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Soccer Tournament
Manager’s Manual
On behalf of the Ohio High School Athletic Association, thank you for your willingness to serve as a manager for the OHSAA Soccer Tournament! Host managers play an integral role in the success of the event and have a direct impact on the student-athlete, coach, and fan experience. The leadership, attention to detail, hospitality and service our managers provide are greatly appreciated!

The purpose of this manual is to provide direction and guidance for host managers as they plan and conduct events. Each manager and staff are encouraged to become familiar with this manual and OHSAA Tournament Regulations which are included in this manual. These documents provide information about general policies governing all aspects of OHSAA Tournament competition. Although these materials attempt to cover all phases of post-season competition, some questions may arise before, during or after the event. I am happy to assist you, so please feel free contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you again for your service and willingness to host these events. I look forward to a great Soccer Tournament this fall!

Sincerely,

Kate Barnett
Ohio High School Athletic Association
Sport Administrator, Soccer
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The Ohio High School Athletic Association’s mission is to regulate and administer interscholastic athletic competition in a fair and equitable manner while promoting the values of interscholastic athletics as an integral part of a student’s educational experience. The OHSAA represents its member schools by recognizing and promoting academics, the safety of its participants, good citizenship and lifelong values as the foundation of interscholastic athletics.

It is the OHSAA’s top priority to administer interscholastic athletic events in a fair and equitable manner for student-athletes, coaches, and staff participating. District Athletic Boards (DAB’s) have been tasked with organizing the Sectional, District and Regional events per the regulations outlined in this manual. DAB’s may make certain permissible adjustments in their respective districts. However, it is the upmost importance that the OHSAA Board approved procedures and policies outlined in this manual are followed to ensure consistent, fair and equitable events across the state. Post-Season Tournament contests are under the discretion of the OHSAA and shall not simply be administered simply as another home contest. Hosts are expected to take pride in the opportunity to host while representing the local community in a positive manner and providing a positive experience for the participants.

District Athletic Boards are empowered by the OHSAA Constitution to organize and conduct the boys’ and girls’ Soccer Tournaments at the Sectional and District levels. These events are conducted according to the Tournament Regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. Representation to the Regional Tournament (the number of Regional ‘qualifiers’) from District winners are determined by a formula based upon the number of teams participating in the previous year’s tournament.

The complete Tournament Regulations adopted by the Board of Directors, can be found on the OHSAA website here, [https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Soccer/SoccerTournamentRegs.pdf](https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Soccer/SoccerTournamentRegs.pdf). Each District Athletic Board formulates its own instructions based on these approved Regulations and will provide these and review them with you at their Tournament Manager Meeting.

With a few exceptions, most schools in the counties listed below are assigned sites from the respective District Athletic Boards. Managers are encouraged to visit their websites for additional information. Due to the nature of the tournament structure and location of advancing teams, equal travel to specific sites is not guaranteed.

Regional sites shall be TBA until the conclusion of the District Finals.

**Athletic Districts**

Representation to the Regional tournament (the number of Regional ‘qualifiers’) from District winners are determined by a formula based upon the number of teams participating in the previous year’s tournament. You are encouraged to visit their websites for additional information ([https://www.ohsaa.org/about/districtboards](https://www.ohsaa.org/about/districtboards)).
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OHSAA Tournament Information

The following are points of emphasis are for all managers relative to Sectional, District and Regional Tournament competition.

1. Eligible schools have entered the tournament by indicating their participation in myOHSAA. Printed forms or eligibility certificate shall not be accepted.

2. All sites and assignments to respective Tournaments are available online at [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org) on the soccer pages under tournament information.

3. All Tournament finances are required to meet OHSAA Financial Accounting requirements. All instructions for these procedures will be outlined by District Athletic Board Treasurers at the respective District Athletic Board Managers’ Meetings.
4. **Passes including but not limited to host passes, local school passes, passes created by the DAB’s, etc. shall not be used for entry to OHSAA Tournament matches.** Every person must have a ticket that is purchased through the official OHSAA ticket partner, HomeTown Ticketing. The only passes permitted are those administered to OHSAA staff and Board of Directors that will be scanned through the HomeTown Ticketing.

5. Officials have been assigned by District Athletic Boards through procedures adopted by the Board of Directors. Please notify your officials in advance of the contest to remind them of their assignment time and location. Please give them the names of the other officials they will be working with that day/night. Please provide them reserved parking and directions to your site. **Officials are permitted one guest; however, they are to remain away from their dressing facilities.**

   **NOTE:** The assignment of officials is confidential information and shall not be disclosed to others (including participating teams) until game time.

6. **Provide adequate number of law enforcement officers and/or security personnel when necessary to ensure protection of officials, players and spectators.**

7. **Arrange for a Certified Athletic Trainer to be present at your site. Maintain an adequate Crisis Management Plan and keep EMS contact information handy.**

8. **Provide efficient and competent scorers, timers and Public Address announcers. A public address system shall be available.** Public address announcers are to remain neutral and professional in their duties as an announcer.

9. **Along with providing adequate law enforcement and security personnel, please ensure the field is kept clear during and at the conclusion of a game. Security guidelines are provided in this manual to assist you.**

10. **The Lightning and Inclement Weather policy is also included in this manual along with guidelines and suggestions for Emergency/Crisis Management Plans. Please familiarize yourself with the policies and ensure the plans are followed in the event of inclement weather and/or emergencies. An updated Crisis Management Plan should include plans for vacating your site in the event of inclement weather.**

11. **Information is contained within this manual for overtime procedures. An announcement is also provided for the Public Address announcer. Since tie-breaking procedures are not used during the regular season, please familiarize yourself with these procedures and have them handy as a reference for officials as well.**

12. **Travel party/Bench List forms are required for each level of the tournament.** Forms can be found under the tournament information on the OHSAA soccer page.
1. Since many Districts are utilizing home sites of higher seeded teams in the first few rounds of the tournament, each home site serving as a host must have a Tournament Manager.

2. Outlined in this manual are the OHSAA approved seeding and drawing procedures. It is pertinent that the seeding and placement of teams on brackets be done correctly. Each manager shall be provided information from Kate Barnett at the OHSAA for reporting the results of seed meetings.

3. Immediately following the completion of the Sectional Tournament, notify the District Tournament Manager of the team or teams that qualify to the District Tournament. In Districts where District sites are different from Sectional sites, District managers will be in contact with you for the transfer of information (roster information, etc.). Please assist this process by providing the name and contact information to your Sectional winner.

4. **Travel party/Bench List forms are required for each level of the tournament.** These forms are to help with tracking bench size, for use during award ceremonies to read the names of all the participants and assist with tracking administrators and ball personnel.

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### District Tournament Information

1. Please contact Sectional managers to arrange for any transfer of program materials for winning teams advancing from the Sectional Tournament to the District Tournament. **This may include team travel party/bench list forms, however, edits may be made to the forms as teams advance in the tournament due to injury, extenuating circumstances, etc.**

2. **Travel party/Bench List forms are required for each level of the tournament.** These forms are to help with tracking bench size, for use during award ceremonies to read the names of all the participants and assist with tracking administrators and ball personnel.

3. Regional sites shall be determined at the conclusion of the District Finals. The OHSAA will be tracking matches as some site may be determined prior to the conclusion of the District Finals.

4. Please complete your bracket as instructed by Kate Barnett in the *myOHSAA Tournament Management* system.

5. There will be a District Championship Ceremony at the conclusion of all District Final games. These are coordinated by the respective District Athletic Boards, however, please cover with coaches prior to the game of the expectations at this ceremony, most notably:

   a. Teams are to remain on the field at the conclusion of the game and respectfully honor the other team
b. Individual names of players and coaches shall be recognized and these individuals are expected to receive their medals.

6. Trophies and awards appropriate for the tournament will be shipped directly to the managers from **Croton Craft, P.O. Box 257, Croton, Ohio 41013**. Please open the shipment immediately and check to see if you have received the correct trophies and awards or if there is any damage. If an error has been made or there is damage, contact Travis Nethers at Croton Craft **740-504-3228**.

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**Regional Tournament Information**

Regional sites are currently TBA and will be announced as soon as possible following the District Finals.

Materials for Regional Champion/State Finalist will be posted to the Soccer Tournament Information webpage on the OHSAA website. Please refer coaches to the Soccer Tournament Information page and remind the coach and school administrator to complete these forms.
The competition field must have the required NFHS markings. Please review the diagram below or reference the NFHS Soccer Rules Book. For artificial surfaces requiring additional markings, paint or other marking methods are may be used in accordance with manufacturer’s recommendation.

