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**Soccer Tournament
Manager's Manual**

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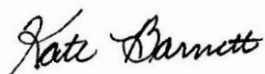
A Message from the OHSAA Staff

On behalf of the Ohio High School Athletic Association, thank you for your willingness to serve as a manager for the OHSAA Soccer Tournament! Site 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 site managers as they plan and conduct events. Manual edits from the previous year's tournament are highlighted in gray for your reference. Each manager and host staff are encouraged to become familiar with this manual and OHSAA Tournament Regulations. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Barnett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kate Barnett
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Compliance

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 and District events per the regulations outlined in this manual. DAB's may make certain permissible adjustments in their respective districts. However, it is the utmost 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.

Important Dates

September 25	Last date to enter/withdraw from the Tournament without penalty.
October 8	Draw/Seed Meeting Date (Boys 2:00pm ET/ Girls 3:00pm ET)
October 16 - 21	Sectional Tournaments
October 23 - 28	District Tournaments
Oct.31 – Nov. 4	Regional Tournaments
November 7- 11	State Tournament

Soccer Tournament Personnel

OHSAA Tournament Staff

Kate Barnett	Sport Administrator/Soccer Tournament Director	kbarnett@ohsaa.org
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District Athletic Board Staff

Bob Britton	CDAB Secretary	Coordinates C District Tournaments	bbritton@ohsaa.org
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Bo Arnett	Southeast Coordinator	barnett@waverly.k12.oh.us

Soccer Tournament Sites and Assignments

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 in this manual or on the OHSAA website. Each District Athletic Board must follow the approved regulations and review them at their Tournament Manager Meetings.

With a few exceptions, most schools 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.

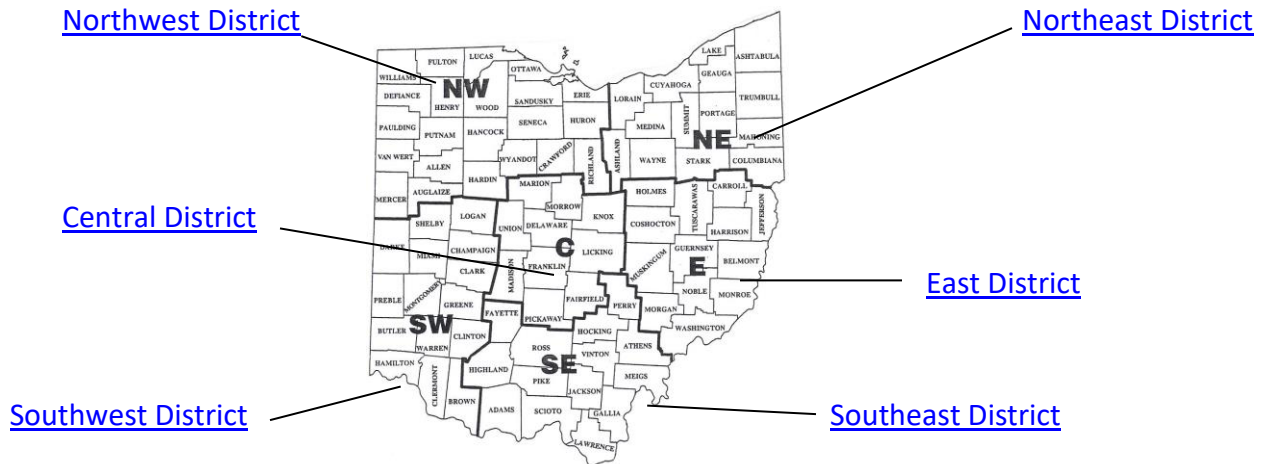
For the 2023 OHSAA Soccer Tournament Regional Semifinal and Final rounds, pre-determined sites have been selected based on the Regional Tournament Draw conducted by the OHSAA. State Semifinal sites have been pre-determined based on location for the primary concern of travel midweek for schools and the nature of the Tournament bracket bridging different regions in the state. These will not be made public until closer to the event. Per the OHSAA Bylaw 2-1-1, schools wishing to opt into the OHSAA Tournament agree to compete at the designated dates, times and locations.

Many factors go into consideration of sites including but not limited to location, ability to host, facility and venue size, referee availability, and field surface. Various constituents including District Athletic Board members and the Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association were consulted in the recommendations and assignments of sites. Per the OHSAA Soccer Tournament Regulations, 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.

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>).



Tournament Seeding Procedures

The Soccer seeding and tournament draw meeting is scheduled for **Sunday October 8, 2023** with the **boys draw starting at 2:00PM ET** and the **girls at 3:00PM ET**.

2023 Tournament Draw Meeting Information - NEW

For the 2023 season, soccer teams were asked submit scores through MaxPreps to examine RPI data with regard to tournament seeding. Although the RPI data will NOT be used to determine seeds for the 2023 tournament, it is the intent to present the data to the coaches on the draw meeting while the group is together and compare the data, More information will be shared in the coming weeks regarding the process for this presentation.

As a best practice, seed meetings should be virtual to assist with the RPI data presentation and to be respectful of time and travel expenses.

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 matches 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 matches 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 matches played to date shall be recorded. There should be public acknowledgement when a Varsity record includes matches 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 match.

OHSAA Tournament Information

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

1. **Tournament entry.** Eligible schools wishing to participate in the tournament have indicated entry through in myOHSAA. Printed forms or eligibility certificate shall not be accepted.

