



Ohio High School Athletic Association

TO: Soccer Coaches and Directors of Athletics

FROM: Kate Barnett, Sport Administrator

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SUBJECT: Boys and Girls Soccer Tournament Update

OHSAA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Guidance for COVID-19

Here are updates and/or recommendations the OHSAA is asking our member schools to please consider as they relate to COVID-19. School districts and local health departments may set their own requirements, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has said that masks are required while using public transportation (e.g. school buses). Please remember that protocols set by a school district or local health department may be different for your participants and spectators at an away/neutral site than those in place at your home facilities.

- There currently are NO state mandates regarding vaccinations, masks and social distancing, although local executive orders in some cities may be in place. Due to the circulating and highly contagious Delta variant, however, the CDC and Ohio Department of Health recommend that:
- Masks be worn at indoor events regardless of vaccination status and that social distancing of three feet be maintained when there are crowded situations.
- For outdoor events, those who are not fully vaccinated should wear masks and remain socially distanced of at least three feet where there are crowded situations.
- Regardless of vaccination status, wear masks while in any enclosed structure at outdoor facilities such as restrooms, concession stands, ticket offices and press boxes.
- Anyone demonstrating signs of any infectious illness should go home and contact their healthcare provider for testing and care.
- Continue to work with your local health department when a positive test is confirmed to ensure the proper individuals are notified and to facilitate appropriate quarantines and contact tracing.
- Continue to encourage student-athletes who test positive for COVID-19 to gain medical clearance before they are permitted to return to practices or contests, with an approval form from the medical professional to be kept on file at the school.
- Continue to practice proper sanitation of student-athlete equipment and personal belongings and of all facilities and venues.
- Continue to utilize signage and public address announcements at your facilities that encourage spectators to practice good hygiene and know the symptoms and that encourage spectators not fully vaccinated to wear masks and stay socially distanced.

OFFICIATING

Per OHSAA Bylaw 8-3-1 below, there are no appeals to officials' decisions regarding administering yellow and red cards during matches.

Section 3. Decisions by Officials

8-3-1 Protests arising from the decisions and interpretations of the contest playing rules by officials will not be considered, and those decisions shall be final. The Executive Director's office does not have the authority or jurisdiction to order contests replayed, or to overturn decisions of contest officials regarding the decisions and interpretations of contest playing rules. The decisions and interpretations of the rules by the contest officials are final.

REGULAR SEASON UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Special Events (i.e. Kick for the cure)

Schools may host one (1) special event each season that supports a specific cause. In conjunction with the event, schools may request a waiver for NFHS Rule 4-1-1 which would permit teams to wear an alternate-colored jersey and/or socks in support of the specific cause. The Special Event Request waiver form can be found under the Regulations, Policies & Manual sidebar [here](#). Please email the completed to Kate Barnett at kbarnett@ohsaa.org.

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.

College ID Camps and Friday Night Futbol

On Thursday September 30, 2021, you should have received a survey link to provide feedback regarding Friday Night Futbol and implementing College ID camp waivers. If you have not responded, please fill out the survey - [2021 OHSAA Soccer Survey – FNF/ID Camps](#)

For clarification, the need for a College ID Camp waiver is due to the non-interscholastic rule outlined in GSR 7. College ID camps are considered a non-interscholastic event which would requires special permission to participate if a player has already triggered member of a team status.

Additional review of these items will take place at an OHSAA Board meeting.

OHSAA TOURNAMENT UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Important Dates

Oct. 4 (Today)	Deadline to indicate Tournament Entry
Oct. 10	Tournament Draw
Oct. 18-23	Sectionals
Oct. 25-30	District
Nov. 2-6	Regionals
Nov. 9	Girls State Semifinal
Nov. 10	Boys State Semifinal
Nov. 12	Girls State Final
Nov. 13	Boys State Final

Tournament Information (can be found on the Soccer page [here](#))

- [Required forms](#)
 - **NEW*** -Travel Party / Bench List (required at **ALL** levels of the Tournament)
- [Tournament Regulations](#)
- [Tournament Draw](#)
- Introductions and Pre-Match Protocol (Timing Sheet)
 - Pre-Match introductions shall be international style no matter if the benches are on opposite sides of the field.
 - A sample pre-match protocol sheet is ported for your reference. Teams are guaranteed a minimum of 30 minutes of warm up for all tournament matches.
- Goal Differential shall be observed during all Tournament contests.
- PA Scripts
 - [General Script](#)
 - [Broadcast Script](#)
 - [District Awards](#)
 - [Regional Awards](#)
- [Tournament Host Manual](#)
- State Finals will be held at Lower.com Field in Columbus, OH

Regional Site Determination

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

Ticket Information

All tickets shall be electronic through HomeTown Ticketing. No cash will be accepted. Below are the designated ticket prices for all levels of the Tournament. When the Tournament starts, tickets will go live [here](#).

Sectional Presale	Sectional Gameday	District Presale	District Gameday	Regional Presale	Regional Gameday	State Semi Student Price	State Semi Adult	State Final Student	State Final Adult
\$8.00	\$10.00	\$ 8.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$13.00	\$12.00	\$15.00

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) 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

Uniforms

Compliance with uniform rules is mandatory for all teams during the OHSAA Tournament. Failure to comply may result in forfeiture. Please review uniform regulations [here](#).

Official Ball

For all Sectional and District matches, the host shall furnish the NFHS approved game 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.

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