first-round play-in matches. The winners of the four FHSAA Finals first-round play-in matches shall advance to the FHSAA Fall Soccer Finals state championship tournament.

111.07 Bracketing. In establishing the competitive rotation of the bracket, Regions 2, 3 and 4 rotate clockwise against the stationary Region 1. The rotation for

the next three years is as follows:

2007-08 – Region 1 vs. Region 4; Region 2 vs. Region 3

2008-09 – Region 1 vs. Region 2; Region 3 vs. Region 4

2009-10 – Region 1 vs. Region 3; Region 2 vs. Region 4

112. Local Management

112.01 The FHSAA representative of the host school will be the local manager for the state series tournament or match that his/her school is hosting. He/she will be responsible for making the necessary preparations to host the event and for the filing of necessary reports to the FHSAA Office upon conclusion of the event.

112.02 The district tournament manager must report to the FHSAA Office at the conclusion of the district tournament, but not later than 9 a.m. EDT the day following, the scores of the three tournament matches and the updated win-loss record of the district champion team. This report may be made online via iFHSAA, by e-mail to “fallsoccer@fhsaa.org”, by faxing the “FHSAA State Fall Soccer Series Contest Results and/or Arrangements Report Form,” which will be supplied by the FHSAA Office, to (352) 372-9086. All required information must be provided regardless of the manner in which the report is filed.

112.03 The local manager for an FHSAA Finals first-round play-in match must report to the FHSAA Office not later than 9 a.m. EST on the day following the district tournament, the site for the first-round play-in game. This report may be made online via iFHSAA, by e-mail to “fallsoccer@fhsaa.org”, by faxing the “FHSAA State Fall Soccer Series Contest Results and/or Arrangements Report Form,” which will be supplied by the FHSAA Office, to (352) 372-9086. All required information must be provided regardless of the manner in which the report is filed.

113. Financial Arrangements

113.01 District Tournaments.

(1) **Admission:** \$5.00.

(2) **Division of Receipts:** Officials shall be paid from the first-balance gross gate receipts. The FHSAA will receive 10 percent of the second-balance gross gate receipts. The host school shall pay all permissible expenses from the remaining 90 percent of the second-balance gross gate receipts. The net profit, if any, shall then be divided 40 percent to the host school and 20 percent to each of the three other participating schools.

113.02 FHSAA Finals First-Round Play-In Matches.

(1) **Admission:** \$6.00.

(2) **Division of Receipts:** Officials shall be paid from the first-balance gross gate receipts. The FHSAA will receive 10 percent of the second-balance gross gate receipts. The host school shall pay all permissible expenses from the remaining 90 percent of the second-balance gross gate receipts. The net profit, if any, shall then be divided 60 percent to the host school and 40 percent to the visiting school.

113.03 FHSAA Finals State Tournament.

(1) **Admission:** \$7.00.

(2) **Division of Receipts:** No reimbursement of any kind will be paid to schools which qualify teams and/or individual contestants to the FHSAA Finals. Neither the FHSAA nor the host organization will assume responsibility for any partici-

pating school or individual contestant expenses of any kind.

113.04 Team Expenses. Neither the FHSAA nor the local tournament management shall assume responsibility for any team expenses of any kind. Individual schools entering the state series must be ready to assume responsibility for all expenses related to their participation, including travel, housing and meals; and for unusual expenses due to accident, inclement weather, fire, theft or any other extraordinary cause.

114. Tournament Regulations

114.01 Squad Size.

(1) **Player Limit.** Each participating school shall be allowed a maximum of 22 players in uniform for each tournament game. Uniformed players, coaches and team managers will be admitted to tournament games free of charge.

(2) **FHSAA Finals.** The number of field passes for participating teams shall not exceed the number of uniformed players plus eight (8) to be used by coaches, managers, statisticians, trainers, medical personnel, administrators, etc.

114.02 Designation of Home Team. Throughout the state series, the home team for each match shall be the team on the lower line of the bracket. The visiting team shall be the team on the upper line of the bracket. Consequently, the host school for a state series event may not necessarily be the “home team” during competition in that event.

114.03 Prematch Warmup and Procedures. The following pre-match time schedule shall be followed in all state series games:

First Game of Session

20:00 on game clock (35:00 before game time) – Teams begin 20-minute on-field warmup period.

