



# Ohio High School Athletic Association

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**TO:** Soccer Coaches and Directors of Athletics

**FROM:** Kate Barnett, Sport Administrator

**DATE:** October 26, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Boys and Girls Soccer Post-Season and Tournament Update

## **REGULAR SEASON UPDATES AND REMINDERS**

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### 2021 Regular Season and Scrimmages

The final date of the regular season is **Saturday November 13, 2021**. Teams are permitted four (4) scrimmages throughout the regular season which includes during post-season competition. Additionally, teams may continue to compete during the OHSAA Tournament as long as the team has not exhausted the maximum number of permitted regular season contests and scrimmages. Tournament matches do not count toward the maximum number of regular season contests.

### Friday Night Futbol

The Board of Directors has requested to discuss and review the Friday Night Futbol initiative at their December Board meeting. At this time, coaches should plan on the 2022 regular season starting **Friday August 19, 2022** and the maximum number of permitted contests to be sixteen (16).

## **OHSAA TOURNAMENT INFORMATION AND REMINDERS**

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### Regional Site Determination

Regional sites shall be determined in conjunction with the District finals.

### High School Scouting Tickets

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](mailto: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

### Official Ball

For Regional and State, the OHSAA shall provide Wilson Forte Hybrid II Soccer Ball. **Regional sites shall receive six (6) match balls in which each team will be provided three (3) balls for warm up AND will be responsible for bringing those three (3) balls to the next site to use as match balls.**

## **SOCCKER SPORT REGULATION REMINDERS**

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### GSR 11 – Mandatory No Contact (beginning after the last date of interscholastic competition)

11.1) Any coach, paid or volunteer, approved by the Board of Education to coach basketball, field hockey, football, ice hockey, soccer or volleyball **is prohibited from providing coaching, providing instruction or supervising conditioning and physical fitness programs or open gyms to members of a school team in their sport for the period of time starting with the first day after the school's last interscholastic contest and ending 28 days later.** This includes any type of tryouts in or out of school for purposes of non-interscholastic competition. Regular Season and Scrimmages

### GSR 7.3 - Regulations Permitting Students to Participate on Non-School Teams Outside of the School Team's Season

7.3.1) Team Sports (Other Than Football) – A member of a school program or team in the team sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball and volleyball may participate with a non-school program or team in contests, tryouts, training and/or practices prior to and after the school team's season under the following condition:

a) The number of team members on the non-school team who are enrolled at the same school and participated in that sport at that same school in the preceding season, or team members on the non-school team who participated in that sport at another school in the preceding season and transferred to the same school prior June 1, is limited to a maximum of 50 percent of the members of a team as defined in the playing rules of the sport. Rotating players from the same team is not permitted in the 50 percent player limitation. **The 50 percent limitation for soccer is 5.**

**Note:** Graduating seniors do not count toward the maximum number of members from the same school team.

### GSR 8.3 - Individual Skill/Coaching Instruction – Team Sports of Baseball, Basketball, Field Hockey, Football, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball and Volleyball

8.3.1) From August 1 through May 31 From School Coaches – In the sports of basketball, field hockey, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer and volleyball, individual skill/coaching instruction may be received by a member of a school team or individuals at any time prior to and after the school season and outside the defined no-contact periods (see General Sports Regulation 11) from school coaches provided that no more than four members of a school team or individuals are present at one time in all facilities where the individual skill/coaching instruction is taking place.

### Soccer Sport Regulation 5.4) Indoor Soccer

5.4) Indoor Soccer shall be defined as a game played by two teams, each consisting of no more than 6 players, one of whom must be the goalkeeper, and played indoors between the end of the school's soccer season and the day before the first day of coaching for the interscholastic season. There is no limit of players from the same school on an indoor soccer team.

**Interpretation:** OHSAA sport regulations do not define specific parameters for indoor soccer. The regulations provide a definition of indoor soccer, but there are no preclusions to number of players from the same school that may participate on the team or any preclusions to high school coaches coaching his or her own players on an indoor soccer team.

#### Clarification on Futsal

The sport of Futsal is considered a different sport than soccer. The OHSAA does not have any regulations addressing Futsal.

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