2. **Site assignments.** All sites and assignments to respective Tournaments are available online on the OHSAA website or each respective District Athletic Board website. Regional and state semifinal sites have been pre-determined by the OHSAA and can be found on the tournament draw document.
 - Home team determination. Since many sectional and district matches take place at home sites, or at the sites of higher seeded teams, please be sure to get clarification on the designated home team. For re
 3. **Financial reports:** All Tournament finances are required to meet OHSAA Financial Accounting requirements. All instructions for these procedures are outlined in this Manual for regionals and state semifinal matches. DAB representatives shall review this information for sectional and district matches.
 4. **General ticketing and passes:** 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 a ticket to enter the contest.
 5. **Official assignments.** 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, location address, parking accommodations, amenities, etc. Please provide them reserved parking and directions to your site.
 - Officials guest. Officials are permitted one guest, however, they are to remain away from their dressing facilities. An official's guest must enter with the official at the official's entrance. However, in the event this is not possible, the host site may request a ticket for the official through OHSAA Customer Experience Manager Claire Duesdieker Keohane
- NOTE:** The assignment of officials is confidential information and shall not be disclosed to others (including participating teams) until match time.
6. **Brackets.** District Athletic Board and/or sport coordinators are responsible for creating Sectional/District brackets in myOHSAA. Instructions for sectional and district site managers to update brackets will be communicated through their respective DAB. Regional through state bracket updates will be managed from the site manager to the OHSAA in which the OHSAA staff will update the brackets.
 7. **Event management.**
 - Communication. Immediately following the completion of sectional tournament matches, notify the next host of the tournament, or the district tournament manager, of the team or teams that qualify to the next round. 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 the sectional winner.

- Athletic training and crisis management. Arrange for a Certified Athletic Trainer to be present at your site. Maintain an adequate Crisis Management Plan and keep EMS contact information handy.
- Tournament manager/workers. All sites must have an assigned tournament manager. Sites must also 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.
- Security. Sites shall provide an adequate number of law enforcement officers and/or security personnel to ensure protection of officials, players and spectators. Please ensure the field is kept clear during and at the conclusion of a match.
- Neutrality. As a reminder, hosts that provide extra amenities such as heaters, canopies, locker rooms, etc. must be available to both teams, not just the host team. Public address announcers shall remain neutral during all tournament contests.
- Overtime procedures. 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. Public address scripts have been provided outlining overtime procedures.
- Awards and presentations. Trophies and medallions (district and regional) appropriate for the tournament will be shipped directly to the managers or the contact provided to the OHSA 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.

There will be an awards ceremony at the conclusion of the district and regional final matches. Please review the process with coaches prior to the match of the expectations at this ceremony, most notably:

- 1) Teams are to remain on the field at the conclusion of the match and respectfully honor the other team.
- 2) Individual names of players and coaches shall be recognized and these individuals are expected to receive their medals (both at the district final and regional final).

8. **Inclement weather.** 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.

9. **Team management:**

- Travel party/bench list form. Travel party/Bench List forms are required for each level of the tournament. Forms can be found under the tournament information on the OHSA soccer

webpage. Per the Soccer Tournament Regulations, it is the responsibility of the coaches and tournament manager to ensure that the number of players does not exceed **twenty-five (25)** in uniform for 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 **site manager** shall result in the forfeiture of the match.

Managers are tasked with transferring team forms and program materials for winning teams advancing in the tournament. This will 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.

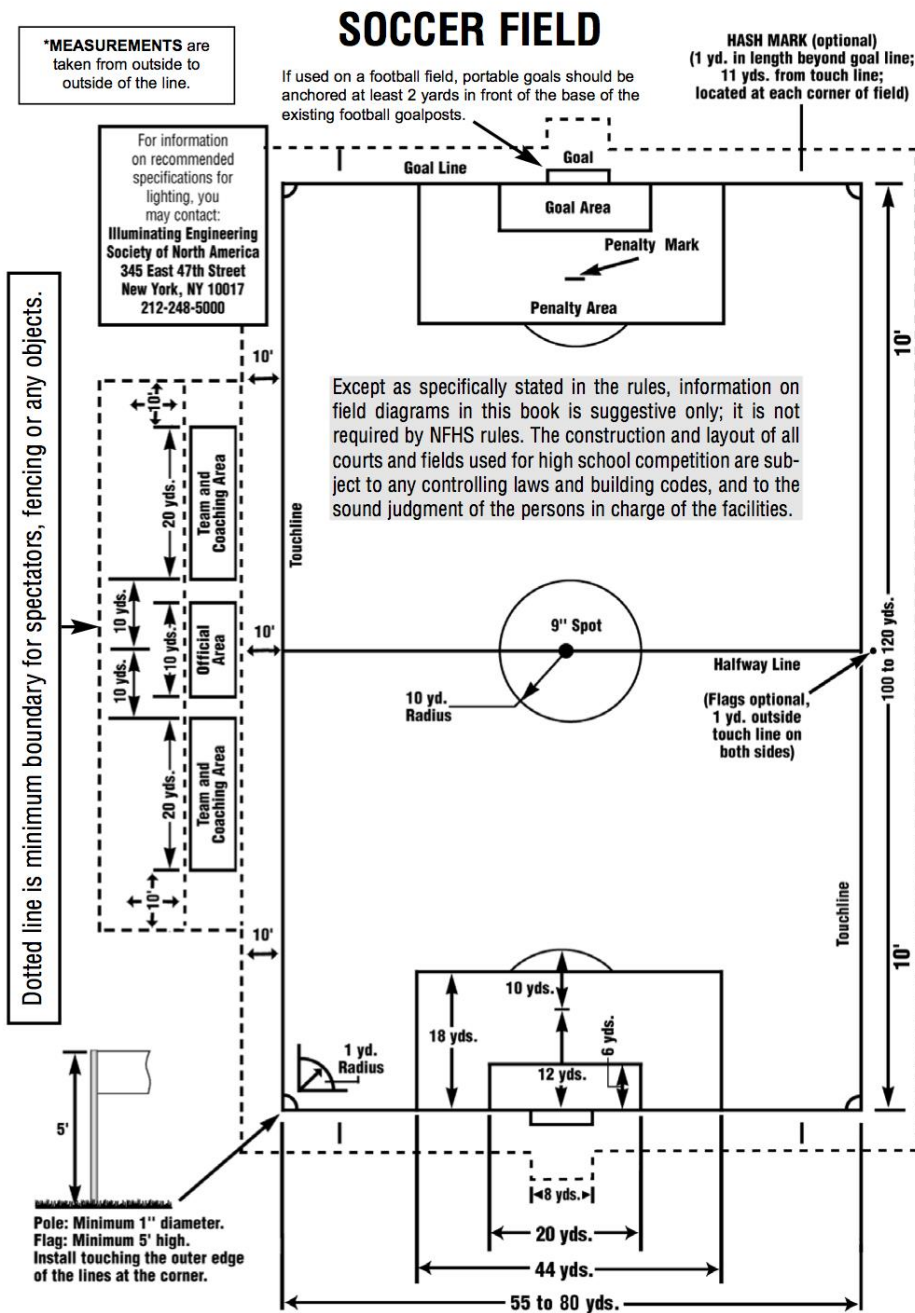
- **Uniforms:** Regular season uniform rules shall be in place throughout the entire tournament. Home teams shall wear dark jerseys and dark socks and visiting teams shall wear all white jerseys and socks throughout the tournament. Please reference the uniform regulations in the NFHS rulebook – Rule 4.
- **Girls on boys teams.** Per OHSAAA sport regulations, a boys team with girls on it is only eligible to compete in the boys OHSAA Tournament. Girls who have been participating on both boys and girls teams during the regular season must choose if they will participate on the girls team or boys team for the OHSAA Tournament. Therefore, a girl may not compete on both boys and girls teams during the OHSAA Tournament

