FHSAA SOCCER UPDATES

2019-20 Sport Season
INTRODUCTION

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

- **First Practice/Tryout Date**
  - Girls Dates: Oct. 21
  - Boys Dates: Oct. 21

- **Preseason Tournament Dates**
  - Girls Dates: Nov. 4-9
  - Boys Dates: Nov. 4-9

- **First Regular Season Date**
  - Girls Dates: Nov. 11
  - Boys Dates: Nov. 11

- **Last Date Toward District Seed**
  - Girls Dates: Jan. 18
  - Boys Dates: Jan. 18

- **Last Regular Season Playing Date**
  - Girls Dates: Feb. 1*
  - Boys Dates: Feb. 1*

- **District Tournament**
  - Girls Dates: Jan. 27-Feb. 8
  - Boys Dates: Jan. 27-Feb. 8

- **Regional Tournament & State Semifinal**
  - Girls Dates: Feb. 11, 14, 18, 21
  - Boys Dates: Feb. 12, 15, 19, 22

- **State Championship Dates**
  - Girls Dates: Feb. 26/28
  - Boys Dates: Feb. 27/29
POINTS OF EMPHASIS
AT6 - UC

Unsportsmanlike Conduct Report Form - AT6

Report unsportsmanlike conduct of student/coach/school representative.

To file a Miscellaneous Report, please do so on the page [link].

This form must be submitted within 24 hours of an incident to the FHSAA Associate Executive Director for Athletic Services.

SERIOUS ACTS OF UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT SUCH AS BENCH EMPTYING AND CONTESTS THAT DO NOT GO TO THEIR NORMAL CONCLUSIONS MUST BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY BY CALLING (252) 372-9551, EXT. 260 AND SUBMITTING THIS REPORT.

Home Team (Include Location): [*]
Visiting Team (Include Location): [*]
Date of Contest: [ ]
Sport: [*] Select -
Gender: [*] Select -
Level: [*] Select -

ATHLETE/COACH/SCHOOL REP EJECTION REPORT

INSTRUCTIONS: Explain unsportsmanlike conduct for each offending person(s). Accurately quote vulgar language or profanity used. Provide first & last name and number of offending attribute(s). Provide first & last name of offending coach(s) and/or school representative(s).

Person 1
Name of Person Disqualified: [*]
Position: [*] Select -
Athlete’s Number: [*]
School: [*]
Reason for Disqualification: [*]
Brief Explanation: [*]

Add Person 2
Add Person 3

https://www.fhsaa.org/webform/at6-uc
UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT PROCEDURE

- Schools will also have 24 hours to submit similar form
- Purpose is to provide school opportunity to share their perspective before any penalties are decided upon
The host school principal, principal’s designee or game administrator should indicate his/her general location for the contest so that the referees know where to look if there is a need. The contest coaches should not serve as the principal’s designee or game administrator.
The referee shall communicate the nature of the misconduct to coaches, the scorer and other officials when a yellow/red card is issued.
OFFICIALS COMMUNICATING MISCONDUCT TO COACHES

NFHS Rule 5-3 states that game officials shall communicate the nature of misconduct to coaches, the scorer and other officials when a yellow/red card has been issued. This communication is a notification and not an explanation. It is not intended to be an opportunity for the coach to discuss or dissent the call. It is, however, an educational opportunity for the coach to address and/or correct the behavior of the carded individual.
It is important to note that interscholastic athletics are an extension of the classroom and the behavior of all involved should reflect as such. Coaches and officials are expected to model good sportsmanship and to uphold the honor and dignity of their profession. This includes all interactions with student-athletes, other coaches and officials, school administration and spectators.
**POINT OF EMPHASIS — OFFICIAL GAME CLOCK**

- **FHSAA Official Clock Procedure**
  - 6-2-1. The official time will be kept by a contest official on the field, and if the stadium clock is available, it is unofficial.
    - The official game clock is to be kept on the field by a contest official during the entire of the game.
    - If there is a display clock available, it can be used but the displayed time is unofficial.
    - The proper procedure for a display clock is to run the game clock to 0:00 during each half. Do not stop the clock at the 2:00 mark.
    - If a display clock is available, throughout the entirety of the contest, the contest official must be sure that the official game time kept on the field is in sync with the display stadium clock.
      - If the display stadium clock and the official game time kept on the field are not in sync, the official must be sure to make the appropriate adjustments to the display stadium clock during the water breaks or any stoppage.
    - Prior to the game, be sure to communicate the clock procedures with clock operator, and the coaches of both teams.
NFHS SOCCER UNIFORM