(Soccer Field Diagram)

An engineered natura turf soccer field should have a minimum of one-and-one-half percent (1.5%) slope for fields which are surface drained. For natural turf fields with a sub-surface drain system the slope should be no less than one (1.0%) percent. For synthetic turf fields with a sub-surface drain system the slope should be no less than one half of one (0.5%) percent. Slope is measured from center to side. For consulting services, contact SportsPLAN Studio, 816-842-5200.
Team Benches

Benches may be on the same side or opposite sides of the field. There should be designated areas for each team’s bench separated by an official area for entering substitutes. Per NFHS Rules, team benches shall be at least 10 feet from the touchlines and coaches, bench personnel and team members are restricted to the team area. Markings for these areas are required by rule.

Exceptions to this Rule (as permitted in NFHS Rule 1-5 Article 3): When teams are placed on the opposite sides of the field, each team areas shall be located as specified above and shall be placed diagonally across from each other.

The correct markings outlined by NFHS Rules are required on the field. Failure to do so will result in the loss of privilege to host tournament matches.

Team Introductions

Team introductions shall be coordinated in the following format:

- Both teams shall walk out international style to midfield (both teams lined up and walking out with the officials to midfield). If benches are on opposite sides of the field, one referee will meet the team on the opposite side of the field and walk the team to center field as the other officials walk the other team.

- Public address announcers shall announce all non-starters, starters and coaching staff beginning with the visiting team and concluding with the home team.

- Hosts may adjust the timing to complete the pre-match announcements and introductions prior to the desired kickoff time.

Spectator Seating

NFHS Rule 1-6 requires that spectators that are behind a goal must be in bleachers. If you do not have bleachers behind the goal, spectators are not permitted to stand behind the area of the goal. For tournament matches, allowing fans behind goals should be avoided at all costs.
**Goal Differential**

Any time the score differential reaches six (6) goals or more after the first half of the contest, a running clock shall be used. After the six (6) goal differential has been met but the score drops below 6 goals, the clock reverts to regular timing. The clock shall be stopped only for an injured player on the field or when there is any unusual delay deemed necessary by the officials.

**Official Game Ball and Ball Personnel**

The OHSAA does not have a specific soccer ball designated for Sectional and District Tournaments. However, game balls used must be approved by the NFHS have the NFHS Authentication mark. Each team is to provide three (3) games balls for each Sectional/District contest as well as two (2) Ball persons. No more than four (4) ball personnel; each ball person to cover 1/4 of the field. For Regional matches, the OHSAA will provide each site three (3) Wilson for Forte Fybrid II soccer balls. Teams advancing to Regional matches shall be required to provide two (2) Ball persons. Teams advancing to the State Semifinals are tasked with bringing the game balls used in the Regional Final with them to the next round.

Ball persons are under the direct supervision of the officials and will review duties and responsibilities with them prior to the game. This is mentioned so you can cover this at your seed meetings with coaches, assuming the participating teams are responsible in many cases for providing them at your tournament games. Ball persons should be able to keep up with the flow of play and therefore need to be of age to do so.

**Security**

Hosts are encouraged to hire adequate security/oversight as each District Athletic Board will advise. Most situations occur before and after games. Take the time to review and communicate all potential issues with coaches and school administrators prior to the contest. Try hard to eliminate all problems before they occur. Refer to the sample “Crisis Management Plan” later in this manual.

**Soccer Tournament Personnel**

**OHSAA Tournament Staff**

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<td>State Rules Interpreter/DOD</td>
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<td>Sr. Director of Officiating/Oversee official assignments</td>
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**District Athletic Board Staff**

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It is important for all managers to use the myOHSAA data management system. Tournament winners, scores, and brackets are maintained through myOHSAA. The system is important for communication between managers and the OHSAA as well as the public. Brackets that are updated with scores immediately following a game are updated by each manager utilizing this system.

To use this system, each tournament manager maintains a tournament account with a username and password. If you have served as a tournament manager in any sport at any level, you will utilize the username and password provided to you as a tournament manager. Please contact membershipservices@ohsaa.org for account access.

It is important for all managers to access this system and record scores/winners at the conclusion of your contest(s).

**OHSAA TOURNAMENT BRACKETS AND RESULTS**

**Sectional Managers – Entering Games/Teams: COMPLETE ASAP FOLLOWING THE DRAW**
Enter all teams on the appropriate line of the brackets for each game as it appears on your brackets. Teams receiving a bye in Round 1 and not playing until Round 2 must be entered in Round 1. Simply enter the bye team on the top line of the preceding game and check the “Is Bye” box for that game in round 1. This will advance the bye team to the next round.

**SECTIONAL MANAGERS – EMAILING BRACKETS:**
On the Sunday following your draw, email a hard copy of the bracket including teams, dates, times and seed position of the teams to the Kate Barnett – kbarnett@ohsaa.org.

**SECTIONAL/DISTRICT/REGIONAL MANAGERS – ENTERING SCORES:**
Immediately following a contest, please enter the score. Once the start time of the game has passed, you will see a link to “Report Score” on the bracket. By NFHS rule for games that are determined by penalty kicks/shootout, one goal is added to the overtime score of the winner of the shootout stage of overtime.

Ex: Game is tied 1-1 after the second overtime. Team A wins the shootout 4-3. The final score of the game is Team A - 2 and Team B – 1. Check the box for shootout when reporting the score.

**Note:** The OHSAA will create Regional and State level brackets.

**CONTRACTING TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS:**
The contracting of tournament officials for all tournament contests will be done through ArbiterSports. Sectional and District tournament officials for will be contracted by the District Athletic Board through their
respective ArbiterSports Accounts. Regional and State tournament officials for all tournament contests will be contracted by the OHSAA staff through the OHSAA ArbiterSports Account.

### Soccer Passes/Travel Party Form

Any type of pass not issued by the OHSAA shall not be accepted. All attendees must have a ticket.

For individuals who typically present a pass (e.g., official’s observers, Board of Directors members, etc.) will be contacted by Hometown Ticketing on how they may receive a complimentary ticket. However, from your perspective, everyone who enters shall be admitted with an online ticket and no passes are permitted.

Officials are permitted one guest and they must enter with the official. Scouts are permitted to receive two (2) complimentary tickets through the protocol established in the Ticketing Policy section.

**All managers must use the Travel Party List as the pass list for the team travel party**—Twenty-two (22) uniformed players, plus the additional seven (7) team personnel. The OHSAA approved Travel Party List is located on the Tournament Information page [HERE](#).

### Soccer Tournament Ticket Policy

Managers conducting tournaments at all levels (Sectional, District and Regional) must follow appropriate ticket management procedures.

a. All OHSAA Tournament tickets will be conducted online. There will be no tickets sold at the gate; however, a QR code will be available at the gate, which will direct them to purchase an online ticket.

b. Every person who pays admission shall receive an online ticket.

c. Adherence to the procedures below will insure better control of gate proceeds and attendance.

d. All information regarding tickets will come from Jacki Windon, OHSAA staff.

Jacki Windon  
E: jwindon@ohsaa.org  
B: 614-549-6973

### ONLINE/DIGITAL TICKETING INFORMATION FOR FANS

Fans may visit [www.ohsaa.org/tickets](http://www.ohsaa.org/tickets) to purchase tickets.

HTT will provide customer support to those purchasing tickets.  
By phone: 1-866-488-4849  
By email: fansupport@hometownticketing.com
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*Time TBD by OHSAA office on when the gameday ticket price will go into effect

OHSAA BOARD MEMBER PASSES
OHSAA Board members have received an annual pass (ID Card). This pass shall be accepted at all levels of the tournament.

COMP TICKETS FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS
Each participating school will receive complimentary admission for eight (8) school administrators, digitally, through HomeTown Ticketing. One digital code will be provided to each school. Each code will have eight (8) tickets attached to the code. The same code will be utilized, as a school advances in the tournament.

HIGH SCHOOL SCOUTS
High School coaches may attend tournament events to scout their opponents. High School coaches wishing to scout may request up to two (2) complimentary tickets through the following procedure:

1. Email Jacki Windon (jwindon@ohsaa.org) no later than 24-hours prior to the event;
2. Use the subject line “Soccer Scout Request”
3. Indicate game they would like to attend
   a. Include team names, division, district and host site

Note: College coaches wishing to scout matches must purchase a ticket.

Officiating

Each District Athletic Board assigns officials to Sectional/District sites within the list of eligible tournament officials. Officials receive their contracts via ArbiterOne and are notified by the District Athletic Board and district assigners of any change in date/time/location. All managers should notify officials in advance to secure any contact numbers in the event of last-minute postponements, unforeseen circumstances, etc. Officials’ names are not to be shared with participating teams/coaches prior to a contest. Rates are:

Sectional Tournament: $80.00 each in Dual System crew - plus travel allowance
$80.00 Center, $70.00 each AR, Diagonal System crew – plus travel allowance

District Tournament: $90.00 each in Dual System crew - plus travel allowance
$90.00 Center, $80.00 each AR, Diagonal System crew – plus travel allowance

Regional Tournament: $110 per official per match plus travel allowance. The 4th official shall receive $65 plus travel allowance.

