



Ohio High School Athletic Association

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Suspended Matches

NFHS 7.1.3 states:

...In the event a game must be suspended because of conditions which make it impossible to continue play, the head referee shall declare it an official game if one complete half or more of the game has been played. If less than one-half of the game has been played, the game may be rescheduled from the start or restarted from the suspension of play according to state association adoption [18.1.1(pp)].

Important Notes Regarding Rule 7.1.3:

- Weather and lack of sufficient lighting are conditions that normally make it impossible to continue play.
- ANY time a complete half is played and conditions make it impossible to continue play, the game is considered complete and the score is FINAL.
- Games that are unable to be completed and a complete half is played cannot be completed at a later date.
- Games that are unable to be completed and a complete half has NOT been played: the game shall resume from the exact point of suspension. Coaches/game personnel should make note of time on clock, position of ball, etc. The game is NOT replayed from the opening kickoff.

Card Reminders

Double Yellow: "Any player or coach who receives two yellow cards in one game is disqualified and shall be ineligible for all contests for the remainder of that day. In addition, the player or coach shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels in that sport until one regular season/tournament contests is played at the same level as the disqualification."

General Sport Regulation 14: 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).

	Day of penalty	Games missed AFTER day of event
Yellow	Can still play	0
Double Yellow	Ineligible for remainder	1
Red	Ineligible for remainder	2
Red-Violent Conduct	Ineligible for remainder	4

Senior Night:

If you choose to conduct a 'Senior Night' celebration, please let the opposing team know ahead of time. Student-athletes and parents/family members should wear a face covering and maintain social distancing from others on the playing surface. There is a short window of time that will allow for an exception, during which a photo is taken of the student-athlete and their family members. Once the senior has been recognized, the family will need to exit the sidelines and follow all other gameday protocols.

Friday Night Fútbol - 2021

- Save the Date- August 13th (earlier than normal, but still one week prior to football due to date changes)
- IF you choose to have a game this night, it will be a SERVICE GAME, and not count toward your 16 max contests
- In order to participate, your team will submit a form sharing a service project conducted as a team (form to come)