



# Ohio High School Athletic Association

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

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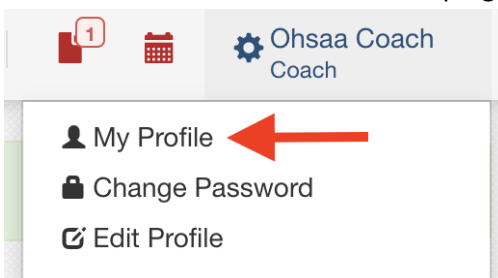
**DATE:** July 28, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Soccer Rules Meeting

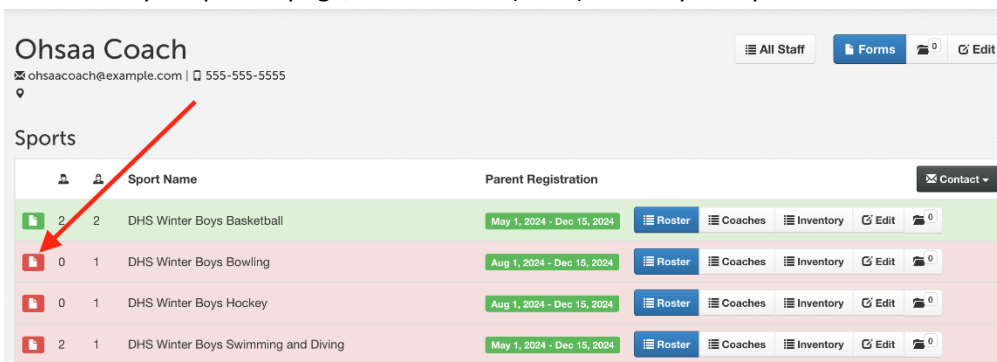
## INSTRUCTIONS FOR SOCCER RULES MEETING

### Instructions for Coaches

1. Log in to your Final Forms account.
2. Click on **Your Name** in the top right-hand corner and select **My Profile** from your dropdown menu:



3. On your profile page, click the  (form) icon in your Sport's row.



4. Click on the video to watch the State Rules Meeting
5. Once you have completed the video, sign your name at the bottom of the form and click **Submit Form** to earn the credit. *This step is one that many coaches skip and therefore are not credited. Please sign your name.*
6. On your profile page, your Sport should now be **green**, indicating that the State Rules Meeting has been submitted.

If you have any questions, please first contact your AD, as they are familiar with this process from the winter and spring sport seasons.

## IMPORTANT DATES

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<b>August 1</b>	<b>First Day of Coaching</b>
Aug. 15	First date of competition
Sept. 1	Non-Interscholastic Cut-off Date
Oct. 5	OHSAA Tournament Draw
Oct. 13-18	Sectional Tournament
Oct. 20-25	District Tournament
Oct. 28-Nov. 2	Regional Tournament
Nov. 4	Girls Soccer State Semifinals
Nov. 5	Boys Soccer State Semifinals
Nov. 7-8	Girls State Finals
Nov. 9-10	Boys State Finals

## 2025 SEASON REMINDERS

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### Regular Season Start

Teams may begin regular season competition as early as Aug. 15, 2025 and may compete in a maximum of seventeen (17) regular season contests. **Teams are not required to begin contests Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> and are not required to play the maximum number of contests.**

### Scrimmages and Previews

Scrimmages and the preview count as dates of competition. Therefore, teams are permitted five (5) scrimmage dates of competition. The length of the scrimmage is limited to a maximum of three (3) hours per squad or individual per day for grades 9-12 and two hours per squad or individual per day for grades 7-8. Scrimmages may take place at any time during the season. Previews must be completed prior to the first regular season contest.

### Promotional Events

Schools may host one (1) special event each season that supports a specific cause. In conjunction with the event, schools may request a waiver for NFHS Rule 4-1-1 which would permit teams to wear an alternate-colored jersey and/or socks in support of the specific cause. The Special Event Request waiver can be accessed [HERE](#). Please communicate with your opponent when you plan to wear alternate jerseys/socks.

### Non-Interscholastic Waiver

A student-athlete may use a **one-time waiver** to attend an identification camp after the student-athlete has participated in an interscholastic scrimmage, preview or contest. The definition of an identification camp refers to an individual workout or individual camp being offered by a college or university and not any other type of team showcase or non-school competition or practice. The waiver may be used for any events that take place from August 1, 2025 through the non-interscholastic cutoff date of September 1, 2025. The waiver form may be accessed on the OHSAA website or can be accessed directly [HERE](#).

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