Regional Tournament Information

In addition to the information provided above, the below information is specific to regional and state semifinal hosts.

1. **Communication.** Regional and state semifinal hosts are responsible for communicating with advancing teams and collecting the team travel party/bench form. Additionally, they are responsible for contacting the advancing teams and officials regarding parking, entrances, locker room access, parking fees, team forms, etc. Hosts may charge for parking, but the fee may not exceed \$5.00.
2. **Home team determination.** The designated home team is the team listed on the top of the bracket.
3. **Match Balls:** Regional semifinal and regional final sites shall receive four (4) Wilson Vivido balls for each match. Hosts shall provide each team a minimum of one (1) ball at the conclusion of each match. The host may keep the additional two balls. Teams are no longer responsible for bringing match balls to the next round of the tournament.
4. After the completion of the match, **please text or email** [Kate Barnett](#) the score and advancing team name.
5. Hosts must submit an expense report from the matches. Please reference the Post-Tournament Financial Information Section.

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.



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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. Please make every effort to begin matches on time.
- Hosts may coordinate a color guard or National Anthem singer for tournament contests. However, this is not required.

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. The General PA scripts includes the public address read that may be used to indicate the running clock.

Match Termination Policy

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

Overtime Procedures

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.

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

Official Match Ball and Ball Personnel

The OHSAA does not have a specific soccer ball designated for Sectional and District Tournaments. However, match balls used must be approved by the NFHS have the NFHS Authentication mark. Each host sectional/district host must provide a minimum of three (3) match balls. Teams are asked to bring a minimum of three (3) ball persons.

For Regional semifinal and final matches, the OHSAA will provide each site four (4) [Wilson Vivido](#) soccer balls per regional semifinal and final. Therefore, advancing teams are NOT responsible for bringing balls to the next round. Advancing teams shall be required to provide three (3) ball persons to each round of the tournament.

Ball persons are under the direct supervision of the officials and will review duties and responsibilities with them prior to the match. This is mentioned to review at the district seed meetings with coaches, assuming the participating teams are responsible in many cases for providing them at your tournament matches. 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 shall hire adequate security/oversight for each tournament match. Hosts are encouraged to address problems before they occur by separating spectator seating, escorting officials, etc. Please review any specific policies with teams, administrators and officials prior to the match. Refer to the sample “Crisis Management Plan” later in this manual.

OHSAA Soccer Tournament Management

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 match 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 [Alexis Holderman](#) if you need assistance setting up your account.

OHSAA TOURNAMENT BRACKETS AND RESULTS

Sectional Managers – Entering Matches/Teams: COMPLETE ASAP FOLLOWING THE DRAW

Enter all teams on the appropriate line of the brackets for each match 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 match and check the “Is Bye” box for that match in round 1. This will advance the bye team to the next round.

SECTIONAL/DISTRICT/REGIONAL MANAGERS – ENTERING SCORES:

Immediately following a contest, please enter the score. Once the start time of the match has passed, you will see a link to “Report Score” on the bracket. By NFHS rule for matches 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: Match is tied 1-1 after the second overtime. Team A wins the shootout 4-3. The final score of the match 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.

Post-Tournament Financial Information

Tournament Financial Reports are now available for completion through Google Docs for events held at High Schools. The Google Doc questionnaire requires minimal effort to complete and you will receive a copy of your answers to your email.

In order to receive the Flat Fee for hosting Football, Regional/State-semis Soccer, Field Hockey, Regional Volleyball, Regional Cross Country, Regional Basketball, Regional Baseball, Regional Softball, Lacrosse, Regional Track and Field, please complete the Google Doc questionnaire found [HERE](#).

For host sites that are not a high school, please submit an invoice or complete the Excel version of the Tournament Financial Report – [Tournament Report for Non-High School Sites](#) which will be available at ohsaa.org/financial/reports. Invoices and completed excel reports should be submitted to accounting@ohsaa.org.

Links to Sectional and District level Tournament Financial Reports can be found on the respective OHSAA District website or by contacting the District Treasurer.

Central:	Jim Hayes - jhayes@ohsaa.org
Northwest:	Bill Hanna – bhanna@ohsaa.org
East:	Richard Hall – rhall@ohsaa.org
Southeast:	Rick Edwards – redwards@ohsaa.org
Northeast:	Mark McGuire – mmcguire@ohsaa.org
Southwest:	Joe Roberts – swdab-treas@ohsaa.org

Media Payments should be paid onsite to the Tournament or Site Manager. Media should make checks or money orders payable to the OHSAA. It is your responsibility to collect and mail payments timely to OHSAA's remittance only address: **Ohio High School Athletic Assn., L-4526, Columbus, OH 43260-4256.**

If you have any questions, please contact OHSAA Controller, Laura Vermilya at lvermilya@ohsaa.org or 614-549-6953. Please see more information about financial reports [HERE](#).

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. The Flat Fee for a Regional Semifinal is \$750 per match, Regional Final is \$850 per match and the State Semifinal is \$900 per match.

Soccer Passes/Travel Party Form

Any type of pass not issued by the OHSAA shall not be accepted. All attendees must have a ticket to enter and attend a contest.

For individuals such as but not limited to official's observers, Board of Directors, OHSAA Staff, etc. must provide a QR code in the form of a physical card or electronic ticket for entry.

