



Ohio High School Athletic Association

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As we get closer to the holidays, I encourage you and your team to think of ways to give back to your community and those that surround you. I STRONGLY encourage and endorse **The 2nd & 7 Foundation**.

The 2nd & 7 Foundation partners with nearly 130 universities, public school districts and private schools in Ohio. Through these partnerships, college and high school student-athletes visit 2nd-grade classrooms to share the importance of reading and education. The athletes read one of our Hog Mollies stories and discuss the important life lesson in the book. Each of our books contains a different lesson, such as teamwork, healthy habits, kindness, manners, sportsmanship, dream discovery, leadership, etc. Every 2nd-grade student is then given a copy of the book to take home. Our free program is extremely easy to implement and would benefit both your 2nd-grade students and your high school student-athletes.

Here is a link for more information about getting started: <https://www.secondandseven.com/reading-program/become-program-ambassador/>

THANK YOU!

I cannot say 'thank you' enough to everyone who has made this an amazing soccer season! Coaches, Players, Officials, Athletic Directors, Parents, Fans, Director of Development (Don Muenz), Tournament Site Hosts, and our amazing Coaches Association (<http://www.ossca.info/>), you all have made my first year as Soccer Administrator such a positive one. From watching the opening days of practice, to Friday Night Futbol, to the outstanding 'Special Events' that teams orchestrated across the state, and all the way to an incredible Saturday and Sunday State Finals at Crew Stadium...what a season! Thank you!

NFHS Questionnaire

You have been invited to take part in the NFHS rules-writing process by taking the annual soccer rules questionnaire. This questionnaire is provided so the opinions of a national sampling of coaches and registered officials will be considered by the NFHS Soccer Rules Committee. The questionnaire will close on **December 6th**.

To participate in the questionnaire process, please follow the link below to the Questionnaire menu and select your appropriate sport link to complete the rules questionnaire. You are NOT required to log in to take this questionnaire.

<http://www.nfhs.org/sports-resource-content/nfhs-sport-questionnaires/>

Individual Instruction

Individual instruction may occur in the off-season any time outside of the no contact period. The individual instruction regulation is designed to provide just that... individual instruction. This means that you may only work with 4 individuals in all combined facilities. You cannot have 4 players with you in the gym, 4 players with your assistant in another gym and 4 players running drills with a volunteer assistant outside. It is 4 IN ALL COMBINED FACILITIES. The regulation was created to give individual attention to a small group of individuals. Even if you have 1 athlete from last year's team and 3 players who have never played soccer before, the limit is still 4.

Friday Night Futbol

Friday Night Futbol will be held on **August 21** next year. We hope to once again partner with the Columbus Crew to offer tickets for you to raffle during the game. You will receive more information on this in the summer.

Ejections

Ejections went DOWN this year for the first time in several years (361 this year, compared to 394 last year) ...that is a true testament to YOU as a coach. Thank you, and let's keep working together to decrease the trend of ejections which seems to be increasing among other sports.