



Ohio High School Athletic Association

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"You have to pay the same amount of detail regardless of opponent when so much is on the line." – Jill Ellis

2019 Draw & Seeding:

Congratulations on a successful season thus far! From speaking with each District Athletic Board, it sounds like everyone did a great job and the tournament draws and brackets are ready for play to begin. As we work through the tournament, please continue to follow the brackets online. If you ever see any incorrect information, please bring it to my attention as soon as possible.

<https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/soccer/tournament-info>

Tournament Regulations:

Please be sure to review the regulations at the link below for all tournament information (may want to print a copy):

<https://www.ohsaa.org/Portals/0/Sports/Soccer/soccerrgtstournament.pdf>

In the unfortunate occurrence that your game results in a loss, I want to make sure you have the necessary information moving into the off-season:

No Contact Period

There is a 28-day mandatory no contact period beginning with the first day after your last contest. No instruction is permitted during this time; however, there are some exceptions. This rule and the permissions can be found in General Sports Regulation 11.

<https://ohsaa.org/Portals/0/Sports/GeneralSportsRegulations.pdf>

Coaching Out of Season

Sports Regulation 7.5.2 – So long as the 50 percent limitation is observed, a paid or unpaid school (interscholastic) coach approved by a Board of Education or other governing board may coach students from his/her school teams at any time except during the mandatory no-contact period.

There are 3 regulations that have not changed:

1. The No-Contact Period addressed above.
2. The regulations that limit any non-school team to only 5 players that played for the same school team still exists. That has not changed and there is no plan to change it.
3. There can be no rotating players from your school teams from one team to another. In other words, your permission to coach a team that consists of 5 players from your school does NOT give you the permission to use 5 different players in each game or tournament you play in.

Indoor Soccer

Indoor soccer is defined as a game played by two teams, each consisting of no more than 6 players, one of whom must be the goalkeeper and played indoors between the end of the school's soccer season and the day before the first day of coaching for the interscholastic season. So long as games are being played by these rules, there can be an unlimited number of players from the same school team on an indoor soccer team. The only time a school would be restricted to 5 players would be if the indoor team is being coached by one of the interscholastic coaches.

Futsal

The OHSAA interprets Futsal to be different than the sport of soccer, due to the equipment used, the field dimensions, field surface, etc. Therefore, there is no limit on the number of players from the same school team permitted to play together. In addition, school coaches are not restricted on the number of players from their school they are permitted to coach.