5:00 on game clock (20:00 before game time) – Captains and officials meet.

0:00 on game clock (15:00 before game time) – Teams report to sidelines.

(12:00 before game time) – Teams (players and coaches) and officials proceed together in line to midfield.

(11:00 before game time) – Introduction of players, coaches and officials. As player's name is called he/she steps forward then back into line. Visiting team non-starters, then starters, then assistant coaches, then head coach. Home team non-starters, then starters, then assistant coaches, then head coach. Introduction of officials.

(8:00 before game time) – National Anthem.

(2:00 before game time) – Introductions end; final preparations.

(game time) – Reset clock to 40:00; game begins.

Second and Subsequent Game(es) of Session

20:00 on game clock (32:00 before game time) – Teams begin 20-minute on-field warmup period.

5:00 on game clock (17:00 before game time) – Captains and officials meet.

0:00 on game clock (12:00 before game time) – Teams report to sidelines.

(9:00 before game time) – Teams (players and coaches) and officials proceed together in line to midfield.

(8:00 before game time) – Introduction of players, coaches and officials. As player's name is called he/she steps forward then back into line. Visiting team non-starters, then starters, then assistant coaches, then head coach. Home team non-starters, then starters, then assistant coaches, then head coach. Introduction of officials.

(2:00 before game time) – Introductions end; final preparations.

(game time) – Reset clock to 40:00; game begins.

No participating team, other than the host school's team, shall be permitted onto

a tournament field for practice during the week of the district or play-in game or FHSAA Finals except for the 30-minute pregame warm-up period.

114.04 Tie Games. All state series games must be played to completion. Tie games will be resolved in accordance with the procedure outlined in s.105.04.

114.05 Official Ball.

(1) **District Tournaments, First-Round Play-In Games.** The host school will supply legal game soccer balls which must be approved by the game referees.

(2) **FHSAA Finals.** The Brine NCAA Championship soccer ball shall be the official ball of the FHSAA Finals. The use of this ball will be mandatory in each game of the FHSAA Finals. Brine and the FHSAA will provide the actual balls to be used competition.

114.06 Bands. Bands will not be permitted to play at games in the state series.

114.07 Cheerleaders. Cheerleaders in uniform, along with their adult sponsors, will be admitted free of charge to state series events (i.e., contests or sessions) in which their school's team participates. The number of cheerleaders permitted will be the same as the number who cheered during varsity contests during the regular season.

114.08 Noisemakers. Whistles, or noisemakers of any kind that mimic the sound of a whistle, are prohibited at games in the state series.

114.09 Failure to Appear. In the event a team fails to appear at the contest site to compete at the scheduled time, the contest shall be declared forfeited to the team's opponent, and that team will advance to the next round. In this event, the FHSAA Office must be notified immediately. If a team's arrival is delayed due to mechanical problems or inclement weather, every reasonable effort must be made by the Local Manager in consultation with the FHSAA Office to make adjustments, if possible, in the starting time of the contest to accommodate the absent team.

115. State Series Policies

115.01 Administration and Management. As specified in FHSAA Bylaw 4.1.4, all FHSAA state championship series shall be conducted in accordance with the general policies established by the Board of Directors and shall be under the control, direction and supervision of the FHSAA Office.

115.02 Enforcement of Rules & Policies. The determination of the host school for any state series event shall be conditioned in part on the school's willingness to comply with and enforce all regulations and policies governing the event. This includes financial terms, as well as licensing and merchandising policies. A school that does not comply with and enforce such regulations and policies shall forfeit its opportunity to serve as host.

115.03 Neutrality. It is the responsibility of the host school to ensure that an atmosphere of neutrality is maintained in all state series events. Such events are not "home contests" for the host schools. Special festivities held as part of, or in conjunction with, regular season home contests (i.e., activities designed to rally support for the home team, such as light shows, or give special recognition to members of the home team) are not permitted during the state series.

115.04 Forfeitures and Vacation of Brackets, Standings. Individuals or teams that are eliminated from state series competition by defeat by

individuals or teams that later are ordered to forfeit their victory, place and/or points are not reinstated and do not advance in the state series competition from which they were eliminated by defeat.

If championships or other placements in state series competitions are ordered vacated by individuals or teams, other individuals or teams neither advance to those placements nor receive awards for those placements.

