



Ohio High School Athletic Association

TO: Soccer Coaches and Directors of Athletics

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SUBJECT: Boys and Girls Soccer Tournament Information

OHSAA TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Important Dates

Oct. 8	Tournament Draw (conducted by your respective district)
Oct. 16-21	Sectionals
Oct. 23-28	District
Oct. 31-Nov. 1	Regionals
Nov. 7	Girls State Semifinal
Nov. 8	Boys State Semifinal
Nov. 10	Girls State Final
Nov. 11	Boys State Final / Season End

Tournament Regulations and Forms

- [Tournament Regulations](#)
- [Tournament Draw](#)
- [Required Tournament Forms](#)

NOTE: The Bench List/Travel Party form is required for **ALL LEVELS** of the OHSAA Tournament. Teams are permitted 25 players in uniform and 10 additional bench personnel (e.g. ATC, asst. coaches, managers, etc.)

Sectional and District Tournament Information

District Athletic Boards are tasked with overseeing the Sectional and District levels of the OHSAA Tournament, while the OHSAA Sport Administrator is tasked with managing the Regional and State levels of the OHSAA Tournament. Sectional and district tournament information is posted on each of the respective district webpages linked below for your reference.

- [Central District](#)
- [East District](#)
- [Northeast District](#)
- [Northwest District](#)
- [Southeast District](#)
- [Southwest District](#)

Regional and State Tournament Information

OHSAA Regional Semifinal and Final sites have been predetermined and can be referenced on the [Tournament Draw](#). For site location addresses and contact information, please see the public brackets in the links provided below. (District qualifier assignments (e.g. Northeast 1) will be added once each district creates their brackets.)

Boys Soccer

[Division 1](#)

[Division 2](#)

[Division 3](#)

Girls Soccer

[Division I](#)

[Division 2](#)

[Division 3](#)

The OHSAA has the authority to change the date, time and site at any time for any reason. Changes will be considered in the event the change does not cause conflict for the stakeholders involved. If a host previously indicated that they would not like to host due to their team advancing to the regional rounds and beyond or if a host team advanced and will be serving as the host, back-up sites have already been pre-determined.

State semifinal sites have been pre-determined based on location for the primary concern of travel midweek for schools and the nature of the tournament bracket bridging different regions in the state. These will not be made public until closer to the event.

The state final matches are scheduled to be played at Lower.com Field; however, the matches will be moved to Historic Crew Stadium if the Columbus Crew are competing in the MLS Playoffs. Although the Columbus Crew has clinched a spot in the MLS Playoffs, the Playoff schedule has not been posted to confirm either location for our state finals at this time.

Friday November 10 – Girls State Finals

Division II – 1:00pm
Division I – 4:00pm
Division III – 7:00pm

Saturday November 11 – Boys State Finals

Division II – 1:00pm
Division I – 4:00pm
Division III – 7:00pm

GENERAL INFORMATION

Ticket Information – **NEW INFORMATION**

A ticket is required for entry to each event. No passes of any kind shall be accepted. Below are the designated ticket prices for all levels of the tournament. When the tournament starts, online tickets will be available for purchase [HERE](#).

TOURNAMENT LEVEL	ADMISSION	DISCOUNTED STUDENT TICKET ONLINE	DISCOUNTED ADULT TICKET ONLINE
Sectional Tournaments	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$8.00
District Tournaments	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$8.00
Regional Tournaments	\$15.00	\$9.00	\$12.00
State Semifinal Tournaments	\$20.00	\$13.00	\$16.00
State Tournament	Online Tickets Only	\$13.00	\$16.00

**Ages 5 and under are free.

High School Scouting Tickets – **NEW INFORMATION**

High School coaches may attend tournament contests to scout opponents. Each head coach will be sent a Digital Pass that will provide entrance for up to two (2) people per event. It will be one (1) QR code that can be scanned twice.

The Digital Pass will be emailed to the head coach listed in the school Final Forms/myOHSAA account. The Digital Pass will be sent out the week before the respective tournament begins and can be used for scouting or to attend games at the Sectional, District, and Regional Level.

No additional tickets will be provided for scouting at the Sectional, District, and Regional Tournament levels.

Goal Differential/Running Clock and Match Termination Policy – **NEW INFORMATION**

Goal differential shall be observed during all Tournament contests. 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 six (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.

Should the goal differential reach eight (8) at the end of the first half or during the second half of the postseason tournament, the match is terminated. At this time, the score stands and is counted as a complete match.

***Please be sure to inform your teams and communities of this new match ending procedure.**

Regional and State Tournament Balls – **NEW INFORMATION**

For regional and state matches, the OHSAA will provide the [Wilson VIVIDO Soccer Ball](#). Regional semifinal, regional final and state semifinal sites will receive four (4) match balls in which each team will be provided two (2) balls for warm up. After the match, the host will give each participating team one game ball to keep. **Advancing teams are NO LONGER responsible for bringing match balls to use at the next site.**

Team Introductions and Warm-up

Pre-match introductions shall be international style no matter if the benches are on opposite sides of the field. Teams are guaranteed a minimum of 30 minutes of warm-up for all tournament matches. Host site managers have been asked to use the pre-match timing sheet found [HERE](#).

Spirit Groups

Bands, cheerleaders, and mascots shall not be permitted at any level of the OHSAA Tournament. A drum/instrument is considered a noisemaker and is permitted at the discretion of the host site tournament manager and officials. Members of these spirit groups may attend soccer matches with the purchase of a ticket.

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