



# Ohio High School Athletic Association

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### **Regional Semi and Final Hosting Reminder:**

The top line on each bracket shall be deemed the 'home team'. The home team shall be responsible for hosting each contest and for all game arrangements, along with the tournament manager. \*If the home team cannot host due to insufficient NFHS field standards, or is not willing to host, please contact me ASAP at [kcoughlin@ohsaa.org](mailto:kcoughlin@ohsaa.org). Additional information will be sent this weekend, with regional soccer balls being sent out on Monday morning.

### **Score Reporting**

Immediately following the semi final and final contest, please email [kcoughlin@ohsaa.org](mailto:kcoughlin@ohsaa.org) or text 614-578-2945 the final score so that the brackets can be updated immediately. We will then work to get ticketing information out to participating teams ASAP.

### **Tournament Hosting:**

If you are hosting a tournament game, please remember that these are now to be treated as 'unbiased events'. If you have an announcer during the season who emphasizes "GOOOOOOAAAAALLLLLLL" for your team, but not the other, this is the time when they need to either do it for both teams, or neither team. Additionally, please be sure that both teams are following the tournament regulations regarding rosters, and people on the sideline. Lastly, the host site is responsible for the safety of officials from the time they arrive at the venue, until they have safely left the facility (if it is a contentious contest, please have the appropriate personnel escort the officials to their car).

### **Tournament Accommodations:**

*If a change of date/time for a regional tournament game is needed, the request must be made through me at [kcoughlin@ohsaa.org](mailto:kcoughlin@ohsaa.org) 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, 28-days after the last contests.
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.