**Travel Allowance:** Officials shall receive a travel stipend that is calculated by using the following formula: $1.00 per mile one way, beginning at mile 51 from the official’s home zip code to the tournament site zip code (e.g. if a tournament site is 65 miles from the official’s zip code, the official would receive a $15.00 travel stipend). The zip code used for all officials shall be the address reported by each official as the home address on their myOHSAA account. Distance shall be measured by the ArbiterSports system as the distance found from the middle of the official's zip code to the middle of the site zip code.

**Cancellations:** If an official is notified of a cancellation, or rescheduling, prior to departure the official will not receive any compensation. If an official is notified en route, or after the official arrives and the tournament contest is not started, the official will receive the travel stipend, but not the game fee. In such cases the payment will be a minimum of $50.00 for State, $40 for Regional and $30 for Sectional/District. If after the official arrives, the tournament contest is started and is interrupted due to weather or other reasons, and not completed on the day scheduled, the official will receive full payment. An official completing an interrupted contest on another day will receive full payment. In extraordinary cases, due to weather or other unanticipated occurrences, the District Athletic Boards (Sectional & District) or State Office (Regional or State) may approve payments to officials to compensate them for expenses incurred.

**Alternate:** When an alternate is used as a game official (minimum of one play) the alternate will receive full game pay.

OHSAA reserves the right to cancel any tournament assignment when deemed in the best interest of the organization.

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**Tournament Seeding Procedures**

The Soccer seeding and tournament draw meeting is scheduled for **Sunday October 10, 2021** with the boys draw starting at **2:00PM ET** and the girls at **3:00PM ET**.

At least one seeding is to take place in either the Sectional or District tournament. All teams assigned to the first round of the tournament shall be seeded. The following seeding method shall prevail for all tournament matches. For purposes of seeding, the last games to be counted will be those played on the date established by the District Athletic Board.

**Soccer Tournament Seeding Procedure:**
1. Tournament managers will post the records of all teams in their tournament. It is the responsibility of each school to have its records compiled as shown below and given to the tournament manager on the day of the seeding/drawing meeting. The records will include the number of wins and losses in the divisions of the teams played.

Example: in a schedule that has played 15 games to date:

Division I: 9 wins 2 losses  
Division II: 2 wins 1 loss  
Division III: 1 win 0 losses  
Overall Record: 12-3

All games played to date shall be recorded. There should be public acknowledgement when a Varsity record includes games against other JV teams or non-member teams.

2. Voting will be done for seeded teams.

   a. All head coaches shall receive a ballot to vote for their choice of ranked teams. Ballots shall be made public. The team with the greatest number of votes shall receive the highest seed (number 1), second highest the number 2 seed, etc. until all teams are seeded. In the event of a tie, only the tied teams will be re-voted upon. Should a tie occur a second time, a flip of a coin shall determine the seeded team.

      Note: If electronic balloting is used in a District, the results shall be sent to the manager and made public by the manager at the seeding meeting. In the event no representative is in attendance from the school, placement of teams on brackets will be done by the manager in accordance with District Athletic Board policy.

3. After teams are seeded, placement of teams on brackets shall occur. The method for placement of teams on brackets is determined by each District Athletic Board. Please log on to each District Athletic Board website to obtain each District’s procedure.

4. Tournament managers will distribute brackets to representatives of the participating teams.

5. All brackets shall designate date and time of game.

6. Since many Districts utilize the home site of the higher seeded team, designation of the home team is done per District Rules. Please confirm the home team designation to coordinate jersey colors.

7. Regular season uniform rules shall be in place throughout the entire tournament home teams shall wear dark jerseys and dark socks and visiting teams shall wear all white jerseys and socks throughout the tournament.

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Suspended Game Procedures
Tournament games interrupted because of events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority shall be continued from the point of interruption. Any ejected player or coach cannot participate in the resumed game. Teams playing short will continue to play short. Rule 7-1-3 (page 36 of the NFHS Soccer Rules Book) which allows the head referee to declare an official game when a game cannot be continued shall not apply for tournament matches.

If a game must be suspended, site managers should coordinate with coaches, school administrators, District Athletic Board individuals and officials to identify and schedule the first available time to resume and complete the game. District Athletic Board secretaries will inform you of policy regarding the replacement of officials.

If a game must be suspended, remind the Head Referee to complete a report to the OHSAA indicating the following:

- Time Remaining
- Restart, location and which team performs
- Score
- Cards Issued
- Team that Kicked off
- Goal each team defended

### Soccer Tournament Participation

If a team fails to appear or is not ready to play within 30 minutes of the scheduled start time of a tournament game, the space on the bracket may be declared vacant. In this circumstance, the match will be considered a no contest and the opposing team will advance into the next round of competition. For reference, a no contest can be further explained in General Sport Regulations Section 31. All decisions relative to this regulation shall be made by a representative of the respective district athletic board or the OHSAA Executive Director’s office.

### Spirit Groups, Pep Bands and in-game activity

Artificial noisemakers are permitted at soccer tournaments pending they are not air horns or require electric or alternate sources of power. This is further outlined in the OHSAA Soccer Tournament Regulations below:

#### Artificial Noisemakers

1. Noisemakers are permitted provided they do not interfere with the game as determined by the site manager or officials. This includes but is not limited to school bands, drums and vuvuzelas.

2. Air Horns and noisemakers that require electric or alternate sources of power are not permitted in the facility.
Pep Bands are permitted, but must pay admission.

Drones, or “Unmanned Aerial Vehicles” are prohibited for any purpose by any persons at OHSAA tournament contests. Tournament management shall remove anyone attempting to use a drone and/or confiscate the drone until the event has been completed.

Note: An exception to this policy may be made in specific cases for OHSAA broadcast partners, provided the management of the tournament facility permits the presence of drones for broadcast purposes under the control of the OHSAA. Should this exception be granted to any broadcast partner, direct communication will occur between the OHSAA (Kate Barnett – kbarnett@ohsaa.org) and the site manager.

**OHSAA Inclement Weather Policy**

**(OHSAA Sports Regulation)**

The Lightning and Inclement Weather Policy is relative to the regular season and tournaments in all sports.

**LIGHTNING AND INCLEMENT WEATHER**

These guidelines provide a default policy to those responsible or sharing duties for making decisions concerning the suspension and restarting of practices and contests based on the presence of lightning or thunder. The preferred sources from which to request such a policy for your facility would include the nearest office of the National Weather Service.

Proactive Planning:

1. Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during practices and contests.

2. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby safer areas, and determine the amount of time needed to get everyone to the designated safer area:

   a.) A designated safer place is a substantial building with plumbing and wiring where people live or work, such as a school, gymnasium or library. An alternate safer place from the threat of lightning is a fully enclosed (not convertible or soft top) metal car or school bus.

3. Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play:

   a.) When thunder is heard or lightning is seen*, the leading edge of the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play for at least 30 minutes and vacate the outdoor activity to the previously designated safer location immediately.

   b.) 30-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or lightning is witnessed* prior to resuming play.
c.) Any subsequent thunder or lightning* after the beginning of the 30-minute count will reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.

d.) When lightning-detection devices or mobile phone apps are available, this technology could be used to assist in making a decision to suspend play if a lightning strike is noted to be within 10 miles of the event location. However, you should never depend on the reliability of these devices and, thus, hearing thunder or seeing lightning* should always take precedence over information from a mobile app or lightning-detection device.

*At night, under certain atmospheric conditions, lightning flashes may be seen from distant storms. In these cases, it may be safe to continue an event. If no thunder can be heard and the flashes are low on the horizon, the storm may not pose a threat. Independently verified lightning detection information would help eliminate any uncertainty.

4. Review the lightning safety policy annually with all administrators, coaches and game personnel and train all personnel.

5. Inform student-athletes and their parents of the lightning policy at the start of the season.
It is important that all Tournament Managers (or assigned person) report final scores of each tournament game as quickly as possible following a contest in the “myOHSAA” management system. **Should any bracket change occur because of forfeiture, postponement or location change please email OHSAA Sport Administrator, Kate Barnett kbarnett@ohsaa.org.**

Media should receive admission and a copy of rosters/programs upon showing their media credentials at the entrance.

Some stations pay rights’ fees through a delayed process directly to the OHSAA Comptroller. You may want to read information regarding this when stations request this at [http://www.ohsaa.org/news-media](http://www.ohsaa.org/news-media)

Also included is the Recommended Broadcast Announcement to be provided each broadcast media outlet.

Complete Media Regulations, Broadcast Rights’ Fees, etc., are also available on the web at [http://www.ohsaa.org/news-media](http://www.ohsaa.org/news-media)

Please direct media requesting credentials to the above link for important information. This site will often answer any media related questions you or the media may have.