Officials are permitted one guest and must enter with the official. However, in the event this is not possible, the host site may request a ticket for the official through OHSAA Customer Experience Manager. Coaching 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/Bench List as the entry list for the team—Twenty-five (25) uniformed players, plus the additional ten (10) 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.

Claire Duesdieker-Keohane

E: claired@ohsaa.org

B: 614-549-6973

ONLINE/DIGITAL TICKETING INFORMATION FOR FANS

Spectators may visit 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

TOURNAMENT LEVEL	STUDENT TICKET ONLINE	ADULT TICKET ONLINE	GATE*
Sectional Tournaments	\$5.00	\$8.00	\$10.00
District Tournaments	\$5.00	\$8.00	\$10.00
Regional Tournaments	\$9.00	\$12.00	\$15.00
State Semifinal Tournaments	\$13.00	\$16.00	\$20.00
State Tournament	\$13.00	\$16.00	NA

* Tickets not purchased online will be subject to the gate ticket price (cash). No other ticket purchase options are available for the state finals, only online tickets.

Ages 5 and under are free.

OHSAA BOARD MEMBER PASSES

OHSAA Board members have received a digital QR code pass. This pass **MUST** be scanned and 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.

MEDIA

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

HIGH SCHOOL SCOUTS

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.

This can be used for scouting or to attend games at the Sectional, District, and Regional Level.

The Digital Pass will be emailed to the listed head coach in Final Forms/myOHSAA. It will be sent out the week before the respective Tournament begins.

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

If a team wants to scout at the State Semi-Finals, please contact tickets@ohsaa.org.

Officiating

Each District Athletic Board assigns officials through DragonFly to Sectional/District sites within the list of eligible tournament officials. Regional and State tournament officials for all tournament contests shall be contracted by the OHSAA staff. Officials receive their contracts via DragonFly 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:	\$85.00 each in Dual System crew - plus travel allowance \$85.00 Center, \$75.00 each AR, Diagonal System crew – plus travel allowance
District Tournament:	\$95.00 each in Dual System crew - plus travel allowance \$95.00 Center, \$85.00 each AR, Diagonal System crew – plus travel allowance
Regional Tournament:	\$120 per official per match plus travel allowance. The 4 th official shall receive \$75 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 DragonFly as the distance found from the middle of the official's zip code to the middle of the site zip code. At the state championship level of any tournament, officials will receive one travel stipend. At all other tournament levels, officials will receive the travel stipend for each day of an assignment. Alternate officials will be paid per game plus regular travel stipend. In tournaments in which both permitted and unpermitted officials are used, the unpermitted officials will be paid 75% of the established fee plus the regular travel payment. Tournament site managers are responsible for determining the correct amount to be paid to each official, including the amount to be paid for any travel payment.

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 enroute, 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 match official (minimum of one play) the alternate will receive full match pay.

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

Suspended Match Procedures

Tournament matches 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 match. 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 match when a match cannot be continued shall not apply for tournament matches.

If a match 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 match. District Athletic Board secretaries will inform you of policy regarding the replacement of officials.

If a match 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 match, 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 the General Sport Regulations 21. 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-Match Activity

Artificial noisemakers are permitted provided they do not interfere with the match as determined by the site manager and/or officials. This includes but is not limited to drums and Vuvuzelas. Air horns and noisemakers that required electric or alternate sources of power are not permitted in any tournament facility.

Cheerleaders, Bands and Mascots. Bands, cheerleaders, and mascots shall not be permitted at any level of the OHSAA Tournament.

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 ([Tim Stried](#)) 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 match personnel and train all personnel.

5. Inform student-athletes and their parents of the lightning policy at the start of the season.

Media and Broadcast Information

It is important that all Tournament Managers (or designee) report final scores of each tournament match as quickly as possible in the “myOHSAA” management system. **Should any bracket change occur because of forfeiture, postponement or location change please email OHSAA Sport Administrator, Kate Barnett.**

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

Some stations pay rights’ fees through a delayed process directly to the OHSAA Controller. You may want to read information regarding this when stations request this at <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 <https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/News/Media/TournamentBroadcastRates.pdf>

Please direct media requesting credentials to the [fee information link](#) and [general media page](#). 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 match.
7. Explain to photographers where they may shoot from.
8. Explain post match interview procedures to coaches and media before the match.

Tournament Site Post-Match 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 match.
3. Allow media members a minimum of 60 minutes after the match 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

	Sectional / District	Regional	State Semifinal	State
Commercial Stations: Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, and State/Regional Cable-over 750,001	No charge	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$700.00
All Other Stations	No charge	\$175.00	\$350.00	\$500.00

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 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

	Sectional / District	Regional	State
All Stations	No charge	\$60.00	\$80.00

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.

Service Dogs

It is the position of the Ohio High School Athletic Association that all individuals, including those with disabilities, shall have access to OHSAA tournaments and regular season contests conducted by the member schools. This statement is designed to apprise all OHSAA member schools and tournament managers of the law relating to these accommodations for persons with disabilities and to remind the membership of obligations as it relates to this law.

The service dog must be harnessed, leashed or tethered unless these devices interfere with the service animal's work or the individual's disability prevents using these devices. In that case, the individual must maintain control of the animal.

When it is not obvious what service the dog provides, only limited inquiries are allowed. Staff members may ask two questions: 1) Is the dog a service animal required because of a disability? and 2) What work or task has the dog been trained to perform? Staff shall not ask about the person's disability, require medical documentation, require a special identification card or training documentation for the dog, or ask the dog to demonstrate its ability to perform the work or task.

We thank you in advance for making these accommodations for people who have disabilities so that they may fully enjoy the events that are sponsored by the Ohio High School Athletic Association and its member schools. If you have questions, as always, please contact a representative of your District Athletic Board for a sectional or district tournament or the OHSAA sport administrator for all other inquiries.

