



Ohio High School Athletic Association

TO: Soccer Coaches and Directors of Athletics

FROM: Kate Barnett, Sport Administrator

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SUBJECT: Boys and Girls Soccer Post-Season Information

POST-SEASON INFORMATION

Mandatory No Contact Period – 28 Days after the completion of the season

Per GSR 11, coaches are not permitted to coach or provide skill instruction to team members for the period of time starting with the first day after the school's last interscholastic contest (tournament or regular season) and ending 28 days later. This includes any type of tryouts in or out of school for purposes of non-interscholastic competition.

2024 Regular Season Dates

Aug. 1, 2024	First day of coaching
Aug. 16, 2024	First date of competition
Sept. 2, 2024	Non-interscholastic date

The start date allows teams to highlight a soccer match on a Friday night under the lights. Teams are not required to start on the first date of competition. Teams may play a maximum of 17 regular season contests anytime beginning Aug. 16, 2024, through the state finals.

MaxPreps Seeding Review

Review of the RPI data collected from this season will take place after the season. More information will be shared later this year.

OUT-OF-SEASON UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Indoor Soccer

Indoor Soccer is defined as a game played by two teams, each consisting of no more than six players, and played indoors. There is no limit to the number of players from the same school that may be on an indoor soccer team and school coaches may coach their own players on an indoor soccer team.

Futsal

The sport of Futsal is considered a different sport than soccer. Therefore, the OHSAA regulations do not apply to any participation in this sport.

Non-Interscholastic Participation

- 1. Limitation:** For the sport of soccer, no more than six (6) student-athletes from the same school may participate on the same non-school team.
 - Graduating seniors are not counted.
 - Student-athletes who did not trigger member of a team status are not counted.
 - 7th & 8th grade are separate from 9-12 (e.g. A 14U team may have six - 8th graders and six - 9th graders)

Dates	Participation Limitation
August 1 – May 14	6-player limitation is in effect.
May 15 – July 31	If the school coach IS coaching, the 6-player limitation is in effect. If the school coach IS NOT coaching, then there is no limit to the number of players from the school team that may participate on the non-school team.
28 days after the season	No Contact Period

- 2. Rotating Players:** The act of rotating players is defined as rotating/switching players on a non-interscholastic team roster throughout the non-interscholastic team's season due to absence or injury. Rotating players from the same school team is not permitted within the player limitation. For more information including examples of the rule, please review the information posted [HERE](#).

Illegal Uniform Penalty - **EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2026**

In accordance with NFHS Rule 4.1, teams who are found to be in violation of the uniform requirements shall be subject to a \$100 fine per occurrence. Failure to have NFHS complaint uniforms by the start of the OHSAA post season shall result in removal from the OHSAA Tournament. Please don't hesitate to contact [Kate Barnett](#) or [Holly Herrholtz](#) regarding uniform designs. The uniform rules can be accessed [HERE](#).

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