115.05 Passes.

(1) FHSAA State Series Passes, FHSAA Lifetime Passes and legitimate news media credentials ONLY will be honored for complimentary admission to state series events.

(2) FHSAA State Series Passes issued to member schools may only be issued to and used by those individuals who are directly connected to the schools' athletic departments (i.e. coaches, athletic director, athletic secretary, etc.). A state series pass issued to an individual may only be used by the individual in whose name it is issued. Member schools must not issue state series passes to students or other individuals under the age of 18. Use of state series passes by students or other individuals under the age of 18 is prohibited. Users of state series passes must present a valid government-issued photo ID (i.e., drivers license) with the pass to gain admittance. A state series pass admits only the bearer. Individuals accompanying the bearer of a state series pass who themselves do not possess a pass must purchase a ticket of admission to the event. State series event managers are instructed to confiscate and return to the FHSAA Office any state series pass that is misused.

(3) Visiting school administrators (i.e., principal, FHSAA representative, assistant principals and athletic director) who are required by their principal to attend the event for supervisory purposes shall be admitted upon presentation of a photo I.D., provided the visiting school submits their names to the event manager by fax in writing on school stationery not less than 24 hours prior to the scheduled starting time of the event.

(4) All individuals who gain admittance to a state series event using any one of the accepted passes must record their name, position with school or organization, type of pass used, and pass number (if applicable) on the "FHSAA State Series Event Pass Gate Log" (Form AT10).

115.06 Licensing and Merchandising. The FHSAA owns or controls all rights and interests in its name, logos, trademarks and service marks, whether registered or unregistered, including the official event logo for all FHSAA Finals events. The sale of items bearing any of these marks by a member school or organization without the written consent of the FHSAA is prohibited.

The FHSAA retains the exclusive right to produce and sell souvenir products (apparel and otherwise) at all games, tournaments and meets held as part of the state series. Host schools/organizations are required to sell items provided by the official FHSAA event souvenir merchandiser.

The official FHSAA event souvenir merchandiser is Team IP Sportswear, Inc., of Port St. Lucie. They may be reached at (877) 821-8643. Team IP has been awarded exclusive souvenir merchandising rights to all state series events in all sports. A host school/organization that desires to sell souvenir merchandise at a state series event must purchase such merchandise from Team IP. No other vendor shall be permitted to produce such merchandise. Team IP shall have the right to go on-property and sell

souvenir merchandise at the site of any state series event. The host school/organization of a state series event shall grant Team IP access to its property for the event.

No individual(s), including those affiliated with a participating member school, shall bring onto the property of a facility at which an FHSAA State Series event is being conducted any items (including but not limited to T-shirts, caps, posters, bumper stickers, etc.) to be sold or otherwise distributed on the property to student-athletes, coaches or spectators without the written approval of the FHSAA. An individual(s) found in violation of this provision shall surrender the items for confiscation, shall be expelled from the property and may be subject to legal action. A member school found in violation of this provision shall be assessed a minimum fine of \$250 and, in addition, shall pay monetary damages to be mutually determined by the FHSAA and its exclusive vendor(s).

The host school/organization of a state series event may be permitted to sell generic merchandise unrelated to the event (i.e., apparel and other merchandise bearing the host school/organization's mark), provided such merchandise has been made available for sale on a consistent basis throughout the year and has not been produced specifically for sale at the state series event.

115.07 Souvenir Programs. All host schools of district tournaments and FHSAA Finals first-round play-in games that produce an official program must display on the program cover both the appropriate FHSAA sport logo and sportsmanship logo, which may be downloaded from FHSAA.org. If the program cover is pre-printed, the logo must be displayed prominently inside or on the team roster inserts.

115.08 Signs and/or Banners. The display of signs, banners, placards or similar items at state series events is permitted, provided:

- (1) They are in good taste and reflect good sportsmanship in their message and use;
- (2) They reflect identification and encouragement to participants and their school or community, and make no reference to the opposing team, its school, players or community;
- (3) They are not displayed on the court/field, or in a manner which interferes with play;
- (4) They do not obstruct the view of participants or spectators; and
- (5) They are not safety hazards.