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: _____

Name of Designated Person	Role
	Attends to injured athlete(s) or spectator(s) and controls immediate scene.
	Telephones 911 or other pre-determined emergency number, maintains procedures for calling 911.
	Supervises team and/or other athletes
	Meets medical personnel at gate and guides them to injured person(s), maintains all necessary keys to critical entry points
	Calls Parents/Guardians/School Personnel if necessary
	Accompanies injured person(s) to hospital
	Telephones security

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 OHSA's website at 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, 31, 2023)
2. Pre-Match Protocol / Timing Sheet
3. Travel Party Form / Bench List
4. In-Match Scripts with Overtime Procedures – Sect-District ONLY (optional)
5. Awards Scripts
 - a. District
 - b. Regional
6. Broadcast/Radio Script

2023 BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

NOTE: The following regulations apply to all levels of tournament unless otherwise specified. They have been adopted by the Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors on **Aug. 31, 2023**. The Executive Director is authorized to modify these regulations when deemed necessary, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors.

1) ORGANIZATION OF TOURNAMENTS

- a) District Athletic Boards (DAB) organize and conduct Sectional and District Tournaments in their respective districts, subject to the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. Sectional and District site managers will receive supplemental information from respective District Athletic Boards. Site selection and play dates of Sectional and 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.

2) 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.

3) DIVISIONS AND REPRESENTATION

- a) There will be three divisions (I, II, III) in the boys and girls Sectional, District, Regional and State Soccer Tournament.
- b) Representation to Regional Tournament – 2023

BOYS	I	II	III
Central District	4	2	2
East District	0	1	1
Northeast District	6	5	5
Northwest District	2	3	3
Southeast District	0	2	2
Southwest District	4	3	3

GIRLS	I	II	III
Central District	4	1	1
East District	0	2	0*
Northeast District	6	5	5
Northwest District	2	3	4
Southeast District	0	2	2
Southwest District	4	3	4
*East schools will conduct their own sectional that will advance into the NE.			

4) RULES

- a) The rules and regulations of the NFHS shall govern the conduct of all tournament matches.

5) TOURNAMENT BALL

- a) The official soccer shall be the Wilson Vivido ball. For the Sectional and District level, any NFHS approved ball may be used. The OHSAA shall provide the Wilson Vivido ball beginning at the Regional level through the State Finals. However, for all levels of the tournament no matter if the Wilson Vivido ball is provided, a NFHS approved may be used. *See 16.a for more information.

6) TOURNAMENT DATES - 2023

Oct. 16- 21	Sectional Tournament
Oct. 23-28	District Tournament
Oct. 31, Nov. 1, Nov. 4	Regional Tournament
Nov. 7	Girls Soccer State Semifinals
Nov. 8	Boys Soccer State Semifinals
Nov. 10	Girls State Finals
Nov. 11	Boys State Finals

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

7) TOURNAMENT DRAW

NOTE: The established date for all seeding and drawing meetings in Ohio is Sunday, **October 8, 2023**. Boys' Tournament Draws at 2:00 p.m. and Girls' Tournament Draws at 3:00 p.m.

- a) In the Sectional Tournaments that precede or do not precede District Tournaments, seeding is mandatory in the Sectional. (**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) All teams assigned to the first round of the tournament 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.

8) SEEDING PROCEDURES

- a) 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.

- b) Voting on Seeded Teams

- i) 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.
- ii) 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.

- c) Policy for Breaking Ties in the Tournament Seeding Process:

- i) The team that receives the most individual votes at the tied position or above shall receive the higher seed.
- ii) If the results are still tied, the tie shall be broken by a coin toss. The school that calls the toss shall be the first one to appear in the alphabet (official school name without the respective city name ahead of it unless the city name is part of the official school name), going from A to Z in even-numbered years and Z to A in odd-numbered years.

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.

- d) Placement on brackets

- i) 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.
- ii) 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.

9) TOURNAMENT ENTRY AND PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS

- a) 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

July 1, 2023 and ends **September 25, 2023**. Schools that change their tournament participation after **September 25, 2023** will be subject to a \$50 penalty per sport.

- b) Participating schools must provide all program material, travel party lists and any other materials as requested by the respective tournament managers and OHSA staff.

10) PARTICIPATING SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

- a) 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.
- b) 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.

11) FAILURE TO APPEAR

- a) 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 in General Sports Regulations 21.

12) PRE-MATCH PROTOCOL

- a) Both teams are guaranteed a minimum of 30 minutes of uninterrupted warm-up time.
- b) The 30-minute clock will begin approximately 40 minutes prior to kickoff, guaranteeing the minimum 30-minute warm-up. The start of the clock may be started prior to 40 minutes prior to kickoff to accommodate pre-game announcements, national anthem, etc.
- c) Both teams may be permitted access to the field one (1) hour prior to kickoff (presuming there is not another match immediately prior).
- d) The remaining estimated 10 minutes prior to kickoff will be utilized for the sportsmanship conference, coin toss, pre-match introductions, and the national anthem.
- e) A sample pre-match schedule is below for a 7:00 pm kickoff.

Time	Item
6:00 pm	Teams permitted to take the field (if available)
6:20 pm	30 minute clock starts
6:20 pm	Guaranteed 30 minutes of uninterrupted warm-up time begins
6:50 pm	Uninterrupted warm-up time is concluded, teams clear the field
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

13) 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.

14) INTERRUPTED TOURNAMENT MATCHES

- a) Tournament matches interrupted because of events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority shall be continued from the point of interruption.
- b) Any ejected player or coach cannot participate in the resumed match.
- c) Teams, playing short, will continue to play short.
- d) NFHS Rule 7-1-3 is not in effect for interrupted tournament matches.

15) GOAL DIFFERENTIAL AND LENGTH OF MATCHES

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

match.

16) TEAM REGULATIONS

- a) Match Ball. For regionals through the state semifinal, the Wilson Vivido ball shall be provided and used.
- b) Ball Persons. Each team shall provide three ball persons during all tournament contests, including regional and state tournament play. These individuals must be listed on the thirty-five (35) persons travel party list.
- c) Travel party size. It is the responsibility of the coaches and tournament manager to ensure that the number of players does not exceed twenty-five (25) in uniform for 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.
- d) Co-Ed Teams. Any team that includes males and females must compete in the boys' tournament. Girls who have been participating on both boys and girls teams during the regular season must choose if they will participate on the girls team or boys team for the OHSAA Tournament. Therefore, a girl may not compete on both boys and girls teams during the OHSAA Tournament.
- e) Bench Area. Thirty-five (35) 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 thirty-five (35) 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 thirty-five (35).
- f) Award presentations. All participants are required to respectfully participate in an awards presentation 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.