**Tournament Site Expectations**

1. Be available via telephone and email to correspond with media regarding credential requests, their specific needs, parking information, your specific policies, etc.
2. Establish a “press row” for media members, as well as an overflow area if press row is full.
3. Assign seats if needed, giving priority to larger regional or statewide media outlets and those media that have followed a team for most of their season.
4. Be sure that electrical outlets are available for the media and set out power strips, if needed.
5. Explain to media what, if any, wireless internet access signals are available. If possible, a complimentary phone line should be available near the field for media use, as well.
6. If possible, provide media with rosters, programs, statistics, etc., and any other information you have been able to assemble prior to the game.
7. Explain to photographers where they may shoot from.
8. Explain postgame interview procedures to coaches and media before the game.

**Tournament Site Post-Game Responsibilities**

1. Report the final score per the instructions listed above.
2. Ensure that interviews take place per the procedures you explained prior to the game.
3. Allow media members a minimum of 60 minutes after the game to work at press row.
4. If inclement weather is an issue and you have an indoor space available for media to work, explain where it is located and any important details associated with that space.
### Delayed Television and Web Streaming Rates

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Rights fees for tape-delayed coverage by educational access (non-commercial) stations are $50.00 per contest or tournament. Rights fees are waived for student webcasts on the school owned/supported platform.

**Please check the OHSAA website for the fee to provide live video (TV and/or streaming) of soccer tournament contests that are not carried by the NFHS Network.**

### Additional Information/Fees:

Tape-delayed contests may not begin prior to 10:00 p.m. the day of the contest. Approval for delayed telecasts/video webcasts permit companies the right to show the contest an unlimited number of times for two weeks following the date of the contest. Additional airing of contests following the two-week period shall result in additional rights fees assessed at rates to be negotiated/determined by the OHSAA Commissioner’s office.

(#) The OHSAA may grant to a company/companies exclusive rights for live or tape-delayed coverage of the state tournament and/or finals and the first right of refusal for live or tape-delayed coverage of all other OHSAA tournament events. Should exclusivity be granted, approval for other companies to broadcast a tournament contest must be granted by procedures approved by the OHSAA Commissioner’s office. In sports not granted exclusivity, approval to broadcast a tournament contest must be granted by the tournament managers or OHSAA (state level).

If approved by the OHSAA, rights fees for live telecasts of tournament contests when exclusivity has not been granted are to be negotiated/determined by the OHSAA Commissioner’s office.
Radio and Audio Rates

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Rights fees for audio-only coverage by educational access (non-commercial) stations are $25.00 per contest or tournament. Rights fees are waived for student webcasts on the school owned/supported platform.

Emergency Procedures

Event & Site Security

The following is provided to help managers with a systematic approach to establish proper security for the specific nature of each event. With the appropriate security, the event will be conducted in a friendly environment that minimizes risk. The staff and management will be prepared to prevent, anticipate and handle problems. A basic checklist below should be adjusted accordingly for the nature of each event.

1. **Review Changes** – during pre-planning, review any changes to be made from the previous events.

2. **Head of Security** – prepare to meet with the head of security for the event and host management. Written materials outlining needs, location hours to work and responsibilities should be prepared.

3. **Usher Assignments** – during meetings with site reps and security, review the number of security officers and their locations. Review usher assignments and any supervisory responsibilities. Provide, in writing, specific policies you have which would prohibit specific actions. Be certain to plan carefully for entrance and exit to the playing area. Prepare contact information for specific problems and emergencies. Access to immediate communication via cell phones and/or remote devices is invaluable. Discuss crowd management and foot traffic flow.

4. **Written Emergency Plan** – review the facility plan for emergency situations and adjust as needed for your event. Steps should be outlined in advance as to the procedures to be followed in the event of an emergency (i.e. weather, structure, catastrophic injury, etc.) Public address announcements, security personnel assistance, etc. need to be discussed in advance.

5. **Who Needs to Know** – host administration should work with any sponsoring organization to determine a core group of individuals that would need to be involved if a major decision regarding the event needs to be made. Representatives of the officiating crew, host administration, security, etc. may need to be involved. A few key reminders:
   - Obtain the Cell Phone numbers of all coaches competing at your tournament.
- Obtain the Cell Phone numbers of all Athletic Administrators of teams competing in your tournament
- Obtain the Cell Phone numbers of the District Athletic Board Secretary at the Sectional/District level
- Obtain the Cell Phone number of the District Board member(s) overseeing your tournament at the sectional/district level; OHSAA Assistant Commissioner if a Regional or State Tournament
- Obtain contact information for major media outlets for helping convey messages of cancellations

6. **Public Relations** – In case of emergency or potential evacuation, PA announcements should be prepared to address fans. Following any such occurrence, the media should be provided with a statement regarding the situation and its handling from the tournament manager, District Athletic Board member or OHSAA Assistant Commissioner.

7. **Contingency Plan** – Have all plans in place in the event a contest cannot be played. Back-up sites, alternate dates, additional equipment are all factors to take into consideration.

8. **Entry/Exit Plan** – Crisis management plans for sites should include a clear understanding by any administrators and/or tournament management of all entries and exits. The public address announcer should be familiar with these as well.

9. **Parking & Traffic Flow** – many issues arise from parking and traffic flow problems. Eliminate many of these problems by addressing parking and traffic flow issues prior to the contest. Take into consideration the potential size of crowd, whether charges for parking exist, etc. If parking charges are enforced, provide proper receipts, have experienced people making change and directing traffic. This may require involvement from your local law enforcement agency.

10. **Crowd Expectations** – carefully study match-ups, communicate with competing administrators to anticipate size of crowds. Secure the proper security, ushers, ticket sellers/takers to eliminate security issues that may develop as a result. It is important to relay this information to the various individuals employed at your tournament site.

11. **Wrap-Up and Debriefing** – At the conclusion of your tournament, solicit feedback and compile from the various individuals that worked at your tournament. This will go a long way toward improving problem areas for future tournaments.
Emergency Action Plan

Location of Closest Working Telephone: ________________  IF locked, keys to Telephone are located: ________________

Is 911 Service Available?  YES  NO  Alternate Emergency Response Number: ________________

Exact Address of Tournament Site: ________________

Entry location for Emergency Vehicle: ________________

Normal Response Time for Emergency Vehicle is: ________________

Designated Health Care Provider for this tournament is: ________________  Contact Number: ________________

Closest Health Care Facility: ________________  Travel Time: ________________

Closest Trauma Facility: ________________  Travel Time: ________________

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The following overtime procedure has been approved by the OHSAA and shall be used at all Sectional, District, Regional and State tournament games. These can also be found in the Soccer Tournament Regulations. Hosts are encouraged to review these procedures with officials prior to the match.

Also, provided at the end of this manual are pre-match protocol sheets as well as sample public address announcements that capture the flow of all the overtime procedures.

A. Tournament Tie Procedures

When the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the referee will instruct both teams to return to their respective team benches. There will be five minutes during which both teams may confer with their coaches and the head referee will instruct both teams as to proper procedures.

i. Prior to the first overtime period, a coin toss shall be held as in Rule 5-2-2 (d)(3).

ii. Teams will play one 15-minute sudden victory overtime period. If neither team scores during the first overtime period, teams shall alternate the kickoff and change ends to play a second 15-minute sudden victory overtime period.

iii. There shall be a two-minute interval between overtime periods.

iv. If neither team scores during the second overtime period, all coaches, officials and team captains following a two-minute interval shall assemble at the halfway line to review the procedures for a penalty kick shootout as outlined in the Match Management Procedures.

Overtime Procedures Outline
5:00min Intermission after regulation time
15:00min First overtime period
2:00min Intermission
15:00min Second overtime period
2:00min Intermission
Begin penalty kicks

B. Match Management Procedures

1. The head referee shall choose the goal at which all the penalty kicks shall be taken based upon field and weather conditions.

2. Per Rule 1-6-1, spectators shall be confined to areas at least 10 feet from the touch line, team/official area and goal line. No one shall be permitted directly behind either goal unless seated in bleachers,
3. The coin toss shall be held as in Rule 5-2-2 (d)(3) and the team winning the coin toss will have the choice of kicking first or second.

4. Prior to commencement of each set of penalty kicks, each coach will submit a list of five kickers by name, number, and sequence (i.e. first through the fifth) to the head referee. Substitution for a kicker is only permitted for injury or as provided for in IX (F), “Misconduct Procedures,” and must be coordinated through the head referee.

5. Teams will alternate kickers.

6. The ball may not be played by anyone except the goalkeeper after it has been kicked. There is no follow-up.

7. During all tie-breaker penalty kicks, the ball remains alive until its momentum is spent, it goes out of bounds, or it is retouched by the kicker.

8. The defending team may change the goalkeeper prior to each kick.

9. The tie-breaker procedure initially requires a maximum of five kicks per team. The team scoring the greater number of goals from their kicks shall be declared the winner. Where a team has taken fewer than five kicks and has already scored a greater number of goals than their opponent can score if that opponent is permitted to take all five of its kicks, the tie-breaker procedure is terminated, and the winner is declared to be the team which has already scored the greater number of goals.

10. Sudden victory begins with the second set of kicks, wherein if one team scores and the other teams does not score, the match is ended without more kicks being taken.

