



Ohio High School Athletic Association

TO: Soccer Coaches and Directors of Athletics

FROM: Kelly Schoenly, Sport Administrator

DATE: June 19, 2025

SUBJECT: Boys and Girls Soccer Summer Reminders

IMPORTANT DATES

July 22	Coaches' Rules Meeting Available in Final Forms
August 1	First Day of Coaching
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

STATE TOURNAMENT TIMES BY DIVISION

*The order was done by random draw and utilized for both girls and boys (II, IV, III, V, I)

Friday, November 7

12:00 pm	Division II Girls Final
3:00 pm	Division IV Girls Final

Saturday, November 8

1:00 pm	Division III Girls Final
4:00 pm	Division V Girls Final
7:00 pm	Division I Girls Final

Sunday, November 9

1:00 pm	Division II Boys Final
4:00 pm	Division IV Boys Final
7:00 pm	Division III Boys Final

Monday, November 10

4:00 pm	Division V Boys Final
7:00 pm	Division I Boys Final

2025 SEASON REGIONAL REPRESENTATION

Boys - 2025

District	DI	DII	DIII	DIV	DV
Central	6	4	2	2	1
East	0	0	1	2	1
NE	4	7	6	4	5
NW	0	2	2	3	3
SE	0	0	1	2	2
SW	6	3	4	3	4

Girls - 2025

District	DI	DII	DIII	DIV	DV
Central	6	3	1	1	1
East	0	0	1	2	1
NE	5	7	6	5	5
NW	0	2	3	2	4
SE	0	0	1	2	1
SW	5	4	4	4	4

2025 SEASON REMINDERS

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. 15th and are not required to play the maximum number of contests.**

Scrimmages and Previews

Scrimmages and the preview count as dates of competition. Therefore, teams are permitted four (4) scrimmage dates of competition and one (1) preview date of competition. The length of the scrimmage is limited to a maximum of three (3) hours per squad or individual per day for grades 9-12 and two hours per squad or individual per day for grades 7-8. Scrimmages may take place at 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](#).

OHSAA Tournament Soccer Ball

The soccer ball that will be used for the 2025 OHSAA Soccer Tournament is the Wilson VIVIDO. Schools are not required to purchase or use this ball; however, schools must use an NFHS approved ball for all regular season contests. The information flyer regarding the Wilson VIVIDO can be found [here](#).

SPORT REGULATIONS REVIEW

Summer Contact Days Beginning May 12, 2025

Soccer is permitted a total of 18 days between May 12, 2025 - July 31, 2025. The additional contact days were added because of the compressed soccer pre-season prior to when the first contest is permitted, so schools that do have contests on or near the permissible start date are encouraged to use those five days between July 18 and 31 to help get their players acclimated. Any practice that includes more than 6 athletes practicing together should be counted as a summer contact day for the team.

FAQ's – Summer Contact Days

Q: May I conduct all my 18 summer contact days July 14th-July 31st?

A: Yes.

Q: Do I have to use all 18 contact days?

A: No. Coaches may choose to use any amount of the 18 days permitted.

Q: Do I have to use a minimum of 5 contact days between July 18th-July 31st?

A: No. Due to the condensed start of the regular season, the intent of providing additional days close to the start of the season is to allow teams more opportunities to prepare for contests.

Q: May I use all my 18 days prior to July 18th?

A: No. A maximum of 13 days may be used prior to July 18, 2025.

Individual Skill Instruction

Individual skill/coaching instruction is permitted any time prior to and after the school season and outside the defined no contact period from school coaches.

***Note: This has been modified to expand the number of groups of students that can receive individual skill instruction at the same time in the same facility, if:**

1. The number of student-athletes working together in each specific group does not exceed 6.
2. The student-athletes remain in their specific groups of [a maximum of] 6 during the entire instruction session.
3. The number of student-athletes in their groups of [a maximum of] 6 do not engage in team play against students in any of the other groups.

*The specific groups can rotate together to different coaches at the facility in which the instruction is provided, but there should never be more than 6 working together with any one coach and/or a group of coaches.

FAQ's – Individual Skill Instruction

Q: I would like to schedule one of my soccer coaches to work with 6 of my goalies and another soccer coach to work with 6 additional players on passing technique at the same time. Can I do this?

A: Yes, this is now permitted to have both groups participating in the same facility at one time, if the two groups do not combine at any time.

Q: I would like to schedule one of my soccer coaches to work with 4 of my soccer players in the main gym and 4 additional soccer players in the auxiliary gym at the same time. Can I do this?

A: Yes, this is now permitted to have both groups participating in the same facility at one time, if the two groups do not combine at any time.

Q: I am the head soccer coach and would like to provide individual skill instruction to 8 of my soccer players at one time, in one group. Can I do this?

A: No. The maximum number of soccer players that may receive individual skill instruction in one group is 6. However, one coach may provide individual skill instruction to 4 of the athletes and another coach provides individual skill instruction to the 4 other athletes, at the same time, if the two groups do not combine.

Q: I would like to have two of my soccer coaches provide individual skill instruction to two separate groups of 6 during one scheduled timeframe. If each is working with separate coach(es) at one time, can the groups of 6 rotate between the two coaches?

A: Yes, the two groups of 6 could rotate between the coaches providing individual skill instruction, as long as the two groups of 6 are not combining at any time. There may never be more than 6 soccer players participating in the same group, while receiving individual skill instruction.

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