17) SCHOOL REGULATIONS

- a) Cheerleaders, Bands and Mascots. Bands, cheerleaders, and mascots shall not be permitted at any level of the OHSAA Tournament.
- b) Property Damage. There is no insurance covering property damage. 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. 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.
- c) Crowd Control. Student crowd control at all levels of the tournament is the responsibility of each Principal from the competing schools.
- a) Videotaping by Schools. Filming or videotaping of tournament matches by one or both schools playing the match is permitted. Schools must receive prior permission from the tournament manager. Schools are limited to one individual from each school who must be listed on the team travel party form. All expenses for videotaping shall be incurred by the school filming.

18) UNIFORMS

- a) The home team shall wear dark jerseys and socks and the visiting team shall wear solid white jerseys and socks.
- b) All aspects of the uniform must conform to NFHS Rule 4-1.
- c) **Effective August 1, 2026:** In accordance with NFHS Rule 4.1, teams who are found to be in violation of the uniform requirements for the regular season 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.

19) UNSPORTING CONDUCT REQUIREMENTS AND PENALTIES

- a) Participation in athletic contests is a privilege. Everyone is expected to conduct him /herself in an exemplary manner while participating.
- b) During participation in OHSAA Tournaments, any student or coach will fall into one of the categories below as it relates to penalty and repercussion:

	Day of penalty	Matches missed AFTER day of event
Yellow	May still play	0
Double Yellow	Ineligible for remainder	1
Red	Ineligible for remainder	2
Red-Violent Conduct/Fighting	Ineligible for remainder	4

Note: 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 or not there is contact."

20) MATCH REGULATIONS FOR OVERTIME PROCEDURES

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

- ii) There shall be a two-minute interval between overtime periods.
- iii) 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 for Overtime Procedures:

- i) The head referee shall choose the goal at which all the penalty kicks shall be taken based upon field and weather conditions.
- ii) 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.
- iii) 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.
- iv) 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.
- v) Teams will alternate kickers.
- vi) The ball may not be played by anyone except the goalkeeper after it has been kicked. There is no follow-up.
- vii) 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.
- viii) The defending team may change the goalkeeper prior to each kick.
- ix) 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.

- x) 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.
- xi) 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

- i) Players eligible to participate in the penalty kick shootout include the goalkeeper and any eligible, rostered players on or off the field. Those who have been disqualified or ejected are not eligible to participate in the penalty kick shootout.
- ii) Each coach will select five players per set of kicks based upon the following guidelines:

Step	Set of Kicks	Available Players	Status
1	1 st set of 5	All eligible players	All 10 players kick (5 per team)
2	2 nd set of 5	All eligible players except those who participated in the 1st set	SUDDEN VICTORY
3	3 rd set of 5	All eligible players	SUDDEN VICTORY
4	4 th set of 5	All eligible players except those who participated in the immediately preceding set	SUDDEN VICTORY

***If a tie remains, repeat steps 3 and 4 until a winner is determined.**

- iii) 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

i) Cautioned Players in Overtime

- (1) 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.
- (a) 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.

- (b) 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.

(2) 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.

(3) 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.

ii) Disqualified Players in Overtime

(1) 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.

21) OFFICIALS

a) Assignments

- i) Sectional and District. Officials shall be assigned by the District Athletic Boards from pools provided by the OHSAA.
- ii) Regional and State. Officials shall 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.

b) Touchline Official Assignments and Responsibilities

- i) 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.
- ii) 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.
- iii) 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.
- iv) During the match, the touchline official’s normal position is in the official area, standing near the scorer’s table.
- v) 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.
- vi) The touchline official(s) shall not use a whistle to signal for substitutions.
- vii) 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.

- viii) 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.
- ix) The touchline official(s) shall notify the referee as quickly as possible if a player, coach or bench personnel has been cautioned or disqualified based on an incorrect identification; if a player, coach or bench personnel has not been disqualified despite having received a second caution or if violent conduct has been committed by anyone outside of the view of the referee and assistant referees.
- x) 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.
- xi) The touchline official is to employ less-intrusive solutions when a situation may be resolved without creating greater conflict, tension or confusion.
- xii) 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.
- xiii) The touchline official(s) shall have such additional duties as are assigned by the head referee.
- xiv) 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.

22) GENERAL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

a) General Admission and Admission Policies

- i) Tournament tickets will be available using an online platform, HomeTown Ticketing.
- ii) No re-entry will be provided at any match site.

TOURNAMENT LEVEL	STUDENT TICKET ONLINE	ADULT TICKET ONLINE	GATE*
Sectional Tournaments	\$5.00	\$8.00	\$10.00
District Tournaments	\$5.00	\$8.00	\$10.00
Regional Tournaments	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$15.00
State Semifinal Tournaments	\$13.00	\$16.00	\$20.00
State Tournament	\$13.00	\$16.00	NA

* Tickets not purchased online will be subject to the gate ticket price. No other ticket purchase options are available for the state finals, only online tickets.

Ages 5 and under are free

b) Team Admission

- i) For all levels of the tournament, teams are limited to a total of thirty-five (35) personnel in the bench area. The travel party form shall consist of twenty-five (25) players in uniform and ten (10) additional personnel who shall be determined by the school and may include but are not limited to coaches, athletic trainers, additional student-athletes, etc. The the OHSAA travel party form shall be certified by the principal or principal's designee. In addition to the thirty-five (35) travel party, three (3) ball personnel, one (1) videographer, one (1) photographer and one (1) bus driver shall be admitted with the official travel party.
- ii) 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. Team Banners and signs will be permitted at the discretion of the host, provided they are not sponsor related, negative, unsportsmanlike or vulgar. 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) Artificial Noisemakers. 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 drums and Vuvuzelas. Air horns and noisemakers that required electric or alternate sources of power are not permitted in the facility.
- e) Videotaping by Spectators. Any and all videotaping by spectators shall be for personal use and shall not interfere with the view of the athletic contest by other spectators. 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. The tournament site accepts no liability for damage or theft of spectator equipment or injury because of privately owned equipment. The tournament site shall not be expected to provide power sources for video equipment. Violation of this regulation may result in the removal of the offender from the premises.
- f) 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.

