



Ohio High School Athletic Association

TO: Soccer Coaches and Directors of Athletics

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SUBJECT: Boys and Girls Soccer Pre-Season Update

PRE-SEASON RULES INFORMATION

State Rules Interpretation Meeting Reminder

The State Rules Interpretation Meeting will be made available beginning **Thursday July 21, 2022**. This meeting will be completed online and accessed through your individual myOHSAA account.

If you are a new coach, please consult your athletics director to assist with getting your account set up in myOHSAA. Confirmation of completing this meeting is required. Failure to complete this meeting prior to **Friday August 12, 2022, at 11:59pm** will result in a late fee.

NFHS 2022-23 Soccer Rule Books

The OHSAA pre-season mailing, including the 2022-23 NFHS Soccer Rule Book, were mailed out and athletics directors should be receiving them by the first week of August. If you are interested in purchasing additional NFHS publications, please visit the NFHS website [HERE](#).

2022 SEASON UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Regular Season Start

Teams may begin regular season competition as early as Aug. 12, 2022 and may compete in a maximum of seventeen (17) regular season contests. Teams are not required to begin contests Aug. 12th and are not required to play the maximum number of contests.

Scrimmages and Previews

Scrimmages and the preview count as dates of competition. Therefore, teams are permitted four (4) scrimmage dates of competition and one (1) preview date of competition. The length of the scrimmage is limited to a maximum of three (3) hours per squad or individual per day for grades 9-12 and two hours per squad or individual per day for grades 7-8. Scrimmages may take place at anytime during the season. Previews must be completed prior to the first regular season contest.

Travel Party and Roster Sizes

The OHSAA does not have any restrictions regarding roster size limits for the regular season. However, roster size limits are in place for post season competition.

Special Event Team Uniform Waiver – **NEW SUBMISSION PROCESS**

Schools may host one (1) special event each season that supports a specific cause (i.e. Kick for a Cure). 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 Team Uniform Waiver application can be accessed [HERE](#).

Non-Interscholastic College ID Camp Waiver – **NEW SUBMISSION PROCESS**

A student-athlete may use a one-time waiver to attend an identification camp after the student-athlete has participated in an interscholastic scrimmage, preview or contest. The definition of an identification camp refers to an individual workout or individual camp being offered by a college or university and not any other type of team showcase or non-school competition or practice. The waiver may be used for any events that take place from August 1, 2022 through the non-interscholastic date of September 5, 2022. The waiver form may be accessed [HERE](#).

**These new submission forms can be accessed from the sidebar show below on the [OHSAA Soccer Webpage](#).

Regulations, Policies & Manuals

- [2021 Soccer Coaches Manual](#)
- [2022 Soccer Coaches Manual](#)
- [2021 Soccer Regulations](#)
- [2021-22 General Sports Regulations](#)
- [OHSAA Inclement Weather Policy](#)
- [Uniform Regulations](#)
- [Special Event Team Uniform Waiver](#)
- [Non-Interscholastic College ID Camp Waiver Request](#)
- [Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association](#)
- [Coaching Requirements](#)
- [Students With Disabilities Policy](#)
- [Service Dogs Policy](#)
- [GSR 32.2 Form- Change in Sports Season](#)
- [Travel to Non-Bordering State Form](#)

SPORT REGULATION HIGHLIGHTS AND REMINDERS

- **General Sports Regulation 7 – Non-Interscholastic Participation and Individual Skill Instruction – EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2022**

Previous General Sports Regulation 7 (Non-Interscholastic Participation) with General Sports Regulation 8 (Individual Instruction Regulation) were combined. The purpose of this combination was to simplify the two subjects since there tended to be a large amount of confusion between the two.

A large part of this confusion was that there were previously two numbers being utilized – the “50% limitation” of how many players could participate together on a non-interscholastic team and the individual instruction number (4 for majority of sports, 6 for baseball and softball, etc.) detailing how many players a school coach could provide individual instruction to at one time.

With the new General Sports Regulation 7, there is now one number that is the same for both scenarios – how many can participate together on a non-interscholastic program and how many can receive individual instruction from a school coach at one time.

Baseball – 6
Field Hockey – 6
Ice Hockey – 5
Girls Lacrosse – 6
Softball – 6
Basketball – 3
Football – 7
Boys Lacrosse – 6
Soccer – 6
Volleyball – 3

- **General Sports Regulation 14 – Ejections for Fighting**

Any player or coach ejected for fighting shall be ineligible for all contests for the remainder of that day. In addition, the player/coach shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels in that sport until **four regular season/tournament contests** (two in football) are played at the same level as the ejection or disqualification.

The definition of fighting is found in the NFHS playing rules and reads as follows: “Fighting is any attempt by a player or non-player to strike or engage a player or non-player in a combative manner unrelated to the sport. Such acts include, but are not limited to, attempts to strike an opponent(s) with the arm(s), hand(s), leg(s), or foot (feet), whether there is contact. “

If video is presented to the Director of Officiating, or their designee, and the video clearly shows the ejection action did not meet the NFHS definition of fighting (as written below), the suspension length may be reduced. The player(s) in question is ineligible until such time as the designee rules on the submitted video or the four-game penalty has been fulfilled.

- **Soccer Sport Regulation – Uniform Violation Penalty - EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2024**

In accordance with NFHS Rule 4.1, teams who are found to be in violation of the uniform requirements shall be subject to a \$100 fine per occurrence. Failure to have NFHS complaint uniforms by the start of the OHSAA post season shall result in removal from the OHSAA Tournament. Please see uniform regulations [HERE](#).

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