

10. SOCCER — BOYS AND GIRLS

A. GENERAL REGULATIONS

1) Interscholastic Participation

- 1.1) A player shall not be permitted to participate in more than three halves during any one day with a total of 38 halves for the season. Any part of a half is counted as one half. In an overtime game, the overtime shall be considered an extension of the second half. (Penalty — See Sports Regulation 20.)

If a player participates in more than three halves in one day, the player shall be ejected from the game when discovered, the team shall play short for the remainder of the game. All halves played shall count as halves toward the maximum permitted.

- 1.2) Any scheduled regular season game in soccer which is not started due to unforeseen circumstances, such as failure of team to arrive, strikes, school closing, is “No Contest.” Games not played are not included in won-lost statistics.
- 1.3) Any OHSAA tournament game interrupted due to events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority shall be continued from the point of interruption.
- 1.4) Length of halves — high school varsity — 40 minutes, reserve & ninth — 36 minutes, grades 7 & 8 — 30 minutes.
- 1.5) PREVIEW — A preview may be scheduled and played only during the period of time beginning with Friday (August 21, 2009) before the season begins and ending with the date of the first regular season game of the teams involved. Participating in a preview reduces by one the number of scrimmages permitted.

Soccer previews may not exceed one 40-minute half for any player or team, and a school team or player may participate in only one preview a year. Previews shall be timed and played according to the current soccer rules. No preview may be played after a regular season game has been played.

- 1.6) OVERTIME PROCEDURES — Overtime procedures have been established for OHSAA tournament play only. There is no overtime during regular season matches. If a tournament game is tied after regulation, teams will play one 15-minute sudden victory overtime period. If the score remains tied after the first overtime period, teams will play a second 15-minute sudden victory overtime period. If the score remains tied after the two 15-minute periods, then the game will be determined by a penalty kick shootout. Please refer to the soccer tournament regulations for detailed overtime procedures. Tournament regulations can be found at www.ohsaa.org.

2) Out-of-State Travel

A soccer team may travel out of state to compete in contest scrimmages, previews and games in states or provinces in Canada that are contiguous to Ohio regardless of distance to travel. The states include Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The province includes Ontario. Additionally, a soccer team may travel out of state one time per sport per interscholastic season to compete in states or provinces in Canada that are not contiguous to Ohio provided there is no loss of school time.

“School time” is defined as any time during any day during which the school is in session as stipulated in its Board-adopted school calendar exclusive of contingency days. Penalty for violation: The school shall be ineligible for the OHSAA postseason tournament in the sport in which the out-of-state travel was involved and could be subject to additional penalties as referenced in Bylaw 11.

EXCEPTION: If, because of missed school days due to calamity situations, an otherwise non-school day(s) becomes a school day(s) in order to make-up for the missed school day, the school may compete in a contest(s) outside the state of Ohio provided:

- 1) The school had contracted for/committed to said trip/contest(s) at least three months prior to the contest(s) in question and;
- 2) The school receives written permission from the Commissioner’s office at least one week in advance of the scheduled event.

A soccer team may not travel out of state only to practice.

3) Disqualification or Ejection for Unsporting Conduct

3.1) Players and Bench Personnel

Any soccer player or bench personnel disqualified for a subsequent caution, or “double yellow” (NF Rule 12-8-2(b)), shall be ineligible for the remainder of the current contest. No additional penalties apply.

Any soccer player or bench personnel ejected with a red card (NF Rule 12-8-3) or a red/yellow card (NF 12-8-2(a)) shall be ineligible for all contests for the **remainder of that day**. In addition, the student shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels in soccer until two regular season/tournament contests are played at the same level as the ejection.

See the remainder of *Ejection Policies for Players and Coaches* under Section 11 of the General Sports Regulations.

3.2) Coaches

Any coach disqualified for a subsequent caution, or “double yellow” (NF Rule 12-8-2(b)), shall be ineligible for the remainder of the current contest. No additional penalties apply.

Any soccer coach ejected with a red card (NF Rule 12-8-3) or a red/yellow card (NF 12-8-2(a)) shall be ineligible for all contests for the **remainder of that day**. In addition, the coach shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels in soccer until two regular season/tournament contests are played at the same level as the ejection.

See the remainder of *Ejection Policies for Players and Coaches* under Section 11 of the General Sports Regulations.

4) Non-Interscholastic Participation

4.1) A member of an interscholastic soccer squad (any student who has played in a scrimmage, preview or regular season/tournament game as a substitute or starter) sponsored by the Board of Education **shall not participate in a non-inter-scholastic program** (tryouts, practice or contest) as an individual or a member of a team in the sport of soccer **during the school’s season** (Sports Regulation 4.3).

4.2) A member of an interscholastic soccer squad (any student who has played in a scrimmage, preview or regular season/tournament game as a substitute or starter) sponsored by the Board of Education may participate in non-inter-scholastic soccer prior to and after the school season under the following conditions:

4.21) The number of interscholastic soccer players from the same school on a non-inter-scholastic squad is limited to five on the roster of that non-inter-scholastic squad. A roster is defined as all the members of the entire squad on that non-inter-scholastic squad.