- g) 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) Sale Restrictions. 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. There shall be no raffles or any type of matches of chance permitted at the site of tournament contests.
- j) Parking. Host sites are permitted to charge for parking as long as the fee doesn't exceed \$5.00.

23) MEDIA

- a) Radio, Press and Photographers. All requests for space shall be directed to the tournament manager for Sectional and District and Regional/State Semifinal matches. Credential requests for State Tournament matches shall be Directed to the 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.

24) AWARDS

- a) Only awards furnished by the OHSAA may be presented at the OHSAA tournament site.
- b) Tournament Level Awards
 - i) Sectional. Sectional trophies will not be awarded.
 - ii) District. Trophies will be presented to the winner and runner-up teams. Individual medallions will be presented to the individual team members and coaches of the teams. Both teams will remain present for the Awards Ceremony.
 - iii) Regional. A trophy and individual medallions will be presented to the regional winner and runner-up.
 - iv) State. Team trophies will be presented to the State Champion and Runner-Up. Individual medallions will be presented to the individual team members and coaches of the teams. Both teams will remain present for the Awards Ceremony.

25) 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 items by anyone other than the OHSAA licensed providers 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.

26) 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:

- i) 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.
- ii) 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.

b) Management

- i) Evacuation- If lightening 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.
- ii) 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.

27) REGIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

- a) Home Team Determination. The top line on each bracket shall be deemed the 'home team'.
- b) Site Determination. The OHSAA shall determine sites for each Regional Semifinal, Regional Final and State Semifinal.
- c) State Finals. The State Finals shall be hosted at Lower.com Field, but is subject to venue availability, in Columbus, OH. However, in the event of a facility There will be a mandatory finalist meeting for coaches and administrators leading up to the State Finals. The meeting may be in-person or virtually.
- d) State Finals Match Rotation. The below schedule from top to bottom lists the division that will be assigned the first through last time of the day.

Year	2025 – 2028 - 2031	2023 – 2026 –2029	2024 – 2027 – 2030
Division	I	II	III
Division	III	I	II
Division	II	III	I



Pre-Match Protocol for OHSA Soccer Tournament Matches

<u>Game Clock</u>	<u>Time of Day</u>	<u>Action</u>
60:00	_____	Teams are permitted to take the field
42:00	_____	Guaranteed 30minute warm-up/Game rosters submitted/exchanged
12:00	_____	Captains and Officials meet for coin toss Teams clear field and line up for international walkout. Public address welcome. National Anthem Introduction of teams <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Officials2. Visiting Team (non-starters, starters and head coach)3. Home Team (non-starters, starters and head coach)
0:00	_____	Game begins
40:00	_____	Kick off, first half
10:00	_____	Halftime
40:00	_____	Kick off, second half

Home Team (Dark):

Visiting Team (White):

Overtime Procedures

5:00 Intermission after regulation time
15:00 First overtime period
2:00 Intermission
15:00 Second overtime period
2:00 Intermission
0:00 Penalty Kicks

Note: Time may need to be adjusted for introductions.

2023 OHSAA Soccer Tournament – Bench List

This form is to be used at all levels of the tournament. Up to 35 Persons Permitted

Email this completed form to the site manager for sectional, district, regional and state semifinal games.

District champions shall also email this completed form as a Word document to Preston Miller (pmiller@ohsaa.org) and Tim Stried (tstried@ohsaa.org) at the OHSAA by noon on Wednesday, November 1.

School:	Boys or Girls:
Level/Round of Tournament:	Division:

Please type names using “Susan Smith” format (do not use all capital letters or last name, first name).

Up to 25 players in uniform permitted. List players in numerical order.

	Uniform Number	Uniformed Player Names (up to 25)	Pronunciation Tip	Position F/M/D/GK	Class Fr./So./Jr./Sr.
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Additional Bench List (up to 10)

	Name	Pronunciation Tip	Position
26			Head Coach
27			
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32			
33			
34			
35			

Additional Persons Permitted Who Are Not on Bench List: 3 ball persons, school videographer, school photographer, bus driver.

Ticketing Note: Each School Receives Eight Complimentary Tickets.

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OHSAA SOCCER TOURNAMENT SCRIPTS

PRE-MATCH

Good afternoon/evening ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the 20____ OHSAA Soccer Tournament and this Division _____ Sectional/District match hosted by

_____ (*host school*).

Today's/tonight's matchup is between the

_____ (*Visiting team school and mascot*)

and the _____ (*Home team school and mascot*).

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Ladies and gentlemen, at this time we ask that you please rise, remove your caps and join us as we honor America and those who serve to protect it with the playing of the National Anthem.

(if applicable)

Performing this afternoon is/are _____.

Presenting the colors this afternoon is/are _____.

(Play National Anthem)

PRE-INTRODUCTIONS

The Executive Director, Board of Directors and the _____ District
Athletic Board of the Ohio High School Athletic Association welcomes you to this
Division _____ Soccer Tournament match between
_____ High School and _____ High School.

(Optional): The officials for this match are: _____,
_____, and _____.

OR if there is a fourth official

(Optional): The officials for this match are: _____,
_____, _____, and
_____.

TEAM INTRODUCTIONS

Now let's meet today's/tonight's teams.

First, for the _____ (*Visiting team school/mascot*).

(Introduce teams- optional format below)

A _____, NUMBER _____, _____.
academic year position # name

The _____ (*Visiting team mascot*) are coached
by _____ and he/she is assisted
by: _____.

And now for the _____ (*Home team school/mascot*).

(Introduce teams- optional format below)

A _____, NUMBER _____, _____.
academic year position # name

The _____ (*Home team mascot*) are coached
by _____ and he/she is assisted
by: _____.

SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT

Again, welcome to today's/tonight's event. In the spirit of sportsmanship, we ask that all fans act in a responsible and courteous manner. Abusive language or disorderly conduct is unacceptable and unwelcome. Let's afford the participants and your fellow fans the respect they deserve. Your cooperation is appreciated.

IN-MATCH (*First Half*)

With 2:00 minutes remaining: Two minutes remaining in the first half.