11. Both teams are permitted on the field, along the halfway line, during taking of kicks from the penalty mark. Kickers of each team must remain within the center circle, until called for their kick. Coaches and non-kicking, rostered players shall remain along the halfway line. The home team shall occupy the halfway line closer to the touchline on the bench side, while the visiting team shall occupy the halfway line closer to the opposite touchline.

C. Selection of Kickers

1. Eligible Players – Players eligible to participate in the penalty kick shootout include the goalkeeper and any players on or off the field, except those who may have been disqualified or ejected.

2. Each coach will select five players per set of kicks based upon the following guidelines:
If a tie remains, repeat steps 3 and 4 until a winner is determined.

3. If, after any odd-numbered set of five kickers, one team has fewer than five eligible players for the next, even-numbered set of five kickers, due to injury disqualification or ejection, etc., that next, even-numbered set of five kickers, will consist of the same number of eligible players also eligible under Section IX(E)(2), above. Example: After completion of the first set of five kickers, with each team having scored four goals, Team A has only three players eligible for the second set of five kickers, who are on the roster and who did not kick in the immediately preceding set of five kickers. The second set of kickers will consist of the three remaining Team A players who did not kick in the immediately preceding set of five kickers and three of Team B’s eligible players who did not kick in the immediately preceding set of five kickers.

D. Player Misconduct Procedures

1. Cautioned Players

a. One of the five players listed to take a kick is cautioned after taking the kick. That player is not eligible to kick again until he/she has been held out of one set of kicks for which he/she would otherwise would have been eligible.

i. Player “X” is one of the first five kickers and is cautioned after taking his/her kick. Player “X” is not eligible to kick again until the set beginning with the 16th kick.

ii. Player “Y” is one of the second set of five kickers and is cautioned after taking his/her kick. Player “Y” is not eligible to kick again until the set beginning with the 16th kick.

b. One of the five players listed to take a kick is cautioned before he/she takes the kick. That player is not eligible to kick until the next set of five kicks. Another eligible player not listed in that set of kicks must take the cautioned player’s original turn.

c. When a goalkeeper is issued a caution during any set of five kicks, he/she cannot re-enter until the next opponent completes his/her kick. A substitution is permitted for the cautioned player.
goalkeeper.

2. **Disqualified Players**

   a. Any player, including the goalkeeper, who is disqualified, may not participate any further. If his/her kick is not already completed, a substitute is permitted.

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### Post-Tournament Financial Information

The Sectional and Districts flat fee amount is determined by each District Athletic Board in coordination with the OHSAA Finance Team. The flat fee will be communicated at the District Athletic Board Managers Meeting. Flat Fees for Regional tournament contests are $600.

#### DISTRICT ATHLETIC BOARD TREASURERS

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<td>Jim Hayes</td>
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<td>Richard Hall</td>
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<td>Bill Hanna</td>
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The flat fee established for the Regional Tournament is $600/game. The $600 is to be used at the discretion of the tournament manager to cover site use and game day workers. Please make sure to include a Tournament Manager’s rate as well.

To fill out the Financial Report, please visit [https://www.ohsaa.org/financial/reports](https://www.ohsaa.org/financial/reports). Regional managers will utilize the reports with a flat fee. If you have any revenue collected on site, such as streaming fees or radio broadcast fees, you will use the “Flat Fee – With Revenue” report. If you have no revenue collected onsite, you will use the “Flat Fee – No Revenue” report.

If you have radio or streaming revenue, there are 3 situations that you may encounter. If the radio station gave you a check made payable to your site, you will deposit the check and fill the amount of the check in under the “FEE PAID TO SITE” column. If the radio station gave you a check made payable to OHSAA, you will send the check to OHSAA (Attn: Accounting Department) and put the amount of the check under the “FEE PAID TO OHSAA” column. If the radio station broadcasted your game but did not give you a check, you will put the amount they owe under the “FEE OWED TO OHSAA” column.

Please send completed reports to accounting@ohsaa.org.
Sports Medicine Information

The safety of our student-athletes is always of utmost concern. Information regarding the following important topics can be found at the OHSAA’s Sports Medicine webpage at https://www.ohsaa.org/medicine. Additional information relative to various equipment and rules relative to medical issues can be found throughout this manual as well.

- Heat Stress and Athletic Participation
- Recommendations for Hydration to Prevent Heat Illness
- Suggested Guidelines for Management of Head Trauma in Sports
- Communicable Disease Procedures

Concussion Management

The OHSAA has made a concerted effort to provide educational resources to member schools on this vital topic of concussion management. The following are resources that are currently available:

1. **Suggested Guidelines for Concussion Management in Sport**
2. **OHSAA Concussion Form**
3. **Student-athlete Fact Sheets**
4. **Coaches Guide for Concussions**

The OHSAA has adopted the following sports regulation:

This OHSAA regulation, as amended to incorporate this recent legislation, now reads: Any student, while practicing for or competing in an interscholastic contest, who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with having sustained a concussion or head injury (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from the practice or contest by either of the following:

1) The individual who is serving as the student’s coach during that practice or competition.

2) An individual who is serving as a contest official or referee during that practice or competition.

RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOL If a student is removed from practice or competition due to a suspected concussion or head injury, the coach or referee who removes the student shall not permit the student, ON THE SAME DAY THE STUDENT IS REMOVED, to return to that practice or competition or to participate in any other practice or competition for which the coach or contest official is responsible.

Any athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion or balance problems) shall be immediately removed
from the contest and shall not return to play until cleared with written authorization by an appropriate health care professional.

**UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL THE INDIVIDUAL BE PERMITTED TO RETURN ON THE SAME DAY AS HAVING BEEN REMOVED**

In Ohio, an “appropriate health care professional” shall be a **physician**, as authorized under ORC Chapter 4731 and includes both doctors of medicine (M.D.) and doctors of osteopathy (D.O.) and an **athletic trainer, licensed** under ORC Chapter 4755.

### Communicable Disease Procedures

Though most schools have a Certified Athletic Trainer present at Varsity contests and all coaches are required to maintain a valid Pupil Activity Certificate through the Ohio Department of Education that includes a Sports’ First Aid component, it is important to keep up to date on the remote risk that blood borne infectious diseases can be transmitted during basketball practice and contests. For example, Hepatitis B can be present in blood as well as other bodily fluids. Procedures for reducing the potential transmission of these infectious diseases should include, but should not be limited to the following:

1. The bleeding must be stopped, the open wound covered and if there is an excessive amount of blood on the uniform, it must be changed before the athlete may participate.

2. Routine use of gloves or other precautions to prevent skin and mucous-membrane exposure when contact with blood and other body fluids is anticipated.

3. Immediately wash hands and other skin surfaces if contaminated (in contact) with blood or other body fluids. Wash hands immediately after removing gloves.

4. Clean all contaminated surfaces and equipment with an appropriate disinfectant before competition resumes.

5. Practice proper disposal procedures to prevent injuries caused by needles, scalpels and other sharp instruments or devices.

6. Although saliva has not been implicated in HIV transmission, to minimize the need for emergency mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, mouthpieces, resuscitation bags, or other ventilation devices should be available for use.

7. Athletic trainers/coaches with bleeding or oozing skin conditions should refrain from all direct athletic care until the condition resolves.

8. Contaminated towels should be properly disposed of/disinfected.

9. Follow acceptable guidelines in the immediate control of bleeding and when handling dressings, mouthguards and other articles containing body fluids.
You are encouraged to log on to the OHSAA’s website at [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org) and refer to the Sports’ Medicine dropdown menu for additional information.

**OHSAA SOCCER TOURNAMENT MATCH RESOURCES**

The next few pages are resources for host schools to use during tournament matches.

1. Tournament Regulations (as of Aug. 26, 2021)
2. Pre-Match Protocol / Timing Sheet
3. Travel Party Form / Bench List
4. In-Match Scripts with Overtime Procedures (optional)
5. Awards Scripts
   a. District
   b. Regional
6. Broadcast/Radio Script
NOTE: The following regulations apply to all levels of tournament competition unless otherwise specified. They were adopted by the Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors on August 26, 2021. The Executive Director is authorized to modify these regulations when deemed necessary, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors. Changes from 2020 to 2021 Tournament Regulations are shaded in gray.

I. ORGANIZATION OF TOURNAMENTS

A. Each District Athletic Board (DAB) organizes and conducts Sectional and District Tournaments in their respective districts, subject to the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. Sectional/District site managers will receive supplemental information from respective District Athletic Boards. Site selection and play dates of Sectional/District tournaments are at the discretion of each District Athletic Board.

B. The Regional and State Tournaments are under the direct control of the Executive Director’s office. There will be three boys divisions (I, II, and III) and three girls divisions (I, II, and III). Site selection for Regional Tournaments is at the discretion of the Executive Director’s office and may be changed at any time.

C. There is no restriction/requirement at any level of play regarding artificial or natural surfaces. Sites must meet minimum requirements of the NFHS.