115.09 Photography and Videotaping.

(1) The FHSAA, subject to the policies of the host facility, allows still cameras and video cameras to be used at state series events so that participants and spectators may record the excitement and festivities for their own personal entertainment – not for the purposes of commercial re-sale or public re-distribution in any form. Only those duly authorized organizations or individuals who have been granted appropriate rights by contract or by issued credential shall be permitted to sell or publicly display or otherwise redistribute images and sounds of state series contests and then only in accordance with the terms and conditions established by the FHSAA.

(2) Each participating school shall be permitted to photograph, film or videotape, for archival, coaching or instructional purposes, only those state series contests in which its team or contestants perform when arrangements are made with the contest management. Photographers, videographers and their equipment must be positioned so that they do not block the view of any spectator.

(3) Spectators may be allowed to bring handheld video cameras that operate on battery power into the facility. Spectators shall be prohibited from using tripods.

(4) There may be additional guidelines or restrictions for FHSAA Finals state championship events.

(5) A school that violates these guidelines shall be guilty of unsporting conduct and will be subject to reprimand and the assessment of a financial penalty by the FHSAA. An organization or individual who violates these guidelines, and in so doing infringes upon the rights of the FHSAA, shall be subject to one or more of the following actions: remedies under breach of contract; revocation of credentials; expulsion from the site of competition; and legal action under applicable state and federal laws.

115.10 Public-Address Announcer. The public-address announcer shall be considered a bench official for all state series events. He/she shall maintain complete neutrality at all times and, as such, shall not be a “cheerleader” for any team. The announcer will follow the FHSAA script for promotional announcements, player introductions and awards ceremonies. Other announcements are limited to:

- Those of an emergency nature (e.g., paging a doctor);
- Those of a “practical” nature (e.g., announcing that a driver has left his/her vehicle lights on); and
- Announcements that FHSAA souvenir merchandise, souvenir programs and concessions are on sale in the facility.

During the contest, the announcer:

- Should recognize player(s) making a play (e.g., “Basket by Jones” in basketball, “Smith on the kill” in volleyball, etc.);
- Should recognize player serving;
- Should report a penalty as signaled by the referee;
- Should report substitutions and timeouts;
- Must not call the “play-by-play” or provide “color commentary” as if he/she were announcing for a radio or television broadcast;
- Must not make any comment that would offer either competing team an unfair advantage in the contest; and
- Must not make any comment critical of any school, team, player, coach or official; or any other comment that has the potential to incite unsporting conduct on the part of any individual.

The announcer should be certain of the accuracy of his/her statements before making them. When in doubt, the announcer should remain silent.

115.11 Public-Address Announcements. Announcements promoting the FHSAA and its interscholastic programs must be read over the public-address system, if available, prior to and during all contests in the state series. See the “Promotions and Programs” page on FHSAA.org for the appropriate script.

115.12 All-Tournament/Meet Teams. No employee of the FHSAA nor the local manager may influence in any way the selection of any all-tournament/meet team, including the selection of a most valuable player or other “player of the game.”

115.13 Uniformed Security. The local manager for a state series event is responsible for providing appropriate uniformed security at the event that his/her school is hosting.

115.14 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). The pres-

ence and availability of an automated external defibrillator (AED) is mandatory at the site of every FHSAA state championship series contest on the district, regional, sectional and state levels.

116. Media Policies

116.01 Admission and Seating. Media representatives covering a state series event must be admitted free of charge upon presentation of proper news media identification. Space must be set aside to provide for news media representatives whether they be from newspapers, radio stations, commercial television stations and/or cable television stations.

116.02 FHSAA Finals Credentials. News media representatives planning to cover the FHSAA Finals state championship tournament must secure credentials as instructed by the FHSAA Office, according to the FHSAA Policy on Media Credentials. Requests for credentials should be submitted to the FHSAA Office not later than 5 p.m. EDT Monday, Oct. 29, 2007. Only those representatives requesting credentials by the deadline will be guaranteed seating and informational materials at the tournament.

116.03 Media Rights. The FHSAA owns all media rights to its state series events, including rights to radio broadcasts, telecasts, cablecasts, webcasts, audio and film/video rights, and commercial photography. Radio broadcasts, telecasts, cablecasts and webcasts of state series events are governed by the FHSAA Broadcast Policy. Such broadcasts, telecasts, cablecasts and webcasts must be approved by the FHSAA Office. The following provisions shall apply:

(1) The “Application for Media Rights to FHSAA State Series Event” (Form AT11) to the FHSAA Office by 3 p.m. EST on the business day preceding the event to be broadcast, telecast, or cablecast to avoid a \$25.00 late filing fee.