With :10 seconds remaining: Ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, two, one(*let horn sound*)

HALFTIME – 10:00min

Fans, that is the end of the first half, with the _____
School & Mascot

leading the _____ by a score of _____ to _____.
School & Mascot

OR

Fans, that is the end of the first half with the score tied at ____ to _____.

(Sound horn with 2:00mins left in Halftime)

IN-MATCH (*Second Half*)

Goal Differential – read if a team has a goal differential of six (6)

Fans, this match will now be played with a running clock per the OHSAA goal differential rule. The clock will still be stopped should there be an injured player on the field or by any unusual delay deemed necessary by the officials. If the goal differential should fall beneath six goals, normal clock operations will resume.

With 2:00 minutes remaining: Two minutes remaining in the first half.

With :10 seconds remaining: Ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, two, one(*let horn sound*)

FINAL*

(If match is tied, skip to the FIRST OVERTIME section)

Fans, with the final horn, the _____
School & Mascot

will advance to the next match in the OHSAA Soccer Tournament.

Congratulations to both teams on a great match this afternoon/evening.

(If there is an awards presentation following the match read the following and then reference the Awards Scripts)

Fans, we ask that you refrain from coming onto the field. We will begin the awards presentation shortly.

FIRST OVERTIME

Fans, with the final horn, the score remains tied at _____ and _____. There will be a five-minute intermission, followed by a fifteen-minute sudden victory overtime period. If the score remains tied at the completion of the first overtime period, we will have a two-minute intermission, followed by a second fifteen-minute sudden victory over time period.

A match still tied will then move to alternating kicks of five kicks per team followed by alternating kicks of one kick per team until a winner has been determined.

(Play music)

IN-MATCH (*First Overtime*)

With 2:00 minute remaining: Two minutes remaining in the first overtime period.

With :10 seconds remaining: Ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, two, one*(let horn sound)*

If match is over and there is a winner, refer to the FINAL section (p.5)

SECOND OVERTIME

Fans, with the final horn of the first overtime period, the score remains tied at _____ and _____. There will be a two-minute intermission followed by a second fifteen-minute sudden victory overtime period.

(Play music)

IN-MATCH *(Second Overtime)*

With 2:00 minute remaining: Two minutes remaining in the second overtime period.

With :10 seconds remaining: Ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, two, one*(let horn sound)*

If match is over and there is a winner, refer to the FINAL section (p.5)

KICKS ANNOUNCEMENT

Fans, with the final horn of the second overtime period, the score remains tied at _____ and _____. We will move to alternating kicks of five kicks per team followed by alternating single kicks if needed.

(Play music)

IN-MATCH KICKS

Kicking for _____, number _____, _____.
School # Name

(Continue with this format to announce each kicker until a winner is determined)

KICKS FINAL

Fans, with that goal, and the win, the _____
School & Mascot

will advance to the next match in the OHSAA Soccer Tournament.

Congratulations to both teams on a great match this afternoon/evening.

(If there is an awards presentation following the match read the following and then reference the Awards Scripts)

Fans, we ask that you refrain from coming onto the field. We will begin the awards presentation shortly.



OHSAA DISTRICT TOURNAMENT AWARDS SCRIPT

Though each individual Athletic District will set their own protocol for the presentation of awards, we encourage the inclusion of school administrators for the presentation of awards.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we will now begin the 20__ OHSAA Division __ District Soccer Tournament awards ceremony. Please direct your attention to midfield and join me in congratulating both teams on a competitive and exciting match. (pause)

It is now my pleasure to present to you the 20__ OHSAA Division __ District Soccer Tournament awards.

First, we will recognize the 20__ OHSAA Division __ District Runner- Up team, the _____ High School _____ (mascot/nickname plural).

Presenting the awards this afternoon/evening will be (title, name) _____.(optional)

When your name is called, please come forward to receive your individual medallion.

(Read names from bench list/travel party in the following order: Players, Assistant Coaches, Head Coach)

Now, would head coach, _____ and the _____ (mascot/nickname) seniors/captains please come forward to receive your trophy. Congratulations on an outstanding season!

(pause)

And now, we will recognize the 20__ OHSAA Division __ District Championship team, the _____ High School _____ (mascot/nickname plural).

Presenting the awards this afternoon/evening will be (title/name) _____.(optional)

When your name is called, please come forward to receive your individual medallion.

(Read names from bench list/travel party in the following order: Players, Assistant Coaches, Head Coach)

Now, would head coach, _____ and the _____ (mascot) seniors/captains please come forward to receive your trophy.

Once again, congratulations to the _____ High School _____ (mascot/nickname plural) who will now advance to the Regional Semifinal match.

On behalf of the staff at _____ (host school/venue) and the Ohio High School Athletic Association, thank you for attending today's/tonight's event and please drive safely as you make your way home.



OHSAA REGIONAL TOURNAMENT AWARDS SCRIPT

Ladies and Gentlemen, we will now begin the 20__ OHSAA Division __ Regional Soccer Tournament awards ceremony. Please direct your attention to midfield and join me in congratulating both teams on a competitive and exciting match. (pause)

It is now my pleasure to present to you the 20__ OHSAA Division __ Regional Soccer Tournament awards.

First, we will recognize the 20__ OHSAA Division __ Regional Runner- Up team, the _____ High School _____ (mascot/nickname plural).

When your name is called, please come forward to receive your individual medallion.

(Read names from bench list/travel party in the following order: Players, Assistant Coaches, Head Coach)

Now, would head coach, _____ and the _____ (mascot/nickname) seniors/captains please come forward to receive your trophy. Congratulations on an outstanding season!

(pause)

And now, we will recognize the 20__ OHSAA Division __ Regional Championship team, the _____ High School _____ (mascot/nickname plural).

When your name is called, please come forward to receive your individual medallion.

(Read names from bench list/travel party in the following order: Players, Assistant Coaches, Head Coach)

Now, would head coach, _____ and the _____ (mascot/nickname) seniors/captains please come forward to receive your trophy.

Once again, congratulations to the _____ High School _____ (mascot/nickname) who will now advance to the State Semifinal match.

On behalf of the staff at _____ (host school/venue) and the Ohio High School Athletic Association, thank you for attending today's/tonight's event and please drive safely as you make your way home.



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