D. The OHSAA maintains the authority to change the site, date, or time of any Regional or State tournament assignment.

E. Completion of the OHSAA Tournament Entry Form is the school’s agreement to play at the site, day and time assigned by the Executive Director’s office.

II. ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS AND COACHES

A. All participants must be eligible under the Bylaws and Sports Regulations of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Only one school team sponsored by a member school is eligible to participate.

B. A student who uses anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing drugs is ineligible for interscholastic competition until such time as medical evidence can be presented that the student’s system is free of anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing drugs.

C. Only Board of Education approved coaches with valid Pupil Activity Coaching Permits issued by the Ohio Department of Education are permitted to be in the bench area or locker room prior to, during, and after any tournament contest.

III. TOURNAMENT ENTRY AND PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS

A. Tournament Entry/Withdrawal

Member schools wanting to participate in the OHSAA Soccer Tournaments must indicate their intent to participate on their OHSAA Sports Participation Card in myOHSAA. Tournament entry confirmation begins August 1, 2021 and ends October 4, 2021. Schools that change their tournament participation after October 4, 2021 will be subject to a $50 penalty per sport.
B. Tournament Paperwork Requirements

Participating schools must provide all program material, travel party lists and any other materials as requested to the respective tournament managers

IV. TOURNAMENT DRAW AND SEEDING PROCEDURE

NOTE: The established date for all seeding and drawing meetings in Ohio is Sunday, October 10, 2021. Boys’ Tournament Draws at 2:00 p.m. and Girls’ Tournament Draws at 3:00 p.m.

A. In the Sectional Tournaments that precede District Tournaments, seeding is mandatory in the Sectional. In District Tournaments not preceded by Sectional Tournaments, seeding is mandatory. (NOTE: This means that at least one seeding is to take place in either the Sectional or District Tournament.) The following seeding method shall prevail for all OHSAA sponsored Tournaments.

B. Soccer Tournaments

1. All teams shall be seeded. For purposes of seeding, the last matches to be counted will be those played on the date established by the District Athletic Board.

C. Soccer Tournament Seeding Procedure

1. Tournament managers will post the records of all teams in their tournament. It is the responsibility of each school to have its records compiled as shown below and given to the tournament manager prior to the start of seed voting. The records will include the number of wins and losses in the divisions of the teams played, e.g., 18 team schedule –

   Division I school:
   
   12 wins – 2 losses – Division I
   3 wins – 1 loss – Division II

All matches played shall be recorded.

D. Voting on Seeded Teams

1. All head coaches shall vote via ballot which shall be made public, selecting their choice for the #1 seeded team. The team with greatest number of votes shall be seeded #1, second highest #2, etc, until all teams are seeded. In case of a tie only the tied teams will be re-voted upon. If a tie should occur the second time, a flip of the coin shall determine the seeded team. NOTE: If electronic balloting is utilized in a District, the results shall be sent to the manager and made public by the manager at the drawing meeting.

2. Each District Athletic Board (DAB) is permitted to determine voting protocol – whether teams may be permitted to vote for themselves and/or whether high and low voted seeds are dropped.

E. Placement of Teams on Brackets

1. Each District Athletic Board shall determine placement of teams on brackets. If a school fails to have a representative present at the seeding and drawing meeting, the manager shall place the school(s) on the bracket in accordance with the respective District Athletic Board’s Policy.

2. Sample brackets will be distributed to each manager. Samples of brackets are included in the manager’s materials and can be found on the OHSAA web site. The tournament manager will distribute brackets to
representatives of participating teams. All brackets shall designate date and time of match. Since many districts permit higher seeded teams to host on their home field, designation of the HOME team is determined by each District Athletic Board.

V. TOURNAMENT DATES

A. **Sectional Tournaments** - shall be scheduled to be completed by **October 23, 2021**.
B. **District Tournaments** – shall be scheduled to be completed by **October 30, 2021**.
C. **Regional Tournaments** – shall be **November 2, 3, and 6 2021**.
D. **State Tournaments** – shall be **November 9, 10, 12 and 13, 2021**.

Note: Regional tournament dates will not be moved due to schedule changes at the District level. Room should be built into tournaments at the District level.

VI. PARTICIPATING SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

A school administrator or a person designated by the school shall assist the tournament site manager with crowd supervision when asked. The school administrator or designee should report to the tournament site manager upon arrival to the site. Knowing in some cases this person may be the coach, the coach should be informed of this responsibility prior to the contest and reviewed at the seed meeting.

A. No team will be permitted to compete in a tournament contest unless accompanied by the coach or a person authorized by the Board of Education. This school representative shall be present throughout the tournament contest. Teams unaccompanied by such school representative will be disqualified.

VII. OFFICIALS

A. **Sectional and District** – Officials shall be assigned by the District Athletic Boards from pools provided by the OHSAA.

B. **Regional and State** – Officials will be assigned by the Executive Director’s office according to the procedure adopted by the Board of Directors. Only OHSAA Soccer Class I officials shall be used.

C. **Touchline Officials (Fourth Official)**

1. During regional finals and state tournament play, the OHSAA office will assign one touchline official where both teams are on the same side of the field and two where the teams are on opposite sides of the field. Regardless of chosen set-up, please ensure that both teams are treated equitably.

2. Each touchline official shall dress in the OHSAA-approved official’s uniform and shall bring the short-sleeved and long-sleeved: gold jersey with black stripes and each of the OHSAA-approved alternate official’s jerseys

3. Each touchline official shall arrive a minimum of forty (40) minutes prior to the scheduled kickoff and shall fully participate in all the officials’ pre-match duties and their pre-match conferences.

4. During the match, the touchline official’s normal position is in the official area, standing near the scorer’s table.
5. The touchline official(s) shall be responsible for signaling substitutions and each shall be provided with an air horn and an adequate supply of propellant.

6. The touchline official(s) shall not use a whistle to signal for substitutions.

7. The touchline official shall keep records of goals scored and misconduct cards issued and shall inform the referee of any irregularity in starting and stopping of clock.

8. The touchline official performs any equipment, uniform, blood-on-the-person, or blood-on-the-uniform check as determined by the referee in the pre-match conference. The inspection shall be accomplished prior to a substitute’s entry of the match or the reentry of a player.

9. The touchline official(s) shall: keep each team area and each official area under observation, manage bench decorum and be prepared to bring to the attention of the referee any instances of misconduct in or outside of either area, or of players, coaches or bench personnel entering the field of play without permission of the referee.

10. The touchline official(s) shall keep each team area and each official area under observation, manage bench decorum and be prepared to bring to the attention of the referee any instances of misconduct in or outside of either area, or of players, coaches or bench personnel entering the field of play without permission of the referee.

11. The touchline official is to employ less-intrusive solutions when a situation may be resolved without creating greater conflict, tension or confusion.

12. The touchline official is to involve the coach(es) and/or team officials in identifying and preventing unacceptable behavior within the team areas and is to solicit their assistance when necessary to prevent or correct problem situations. The touchline official is to invoke the referee’s authority as a last resort in these situations.

13. The touchline official(s) shall have such additional duties as are assigned by the head referee.

14. In the event that one of the OHSAA-assigned officials cannot officiate, the officials shall determine among themselves who will be head referee and who will be the assistant referees. Where able, the official who cannot officiate shall fill the open touchline official’s position.

VIII. FAILURE TO APPEAR

If national playing rules do not address failure to appear, the following regulations will apply. If a team fails to appear or is not ready to play within 30 minutes of the scheduled starting time of the tournament match, the space on the bracket may be declared vacant. A “forfeit” shall be declared, and the opposing team shall advance to the next round of competition. See Failure to Appear under Section 16.4 of the General Sports Regulations.

IX. MATCH REGULATIONS

B. Coin Toss – a coin toss shall be held as in NFHS Rule 5-2-2 (d)(3)
C. Rules – National Federation Soccer Rules shall be used in all matches.
D. Tournament Tie Procedures
When the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the referee will instruct both teams to return to their respective team benches. There will be five minutes during which both teams may confer with their coaches and the head referee will instruct both teams as to proper procedures.

i. Prior to the first overtime period, a coin toss shall be held as in Rule 5-2-2 (d)(3).

ii. Teams will play one 15-minute sudden victory overtime period. If neither team scores during the first overtime period, teams shall alternate the kickoff and change ends to play a second 15-minute sudden victory overtime period.

iii. There shall be a two-minute interval between overtime periods.

iv. If neither team scores during the second overtime period, all coaches, officials and team captains following a two-minute interval shall assemble at the halfway line to review the procedures for a penalty kick shootout as outlined in the Match Management Procedures.

Overtime Procedures Outline
5:00min Intermission after regulation time
15:00min First overtime period
2:00min Intermission
15:00min Second overtime period
2:00min Intermission
Begin penalty kicks

D. Match Management Procedures

1. The head referee shall choose the goal at which all the penalty kicks shall be taken based upon field and weather conditions.