Game Jersey

- Home Team
  - Dark color contrasting white
  - If gray is used, the shading of the gray color should be 70% dark or darker for it to clearly contrast with white (Gray Color Spectrum Chart)

- Visiting Team
  - All-white
  - No color trim
  - Only names and patches, emblems, logos or insignias referencing the school are allowed
  - 2 ¼ inch square manufacturer’s logo allowed
  - Team members wear the same color and style uniform
  - Goalkeeper’s jersey must distinctively different in color from that of team members and opposing team
HOME TEAM JERSEYS
GRAY COLOR SPECTRUM CHART
OTHER ITEMS

- Head coverings
  - Goalkeeper may wear a soft-billed baseball-type hat or soft-billed visor
  - Soft-padded headgear is permitted
  - Medical or cosmetic required head coverings must be approved by the State Association
  - Religious required head coverings must be approved by the State Association
OVERTIME PROCEDURE: DURING STATE SERIES

- Following a five-minute interval, after tie game in regulation, there shall be **two (2) 10-minute overtime periods.** After the end of the first 10-minute overtime period the teams shall change ends of the field and a second 10-minute overtime period shall be played after a two-minute interval. The team with more goals at the conclusion of the second overtime shall be declared the winner of the contest.

- If a tie still exist following the conclusion of the second overtime period, the game will move to penalty kick procedures.
Excessive or Prolong Act(s)

A player who violates NFHS Rule 12-8-1 (f) (12) shall be guilty of delayed, excessive or prolonged act(s) by which the player attempts to focus attention upon his or herself and/or prohibits a timely restart to the game and shall be disqualified (ejected) from the contest. The player shall be issued a blue card and shall not be replaced on the field with a substitute.
NFHS RULE CHANGES

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RULE 4-3 IMPROPERLY EQUIPPED

Improperly Equipped Players (18-1-1u)

▪ Cautions will not be issued for improperly equipped player(s).

▪ If not immediately correctable, improperly equipped player(s) shall be instructed to leave the field of play when the ball next ceases to be in play. The player(s) may be replaced. The removed player(s), if not replaced, may re-enter at the next dead ball only after reporting to an official, who shall be satisfied the player’s equipment and uniform are in order. Play shall not be stopped for an infringement of this rule except that the referee may stop play immediately where there is a dangerous situation.
An improperly equipped player is wearing legal equipment that is being worn incorrectly or becomes illegal during play.
RULE 5-3-1D ADVANTAGE SIGNAL

The officials shall:

(d) call out "play on" and, with an underswing of one or both arms, indicate a foul which was observed but shall go unpunalyzed because penalizing the offending team would give an advantage to the offending team. If the referee applies the advantage, which was anticipated but does not develop at that time, the referee shall penalize the original offense.
Use of one arm to signal advantage is permitted.
RULE 7-4-3 TIME-OUT AND IN

The clock shall be stopped when a substitute by the team in the lead is beckoned on the field in the final five minutes of the second period only during regulation time, the second period of overtime and the fourth period (if the state plays in quarters).

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RULE 9-2-1 DROP BALL

The game is restarted with a drop ball:
- a. when the ball is caused to go out of bounds by two opponents simultaneously;
- b. when the ball becomes deflated;
- c. following temporary suspension of play for an injury or unusual situation and a goalkeeper is not in possession of the ball.
- d. when simultaneous fouls of the same degree occur by opponents.
Unless a goalkeeper is in possession of the ball, the restart following a temporary suspension of play for an injury or unusual situation is a drop ball.
9-2-3 & 9-2-5 DROP BALL

The ball is dropped by an official from waist level to the ground. Any number of players may contest a dropped ball, including goalkeepers.

The ball shall be dropped again if it touches a player before it touches the ground or leaves the field of play after it touches the ground without touching a player.
If a dropped ball enters the goal without touching at least two players, play is restarted with a goal kick if it enters the opponent’s goal or a corner kick if it enters the team's own goal, depending on which player touched the ball last.
**RULE 8-1-2**

**KICKOFF**

- Allows the kicker, on a kickoff, to be in the opposing team’s half of the field to make the kick.

The player taking the kickoff may be on the opposing team’s side of the field to start the kickoff. All other players must be on the designated side of the field for their team.
NFHS EDITORIAL CHANGES

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RULE 4-2-4
OTHER EQUIPMENT

- Clarifies that a religious medal or other religious items must be taped to the body.

Players are allowed to tape to their bodies, under the jersey, religious symbols.
RULE 4-2-6 OTHER EQUIPMENT

Hearing aids worn in or behind the ears, including cochlear implants, are legal provided that the device does not create the threat of injury.
Questions?

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