(2) Radio broadcast rights fees are \$50.00 per event. Tape-delay telecast and cablecast rights fees are \$250.00 per event. Rights fees for live telecasts and cablecasts shall be negotiated at the discretion of the FHSAA. The FHSAA Office shall invoice the outlet to which rights are granted. Rights fees must be paid by company check made payable to “FHSAA” and mailed directly to the FHSAA Office within 30 days of receipt of the invoice. Outlets that fail to make payment of rights fees by the deadline shall be assessed a \$25.00 late fee and may be denied rights to broadcast, telecast or cablecast future contests.

(3) The FHSAA Radio Network owns exclusive rights to the radio broadcast of all FHSAA Finals state championship events. Sun Sports Network owns exclusive rights to the telecast and cablecast of all FHSAA Finals state championship events. iHigh Inc. owns exclusive rights to the webcast of all state series events.

(4) Approval of radio broadcasts, telecasts and cablecasts of state series contests by the FHSAA Office are final. The FHSAA Office shall fax to the host school a copy of the approved media rights agreement. A host school shall not permit the radio broadcast, telecast or cablecast of a state series contest that has not been approved by the FHSAA Office.

116.04 Postgame Procedures.

(1) **State Series prelims.** The host school should cooperate with news media representatives in providing them access to a work area and telephone following a state series contest so that they can file their reports on the contest. The head coach of

each competing team is encouraged to cooperate with the news media by participating in interviews as quickly as possible following the conclusion of the contest and providing game statistics if available.

(2) **FHSAA Finals.** The host site must designate a room or area secluded from the general public for a postgame press conference involving the head coach and up to five players from each team participating in the just-concluded game. Participation by the head coach in the postgame press conference is mandatory. Participation by athletes is voluntary and at the discretion of the head coach. Both the head coach and athletes may agree to supplemental one-on-one interviews, at their discretion, following their press conference. News media representatives must remain off the field and no interviews may take place during the awards ceremony following the championship game.

116.05 Restrictions.

(1) **Access to Locker/Dressing Rooms.** The FHSAA operates under a closed lockerroom policy at all FHSAA Finals state championship events. At no time will news media representatives be granted access to lockerrooms or dressing rooms at any state championship event. Team boxes, team benches, team huddles and dug-outs are considered extensions of locker/dressing rooms.

(2) **Access to Competition Area.** Media representatives are not permitted in the competition area (i.e., within the field of play, on the playing court, etc.) at any time during a state series contest until the competition has concluded and a winner has been determined. Photographers shall honor photographer lines and designated areas when marked.

117. Awards

117.01 Team.

(1) **District Tournament.** Trophies are available for awarding to the champion and runner-up teams, and may be purchased from the FHSAA's authorized vendor by the host school or district as an expense of the tournament as determined by those school representatives present at the district meeting, or individually by the champion and runner-up schools. There shall be no other team awards presented by outside organizations or individuals.

(2) **FHSAA Finals.** Trophies will be awarded to the champion and runner-up teams in the FHSAA Finals. There shall be no other team awards presented by outside organizations or individuals.

(3) **FHSAA Authorized Vendor.** Trophies must be ordered from The Trophy Shop in Gainesville by calling (352) 372-8551. The vendor should also be contacted if problems are experienced in receiving trophies on time and in good condition.

117.02 Individual. Thirty (30) medallions will be presented to players, coaches and other team members of the champion and runner-up teams at the Florida FHSAA state championship tournament. Schools may purchase additional medallions by contacting the FHSAA Office.

117.03 Additional Awards. No other trophies or awards of any kind may be presented at a state series event unless approved by the FHSAA Office.

118. Officials

118.01 Regular Season.

(1) **Assignment.** All member schools must use FHSAA registered contest officials in soccer games in which they participate. The crew for regular season games must consist of two officials (head referee and assistant referee). However, the use of three officials (referee and two assistant referees) by the host school is optional. The decisions of the contest officials shall be final. No protests shall be allowed.

Guidelines, regulations, policies and procedures governing the FHSAA contest officials program are published in the 2006-07 FHSAA Officials Guidebook, a copy of which has been provided to each member school. That publication also is available for download as a PDF document on FHSAA.org.