2. Per Rule 1-6-1, spectators shall be confined to areas at least 10 feet from the touch line, team/official area and goal line. No one shall be permitted directly behind either goal unless seated in bleachers.

3. The coin toss shall be held as in Rule 5-2-2 (d)(3) and the team winning the coin toss will have the choice of kicking first or second.

4. Prior to commencement of each set of penalty kicks, each coach will submit a list of five kickers by name, number, and sequence (i.e. first through the fifth) to the head referee. Substitution for a kicker is only permitted for injury or as provided for in IX (F), “Misconduct Procedures,” and must be coordinated through the head referee.

5. Teams will alternate kickers.

6. The ball may not be played by anyone except the goalkeeper after it has been kicked. There is no follow-up.

7. During all tie-breaker penalty kicks, the ball remains alive until its momentum is spent, it goes out of bounds, or it is retouched by the kicker.
8. The defending team may change the goalkeeper prior to each kick.

9. The tie-breaker procedure initially requires a maximum of five kicks per team. The team scoring the greater number of goals from their kicks shall be declared the winner. Where a team has taken fewer than five kicks and has already scored a greater number of goals than their opponent can score if that opponent is permitted to take all five of its kicks, the tie-breaker procedure is terminated, and the winner is declared to be the team which has already scored the greater number of goals.

10. **Sudden victory** begins with the second set of kicks, wherein if one team scores and the other teams does not score, the match is ended without more kicks being taken.

11. Both teams are permitted on the field, along the halfway line, during taking of kicks from the penalty mark. Kickers of each team must remain within the center circle, until called for their kick. Coaches and nonkicking, rostered players shall remain along the halfway line. The home team shall occupy the halfway line closer to the touchline on the bench side, while the visiting team shall occupy the halfway line closer to the opposite touchline.

E. **Selection of Kickers**

1. **Eligible Players** – Players eligible to participate in the penalty kick shootout include the goalkeeper and any players on or off the field, except those who may have been disqualified or ejected.

2. Each coach will select five players per set of kicks based upon the following guidelines:

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<td>1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; set of 5</td>
<td>All eligible players</td>
<td>All 10 players kick (5 per team)</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>2&lt;sup&gt;nd&lt;/sup&gt; set of 5</td>
<td>All eligible players &lt;strong&gt;except those who participated in the 1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; set&lt;/strong&gt;</td>
<td><strong>Sudden Victory</strong></td>
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<td>3&lt;sup&gt;rd&lt;/sup&gt; set of 5</td>
<td>All eligible players</td>
<td><strong>Sudden Victory</strong></td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>4&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; set of 5</td>
<td>All eligible players &lt;strong&gt;except those who participated in the immediately preceding set&lt;/strong&gt;</td>
<td><strong>Sudden Victory</strong></td>
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If a tie remains, repeat steps 3 and 4 until a winner is determined.

4. If, after any odd-numbered set of five kickers, one team has fewer than five eligible players for the next, even-numbered set of five kickers, due to injury disqualification or ejection, etc., that next, even-numbered set shall consist, for both teams, of the same number of eligible players also eligible under Section IX(E)(2), above.

Example: After completion of the first set of five kickers, with each team having scored four goals, Team A has only three players eligible for the second set of five kickers, i.e., who are on the roster and who did not kick in the immediately preceding set of five kickers. The second set of kickers will consist of the three remaining Team A players who did not kick in the immediately preceding set of five kickers and any three of Team B’s eligible players who did not kick in the immediately preceding set of five kickers.

F. **Player Misconduct Procedures**
3. **Cautioned Players**

   a. One of the five players listed to take a kick is cautioned after taking the kick. That player is not eligible to kick again until he/she has been held out of one set of kicks for which he/she would otherwise would have been eligible.

   i. Player “X” is one of the first five kickers and is cautioned after taking his/her kick. Player “X” is not eligible to kick again until the set beginning with the 16th kick.

   ii. Player “Y” is one of the second set of five kickers and is cautioned after taking his/her kick. Player “Y” is not eligible to kick again until the set beginning with the 16th kick.

   b. One of the five players listed to take a kick is cautioned before he/she takes the kick. That player is not eligible to kick until the next set of five kicks. Another eligible player not listed in that set of kicks must take the cautioned player’s original turn.

   c. When a goalkeeper is issued a caution during any set of five kicks, he/she cannot re-enter until the next opponent completes his/her kick. A substitution is permitted for the cautioned goalkeeper.

4. **Disqualified Players**

   a. Any player, including the goalkeeper, who is disqualified, may not participate any further. If his/her kick is not already completed, a substitute is permitted.

G. **Interrupted Tournament Matches**

   1. Tournament matches interrupted because of events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority shall be continued from the point of interruption.

   2. Any ejected player or coach cannot participate in the resumed match.

   3. Teams, playing short, will continue to play short.

   4. NFHS Rule 7-1-3 is not in effect for tournament matches.

H. **Warm-Up Time and Timing of the Pre-Match Sportsmanship Conference**

   1. Both teams are guaranteed a minimum of 30 minutes of uninterrupted warm-up time.

      a. The 30-minute clock will begin 40 minutes prior to kickoff, guaranteeing the minimum 30-minute warm-up.

   2. Both teams may be permitted access to the field one (1) hour prior to kickoff (presuming there is not another match immediately prior).

   3. The remaining 10 minutes prior to kickoff will be utilized for the sportsmanship conference, coin toss, pre-match introductions, and the national anthem.

   4. A sample pre-match schedule is below for a 7:00 pm kickoff.
5. Team Introductions

   a. Team introductions shall be coordinated in the following format:
   
   i. Both teams shall walk out international style to midfield (both teams lined up and walking out with the officials to midfield). If benches are on opposite sides of the field, one referee will meet the team on the opposite side of the field and walk the team to center field as the other officials walk the other team.
   
   ii. Public address announcers shall announce all non-starters, starters and coaching staff beginning with the visiting team and concluding with the home team.
   
   iii. Hosts may adjust the timing to complete the pre-match announcements and introductions prior to the desired kickoff time.

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<td>Teams permitted to take the field (if available)</td>
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<td>30 minute clock starts</td>
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<td>6:20 pm</td>
<td>Guaranteed 30 minutes of uninterrupted warm-up time begins</td>
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<td>6:50 pm</td>
<td>Uninterrupted warm-up time is concluded, teams clear the field</td>
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| 6:50 pm  | Pre-Match Conference
           | Coin Toss
           | International walkout
           | National Anthem
           | Team introductions (non-starters, starters, coaches of visiting and home teams) |
| 7:00 pm  | Kickoff                                                              |

I. Goal Differential
During any tournament contest, any time the score differential reaches 6 goals or more AFTER the first half of the contest, a running clock shall be used. After the 6-goal differential has been met but the score drops below 6 goals, the clock reverts to regular timing. The clock shall be stopped only for an injured player on the field or when there is any unusual delay deemed necessary by the officials.

X. TEAM REGULATIONS

A. Match Ball
   1. Sectional/District- Each participating team will provide three balls for use in each contest during sectional and district tournaments. Any NFHS Authenticated Ball is permitted to be used in sectional/district play.

   2. Regional/State- The Wilson Forte FYbrid II ball shall be used during regional and state tournaments. Per our agreement with Wilson, the OHSAA adopted ball for regional and state play, three match balls will be provided to each regional qualifying team. These three balls will travel with each team and be used for all tournament matches moving forward.
Ball Persons – Each team shall provide two ball persons during all tournament contests, including regional and state tournament play. These individuals must be listed on the twenty-nine (29) persons travel party list.

B. Size of Squads – It is the responsibility of the coaches and tournament manager to ensure that the number of players does not exceed twenty-two (22) in uniform each match. If either team is over the limit, it must be corrected at once. Failure to comply with the regulation at any time after the request of the head officials shall result in the forfeiture of the match.

C. Co-Ed Teams - Any team that includes males and females must compete in the boys’ tournament.

D. Bench Area – Twenty-nine (29) individuals are permitted to be in the bench area and/or on the field during team warm-up for any contest. Players serving a suspension for a red card ejection may be one of the twenty-nine (29) but may not be on the field at any time during warm-up. It is the responsibility of the coaches and tournament manager to ensure that the number of individuals does not exceed twenty-nine (29).

F. Uniforms

1. The home team shall wear dark jerseys and socks and the visiting team shall wear solid white jerseys and socks.

2. All aspects of the uniform must conform to NFHS Rule 4-1-1.

G. Unsporting Conduct Requirements and Penalties

Participation in athletic contests is a privilege. Everyone is expected to conduct him/herself in an exemplary manner while participating.

1. During participation in OHSAA Tournaments, any student or coach will fall into one of the categories below as it relates to penalty and repercussion:

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2. All participants are required to respectfully participate in Awards Presentations at the conclusion of District, Regional and State Final contests. This includes attention to opposing team presentations of individual and team trophy awards. Coaches and school administrators are expected to enforce this requirement.

