



# Ohio High School Athletic Association

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## Soccer Coach Memo

June 15, 2020

**We are currently working to make a potential 'one-time' waiver for student-athletes to attend an ID camp in August (2020 season only) due to the NCAA recruiting ban through July 31. Reminder: Currently, once a student-athlete participates in a scrimmage/preview/contest, they are then ineligible to participate in any NON scholastic play of any kind until after the regular and tournament season. More information to follow.**

### Special Event Request:

NFHS Soccer rules and OHSAA regulations permit schools to request a waiver to the Uniform Reworrulations in Rule 4-1-1 of the NFHS Soccer Rules Book. The waiver is granted **1 time per season for schools participating in a contest conducted for a specific cause**, such as but not limited to "Kick for the Cure" events. Upon approval, the waiver will permit schools to wear an alternate colored jersey or socks that may include the sponsoring event's logo but will still require all teams to meet the 'number requirements' outlined in Article 1 (i) of Rule 4, (6" player unique numbers on back of jersey). Please make sure the jersey and/or socks contrast the jerseys/socks of opposing team. Please complete the form:

<https://ohsaa.org/Portals/0/Sports/Soccer/SpecialEventRequest.doc>

### Friday Night Fútbol:

This opportunity permits games to be played on Friday, August 21, 2020 with a few goals in mind:

1. To make OHSAA Soccer **#TheOnlyGameInTown**
2. To offer marching bands the opportunity to perform at halftime by permitting a 15:00 halftime length
3. To offer students an athletic event at your school on one of the first Friday evenings of school

Please send me ([kcoughlin@ohsaa.org](mailto:kcoughlin@ohsaa.org)) the following information (sent by the HOSTING School):

**Home Team:**

**Visiting Team:**

**Boys or Girls:**

**Hosting Team Athletic Director's Name:**

**Hosting Team Athletic Director's Email:**

### Scholarship Eligibility Reminder:

- Due to the wide-range of academic grades being given for classwork during the final grading period, all students entering grades 7-12 will be eligible for 2020 fall sports insofar as academic eligibility is concerned.

### General Sport Regulation Change Reminder:

- 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).

**PPE/Athletic Physicals:** [https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports-Medicine/PPE\\_2020-21.pdf](https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports-Medicine/PPE_2020-21.pdf)

1. Continue with the requirement for an annual Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation (PPE) - every 13 months - for all 7-12 grade students.
2. Recommend strongly discouraging the use of mass physicals for this upcoming school year for the benefit of public health and to recommend all students receive a PPE in a private setting.
3. Strongly recommend that the physical exam be done at a medical home.
4. Allow a student who has had a PPE within the last year to conduct his/her 2020-21 PPE in person or via telehealth as long as the usual forms are filled out, signed and in the provider's hands prior to the visit.