



# Ohio High School Athletic Association

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## Soccer Coach Memo June 1, 2020

The driving force to this being a successful and safe summer is smaller groups with social distancing being the focus of every workout/training session. We will update any changes regarding contests if/when they are permitted by Governor DeWine and his team.

### **Reminder: May 26th-August 31 (2020 only)**

Below is the list of regulation changes that will affect how you can coach from June 1-August 31.

1. The 10-day rule has been eliminated
2. The 50% limitation has been eliminated

### **May 20th Board of Directors Meeting**

The Board of Directors meeting took place with Presidents of each Coaches Association permitted to attend. Several items to note from this meeting:

- All sport-specific regulations were approved.
- There was one major change to the soccer regulations (see highlighted portion):

A soccer player or bench personnel is considered “disqualified” upon receiving a subsequent caution, or “double yellow” (NF Rule 12-8-2(b)) and shall be ineligible to participate for the remainder of the current contest **as well as one subsequent contest of the same level.** The player is to remain with the team for the remainder of the contest.

A soccer player or bench personnel is considered “ejected” upon receiving a **straight** Red Card (NF Rule 12-8-3) and shall be ineligible for all contests for the remainder of that day. In addition, the student shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels in soccer until two regular season/tournament contests are played at the same level as the ejection. The player is to remain with the team under the jurisdiction of the head coach for the remainder of the contest.

- The non-interscholastic date has been set for any date after Labor Day, Monday September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This means athletes must cease non-interscholastic participation prior to this date.
- Team sports are now able to utilize a waiver to participate against Special Olympic teams or teams of similar designation. The waiver will be posted on the soccer page and if approved, would not count toward your scrimmages, previews, or contests.
- All other changes were normal date change updates and other language to align with the changes to the general sport regulations as mentioned above.

### **Other Important Changes from the Board of Directors Meeting**

- All students will be eligible in the fall as it pertains to the Scholarship Bylaw.
- The Compliance Department will continue to monitor and adjust the Scholarship Bylaw as needed as schools continue to make determinations on the best ways to educate in the upcoming school year.
- The Out of State Travel Bylaw has been adjusted. You can continue to travel to contiguous states with no limitation. The adjustment was made when traveling to non-contiguous states. It is still a one-time permission per season but previously, you were not permitted to miss school time for travel or competition. This stipulation has been removed and it is now a school decision on whether you may miss school time.

**All changes in the section above are Bylaw changes. Should you have any questions, please direct them to your Athletic Director first and he/she can then contact the OHSAA Compliance Department if necessary.**

### **General Sport Regulation Change:**

- Any student or coach ejected from a contest for fighting will now be ineligible for 4 games (rather than the previous penalty of 2 games). Fighting is defined by the NFHS as **any attempt by a player or non-player to strike or engage an opponent in a combative manner unrelated to soccer.** Such acts include, but are not limited to, attempts to strike an opponent(s) with the arm(s), hand(s), leg(s) or foot (feet).