(2) **Maximum Fees.** The maximum fees a member school may pay officials for a regular season contest are:

- Varsity game (two officials) – \$46.00 per official
- Varsity game (three officials) – Referee \$46.00, assistant referees \$36.00 per official
- Sub-varsity game (two officials) – \$36.00 per official
- Sub-varsity game (three officials) – Referee \$36.00, assistant referees \$27.00 per official

Sixty (60) cents per mile one way, one vehicle, is the maximum mileage rate that may be charged by a local officials association.

118.02 Assignment.

(1) **District Tournaments.** Official crews for each district tournament shall be selected at the district meeting. A crew of at least two officials (referee and assistant referee) shall be assigned to each game. Districts may agree to assign three officials (referee and two assistant referees) to each game. The district coordinator shall contract with the appropriate local officials association for those officials selected by the district. The decisions of the officials shall be final. No protests shall be allowed.

(2) **First-Round Play-in Games.** Official crews for regional tournament games shall be assigned by the FHSAA Office. A crew of three officials (referee and two assistant referees) shall be assigned to each game. The decisions of the officials shall be final. No protests shall be allowed.

(3) **FHSAA Finals.** Officials for the FHSAA Finals shall be assigned by the FHSAA Office. A crew of three officials (referee and two assistant referees) shall be assigned to each game. The decisions of the officials shall be final. No protests shall be allowed.

118.03 Payment.

(1) **District Tournaments.** The host school for each district tournament shall be responsible for paying game officials from the total revenue of the tournament according to the financial terms stipulated in s.112.01. Checks in payment of officials' fees and expenses must be issued to the local officials association to which the officials belong.

(2) **Regional Tournaments.** The host school for each regional tournament or game shall be responsible for paying game officials from the total revenue of the tournament or game according to the financial terms stipulated in s.112.02. Checks in payment of officials' fees and expenses must be issued to the local officials association to which the officials belong. The FHSAA Office shall notify each host school in advance of the total amount of fees due and the name of the local officials association

to which the check is to be issued.

(3) **FHSAA Finals.** The FHSAA Office shall be responsible for paying game officials assigned to work the FHSAA Finals.

118.04 Fees. The fees to be paid officials for games in the state series are as follows:

- District Tournament Games – \$48.00 referee, \$38.00 per assistant referee
- Regional Tournament Games – \$50.00 referee, \$40.00 per assistant referee
- FHSAA Finals – \$55.00 referee, \$45.00 per assistant referee

Sixty (60) cents per mile one way, one vehicle, is the maximum mileage rate that may be charged by a local officials association.

118.05 Schools' Responsibilities to Officials. The Board of Directors has charged member schools with the following responsibilities relative to FHSAA officials when serving as host for an athletic contest to which officials are assigned:

(1) **General.**

(a) An authorized representative of the host school must greet the officials upon their arrival.

(b) The host school shall provide a private, secure place for the officials to park.

(c) The host school should provide a secure dressing facility which affords privacy.

(d) The host school should provide the officials access to private shower facilities with hot water whenever possible.

(e) The host school should provide the officials with refreshments (i.e., water and/or sports drinks) during the halftime intermission, following the conclusion of the contest and other appropriate times.

(f) The host school must provide pregame, halftime and postgame security for the officials. A school official or principal's designee must escort the officials to and from the playing field or court to prevent harassment.

(g) The host school principal or game administrator must indicate to the referee or umpire-in-chief his/her seat location should a situation develop where assistance is needed during the contest.

(h) School personnel, including coaches, must not enter the officials dressing facility while the officials are in attendance except when requested by the officials.

(2) **State Series.** The host school for each state series contest beyond the district tournament (i.e., district football tiebreakers, regional tournament games/matches in all sports, etc.) shall provide contest officials with a secure and adequate dressing room (one each for mixed gender crews) with properly operating bathroom facilities including showers with warm water at the site of the contest. If the site does not have such facilities, the host school shall obtain and provide at its expense an appropriate hotel/motel room(s) reasonably close to the site. The host school is required to complete dressing room arrangements and have the information available to the referee or umpire-in-chief at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled starting time of the contest. It is the responsibility of the head referee or umpire-in-chief to contact the school administration at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled starting time of the contest to verify the arrangements for the contest. The referee or umpire-in-chief shall report to the FHSAA Office the failure of any host school to provide dressing facilities as required.