



# Ohio High School Athletic Association

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

**FROM:** Kate Barnett, Sport Administrator

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**SUBJECT:** Boys and Girls Soccer Summer Updates

## **OHSAA UPDATES**

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### New OHSAA Logo

The OHSAA will be introducing a new logo this year.



### OHSAA Website Update

Fall of 2022, the OHSAA will be launching a fan-based website in conjunction with the current website. This website will be more fan friendly and allow more direct access to pertinent tournament information. The current website will still be active for administrators and coaches to access sport specific documents and information.

### OHSAA Athletic Divisional Assignments Released

The OHSAA uses enrollment data provided by the Ohio Department of Education to determine each school's base enrollment numbers for girls and boys sports, which will be used for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years. Divisional breakdowns for the sports that utilize competitive balance data, which include soccer, volleyball and football in the fall, are reconfigured every year, while non-competitive balance sports are reconfigured every two years using only base enrollment numbers. More information about the process can be accessed [here](#).

### [2022 Soccer Divisional Assignments](#)

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

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July 21	Online State Rules Interpretation information is available
Aug. 1	First Day of Coaching
Aug. 12	First date of competition
Sept. 5	Non-Interscholastic Date
Oct. 9	OHSAA Tournament Draw
Oct. 17-22	Sectional Tournament
Oct. 24-29	District Tournament
Nov. 1-5	Regional Tournament
Nov. 8	Girls Soccer State Semifinals
Nov. 9	Boys Soccer State Semifinals
Nov. 11	Girls State Finals
Nov. 12	Boys State Finals

## 2022 SEASON UPDATES AND REMINDERS

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### Regular Season Start

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

### Promotional Events

Schools may host one (1) special event each season that supports a specific cause (i.e. Kick for a Cure). In conjunction with the event, schools may request a waiver for NFHS Rule 4-1-1 which would permit teams to wear an alternate-colored jersey and/or socks in support of the specific cause. The Special Event Request waiver form can be found under the Regulations, Policies and Manual sidebar [here](#).

### Out of state travel

Per Bylaw 9-2-1 below, a form is required for a team to travel out of state to any location that does not border Ohio.

**Bylaw 9-2-1:** Schools may travel out of state to compete in contests in states or provinces in Canada that border Ohio regardless of distance to travel. The states are Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. The province is Ontario. Additionally, schools may travel out of state one time per sport per interscholastic season to compete in contests in any location that does not border Ohio subject to approval from the Executive Director's Office. (Obtain the required form to request this travel permission [here](#)).

Forms may be returned to [Kate Barnett](#) for approval.

### OHSAA Tournament Soccer Ball

The soccer ball that will be used for the 2022 OHSAA Soccer Tournament is the Wilson VIVIDO. Schools are not required to purchase or use this ball; however, schools must use a NFHS approved ball for all regular season contests. The information flyer regarding the Wilson VIVIDO can be found [here](#).

## **APPROVED SOCCER SPECIFIC REGULATIONS – Effective Aug. 1, 2022**

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The Board of Directors approved the following major changes to the 2022 Soccer Regulations. The approved regulations will go into effect beginning August 1, 2022. Further updates regarding General Sport Regulations will be released later this summer.

### **Overview of Soccer Specific Sport Regulation Changes**

**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, 2022 through the non-interscholastic date of September 5, 2022. The waiver form may be accessed on the OHSAA website later this summer and returned to the appropriate sport administrator.

**Uniform Violation Penalty:** **Effective August 1, 2024:** In accordance with NFHS Rule 4.1, teams who are found to be in violation of the uniform requirements shall be subject to a \$100 fine per occurrence. Failure to have NFHS compliant uniforms by the start of the OHSAA post season shall result in removal from the OHSAA Tournament. Please see uniform regulations [here](#).

**Indoor Soccer:** Indoor Soccer shall be defined as a game played by two teams, each consisting of no more than 6 players, one of whom must be the goalkeeper, and played indoors between the end of the school's soccer season and the day before the first day of coaching for the interscholastic season. There is no limit of players from the same school that may be on an indoor soccer team. Interscholastic coaches are permitted to coach their own interscholastic players on an indoor soccer team.

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