



# Ohio High School Athletic Association

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## Soccer Coach Memo October 13, 2020

### **2020 Draw & Seeding Update:**

Congratulations on a successful season thus far! From speaking with each District Athletic Board, it sounds like everyone did a great job and the tournament draws and brackets are ready for play to begin. As we work through the tournament, please continue to follow the brackets online. If you ever see any incorrect information, please bring it to my attention as soon as possible.

### **Tournament Accommodations:**

*If a change of date/time for a sectional/district tournament game is needed, the request must be made through your district athletic board and the following criteria must be met before the request for a change is made:*

1. Both teams must mutually agree
2. Officials must be available
3. Shall not negatively affect the subsequent tournament contest (domino effect)
4. Re-scheduling process shall be completed a minimum of 48\* hours prior to originally scheduled contest
5. No ticket refunds for re-scheduled event

### **Coaching out of Season Reminders:**

So long as the 50 percent limitation is observed, a paid or unpaid school (interscholastic) coach approved by a Board of Education or other governing board may coach students from his/her school teams at any time except during the mandatory no-contact period.

There are 3 regulations that have not changed:

1. The No-Contact Period addressed above.
2. The regulations that limit any non-school team to only 5 players that played for the same school team still exists. That has not changed and there is no plan to change it.
3. There can be no rotating players from your school teams from one team to another. In other words, your permission to coach a team that consists of 5 players from your school does NOT give you the permission to use 5 different players in each game or tournament you play in.

### **Indoor Soccer**

Indoor soccer is defined as a game played by two teams, each consisting of no more than 6 players, one of whom must be the goalkeeper and played indoors between the end of the school's soccer season and the day before the first day of coaching for the interscholastic season. So long as games are being played by these rules, there can be an unlimited number of players from the same school team on an indoor soccer team. The only time a school would be restricted to 5 players would be if the indoor team is being coached by one of the interscholastic coaches.

### **Futsal:**

The OHSAA interprets Futsal to be different than the sport of soccer, due to the equipment used, the field dimensions, field surface, etc. Therefore, there is no limit on the number of players from the same school team permitted to play together. In addition, school coaches are not restricted on the number of players from their school they are permitted to coach.

### **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)

Example: *2nd & 7 Foundation*

*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/>