XI. SCHOOL REGULATIONS

A. Cheerleaders & Mascots

a. Eight (8) cheerleaders in uniform, one student mascot and one sponsor will be admitted free provided a certified travel party list is filed by the high school principal.

b. Only cheerleaders in uniform are permitted to lead cheers at field level.

c. Mascots will not be permitted on the playing field or near the team benches.
B. Property Damage

a. There is no insurance covering property damage.

b. If property is damaged at a tournament site by competing school teams, student body or spectators, the school from which the students and/or spectators come shall be liable and pay the cost of repair or replacement.

c. Other damages to facilities not attributed to a competing school could be a legitimate tournament expense and will need verified with the District Athletic Board or OHSAA Sport Administrator.

d. Student crowd control at state sponsored tournaments is the responsibility of each Principal from the competing schools.

C. Videotaping by Schools

a. Filming or videotaping of tournament matches by one or both schools playing the match is permitted provide the permission of the tournament manager is secured and it is done at the expense of the school involved and a maximum of one individual per school is permitted (must be identified on travel party form).

XII SITE REGULATIONS

A. Admission and Admission Policies

Tournament tickets will be available using an online platform, HomeTown Ticketing.

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B. Team Admission

1. For all levels of the tournament, twenty-two (22) players, two (2) coaches, one (1) manager, one (1) athletic trainer, and three (3) others will be admitted per the OHSAA travel party form, certified by the principal or principal’s designee. In addition to the twenty-nine (29) travel party, two (2) ball personnel, one (1) videographer, one (1) photographer and one (1) bus driver shall be admitted with the official travel party. For State Finals only, commemorative bag tag credentials will be provided upon arrival at the site and used for team entry. Each participating school will receive complimentary admission for eight (8) school administrators, digitally, through HomeTown Ticketing. One digital code will be provided to each school. Each code will have eight (8) tickets attached to each code. The same code will be utilized as the school advances in the tournament.

C. Banners and Signs

1. Team Banners and signs will be permitted provided they are not sponsor related, negative, unsportsmanlike or vulgar.
2. All signs must be coordinated with site managers according to facility policies. If signs are permitted by the site manager, the visiting school representatives who hung the signs are responsible for removing them, and all evidence of them, following the contest.

D. Noisemakers

1. Noisemakers are permitted provided they do not interfere with the match as determined by the site manager or officials. This includes but is not limited to school bands, drums, and Vuvuzelas

2. Air Horns/noisemaker prohibited Air horns and noisemakers that required electric or alternate sources of power are not permitted in the facility.

E. Videotaping by Spectators

1. Any and all videotaping by spectators shall be for personal use.

2. Any and all videotaping shall not interfere with the view of the athletic contest by other spectators.

3. The tournament site shall not permit the use of more than the seating space for which the spectator has paid when seating is needed for paying fans.

4. The tournament site accepts no liability for damage or theft of spectator equipment or injury because of privately owned equipment.

5. The tournament site shall not be expected to provide power sources for video equipment.

6. Violation of this regulation may result in the removal of the offender from the premises.

F. Re-Entry – No re-entry will be provided at any match site.

G. Prohibited Advertising – There shall be no advertising through printed media, billboards, radio or television that includes beer, wine, liquor, tobacco, political parties or candidates or any other advertising contrary to the philosophy of interscholastic athletics.

H. Prohibited Sales – The sale of the distribution of, or the consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is not permitted at the site of any contest involving OHSAA member schools.

I. Raffles Prohibited – There shall be no raffles or any type of matches of chance permitted at the site of tournament contests.

J. Drones (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles)

The use of drones is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at OHSAA tournament contests. Tournament management shall remove anyone attempting to use a drone and/or confiscate the drone until the event has been completed.

Note: An exception to this policy may be made in specific cases for OHSAA broadcast partners, provided the management of the tournament facility permits the presence of drones for broadcast purposes under the control of the OHSAA.
XIII. MEDIA

A. Radio, Press and Photographers – All requests for space shall be directed to the tournament manager for Sectional/District and Regional matches. Credential requests for State Tournament matches shall be directed to Tim Stried, OHSAA Director of Communications. Proper credentials must be presented for admission at the gate.

B. Television – Tape-delayed requests shall be directed to the appropriate tournament manager. Live request shall be directed to the Executive Director’s office.

XIV. AWARDS

A. Only awards furnished by the OHSAA may be presented at the OHSAA tournament site.

B. Sectionals – Sectional trophies will not be awarded.

C. District – Trophies will be presented to the winner and runner-up teams. Awards will be presented to the individual team members and coaches of the teams. Both teams will remain present for the Awards Ceremony.

D. Regionals – A trophy will be presented to the Regional winner and runner-up.

E. State – Team trophies will be presented to the State Champion and Runner-Up. Individual team members and coaches of both teams will be presented with gold or silver awards.

XV. SPONSORSHIP AND RIGHTS

A. The OHSAA is the sponsoring association for the Sectional, District, Regional and State Boy’s and Girl’s Soccer Tournaments.

B. The OHSAA reserves all rights regarding the management of these tournaments and the sale of any items and/or any audio-visual reproductions.

C. Any sale of food, clothing, souvenirs, or any other items is strictly prohibited without permission of the respective District Athletic Boards for Sectional and District tournaments and the OHSAA Executive Director for the Regional and State Tournaments.

XVI. WEATHER (OHSAA Lightning and Inclement Weather Regulation)

A. Recognition: Coaches, athletic trainers, athletes, administrators, and officials should be educated regarding the signs indicating thunderstorm development. Since the average distance between successive lightening flashes is approximately two to three miles ANYTIME that lightning can be seen or heard, the risk is already present. Weather can be monitored using the following methods:

B. Monitor Weather Patterns – Be aware of potential thunderstorms by monitoring local weather forecasts the day before and morning of the competition, and by scanning the sky for signs of potential thunderstorm activity.

C. National Weather Service – Weather can also be monitored using small, portable weather radios from the NWS. The NWS uses a system of severe storm watches and warnings watch indicates conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop in an area; a warning indicates severe weather has been
reported in an area, and everyone should take proper precautions. Any thunderstorm poses a risk of injury or death even if it does not meet the criteria for severe weather. Therefore, anytime thunderstorms are in the forecast (even if it is only a 20 percent chance), event organizers shall be at a heightened level of awareness to the potential danger of lightning.

D. Management:

1. **Evacuation** - If lightning is imminent or a thunderstorm is approaching, all personnel, athletes and spectators shall evacuate to available safe structures or shelters. A list of the closest safe structures should be announced and displayed on placards at all athletic venues.

2. **Thirty-minute rule** - Competition or practice shall be suspended once lightning has been recognized or thunder is heard. It is mandatory to wait at least 30 minutes after the last flash of lightning is witnessed or thunder is heard prior to resuming practice or competition. Given the average rates of thunderstorm travel, the storm should move 10-12 miles away from the area. This significantly reduces the risk of local lightning flashes. Any subsequent lightning or thunder after the beginning of the 30-minute count shall reset the clock, and another count shall begin.

XVII. **REGIONAL TOURNAMENT HOSTING**

A. 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 match arrangements, along with the tournament manager. *If the home team cannot host due to insufficient NFHS field standards, or is not willing to host, the opportunity to host will then go to the visiting team.

XVIII. **STATE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION ONLY**

A. **STATE TOURNAMENT SUMMARY**

1. **Dates** - the State Tournaments (semifinals and championships) will be held **November 9, 10, 12 and 13, 2021**.

2. **Semifinal Sites** – TBD

3. **Finals Site** – Lower.com Stadium in Columbus, OH

B. **COACHES MEETING**

1. State Finalist Coach Meeting will take place in an online format via a live video conferencing platform.

C. **MEDIA CREDENTIALS**

1. **Semifinals** - Requests for State Semifinal matches need to be forwarded to the site managers.

2. **Finals** - Requests for the State Final matches should be forwarded to Tim Stried (tstried@ohsaa.org)
# Pre-Match Protocol for OHSAA Soccer Tournaments

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<td>42:00</td>
<td>5:18 pm</td>
<td>Guaranteed 30 minute warm-up/Game rosters submitted/exchanged</td>
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<td>12:00</td>
<td>5:48 pm</td>
<td>Captains and Officials meet for coin toss</td>
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Teams clear field and line up for international walkout. Public address welcome.

- National Anthem
- Introduction of teams
  1. Officials
  2. Visiting Team (non-starters, starters and head coach)
  3. Home Team (non-starters, starters and head coach)

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**Home Team (Dark):**

**Visiting Team (White):**

**Overtime Procedures**

1. 5:00 Intermission after regulation time
2. 15:00 First overtime period
3. 2:00 Intermission
4. 15:00 Second overtime period
5. 2:00 Intermission
6. 0:00 Penalty Kicks

**Note:** Time may need to be adjusted for introductions.