



Ohio High School Athletic Association

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Soccer Coach Memo July 9, 2020

OHSAA Covid-19 Update Page: Our organization has created a page where all 'Administrator Update' communications can be found, and a record of them will live. Additionally, there are resources that may also be helpful. <https://www.ohsaa.org/Home/OHSAA-COVID-19-Correspondance>

NFHS Soccer Rules Books:

HS & 7/8 grade soccer coaches were mailed their rule book July 9. If you do not receive them by July 18, please let me know.

Required Rules Meeting

The rules meeting is a requirement for all head coaches and will be available through your "myOHSAA" account starting on Wednesday **July 22 at 9:00 AM**. IF you are a new head coach and are unfamiliar on how to access the meeting OR what your "myOHSAA" account is – please consult with your athletic director as soon as possible. After viewing the entire meeting, please reach out to your AD and have them check to make sure you received credit.

OHSAA Coach Manual

In the next week, the OHSAA Soccer Coach Manual will be available on the soccer page (<https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/soccer>). This will be a helpful document to refer to in terms of any rule changes, as well as NFHS Soccer Considerations in 2020 related to Covid-19.

WAIVERS FOR FALL ID CAMPS-Update

Due to the changes in the NCAA recruiting periods, we are working on a proposal that would allow a student-athlete a **one-time waiver** for the fall of 2020 to attend an 'Identification Camp' AFTER the student-athlete has participated in a scholastic scrimmage/preview/ game. This waiver only applies to individual workouts/camps, **not team (club) showcases**. All events must take place **prior to the start of the 2020 Fall Tournament play**. Upon returning from the ID Camp, the student-athlete must follow school policy to return to scholastic team play. Once this waiver has become finalized, we will provide additional information to the membership.

Special Event Request:

NFHS Soccer rules and OHSAA regulations permit schools to request a waiver to the Uniform Reworrregulations 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:

<https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Soccer/Friday-Night-Futbol>

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