Note: Graduating seniors who are participating on a non-inter-scholastic soccer squad after their final interscholastic contest of the season in the sport of soccer are exempt from this limitation.

4.22) There is no limit on the number of soccer squad members from the same school participating on the same squad during the period June 1-July 31.

4.23) A player may continue to play with a non-inter-scholastic squad in a national qualifying tournament in excess of the five player limitation after July 31 until the squad is eliminated but no later than Labor Day.

4.24) Non-inter-scholastic participation includes tryouts, training, practice and competition.

4.3) A student may not play in a non-inter-scholastic soccer contest, game or scrimmage, while a member of the school soccer squad, until the student’s team has completed its schedule. This includes tournaments when applicable.

- 4.4) An intramural team is a non-interscholastic team (Sports Regulation 4.2) and all rules for non-interscholastic teams apply.
- 4.5) All-Star Games — There are many directors of non-interscholastic competitions that use the term “All-Star” in describing their events. Student-athletes in team sports who wish to participate in one of these “all-star” competitions outside the interscholastic season of their sports may do so without jeopardy to eligibility provided the students maintain compliance with Sports Regulation 4.3 and 4.5.

The purpose of this special “All-Star” regulation is to provide an opportunity for the interscholastic team sport coach to coach players from his or her own school in a competition that has the following components:

- 1) Participants shall be selected from at least four schools.
- 2) All participants shall be graduating seniors or students completing their athletic eligibility at the end of the semester.
- 3) Participants shall play in no more than two All-Star games.
- 4) Participants shall not participate until after they have participated in their final contest for their school (Sports Regulation 4.3).

Penalty: For a senior, violation of this regulation may result in the loss of athletic eligibility for the balance of the school year. For all other students, the penalty may result in loss of eligibility for the ensuing season in the sport in which the student participated in the All-Star contest.

- 4.6) Individual Non-Interscholastic Competition Dates:

A soccer athlete who has not participated for a school team in soccer that season must cease non-interscholastic soccer competition six weeks (42 days) prior to the Monday of the State Tournaments in soccer in order to be eligible for OHSAA Tournament competition provided applicable bylaws and regulations have been followed.

In addition, an athlete who has participated for the school in soccer who violates this non-interscholastic competition date by participating in a non-interscholastic contest in soccer shall be ineligible for OHSAA tournament competition in soccer in addition to any other penalties that may be prescribed.

Date: September 28, 2009.

- 4.7) Participation in indoor soccer, under the rules of The United States Soccer Federation Indoor Soccer Rules, is not a violation of OHSAA non-interscholastic team Sports Regulation 4.5 for student-athletes.
- 4.8) In accordance with Sports Regulation 4.9, interscholastic soccer coaches are prohibited from coaching their own interscholastic squad members in indoor soccer except for 10 days from June 1-July 31.

5) Instructional Programs

See *Regulations for Instructional Programs* under Section 5 of the General Sports Regulations.

6) No Contact Period — Coaches

See *Regulations for No Contact Period — Coaches* under Section 6 of the General Sports Regulations.

7) Penalties

- 7.1) The maximum penalty for violation of Sports Regulation 4.3 (participation with a non-interscholastic soccer squad while a member of the school’s interscholastic soccer squad) or any OHSAA regulations for any member of the school squad EXCEPT a senior is ineligibility for the remainder of the interscholastic soccer season or the ensuing soccer season. For a senior, the maximum penalty shall be ineligibility for the remainder of the school year.

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7.2) The penalty for a coach for violation of Sports Regulation 4 (non-interscholastic teams) may include suspension, probation, public censure, fine not to exceed \$1,000 per occurrence, or such other penalty as the Commissioner may deem appropriate.

B. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — Grades 9-12

- 1) Coaching and instruction may begin — August 10, 2009.
EXCEPTION: Classes begin on or before August 21, coaching may begin August 7.
- 2) First match — August 24, 2009.
- 3) Deadline date for OHSAA Tournament — October 5, 2009.
- 4) Tournament draw/seeding meeting — October 11, 2009.
- 5) Coaching and Season end — November 14, 2009.
- 6) Scrimmages or Previews — Maximum of four scrimmages and one preview.
- 7) Regular season contests permitted — 16.
- 8) Rules — National Federation Soccer.
- 9) Officials
 - 9.1) Varsity — Minimum of two OHSAA Class 1 or Class 2 officials required.
Regardless of number officiating, all must be OHSAA Class 1 or Class 2.
Note: If only one OHSAA official is present to officiate the contest, the game may be played if participating coaches agree.
 - 9.2) Reserve/Junior Varsity — Minimum of two OHSAA Class 1 or Class 2 officials required.
Note: If only one OHSAA official is present to officiate the contest, the game may be played if participating coaches agree.
 - 9.3) Freshman — OHSAA Class 1, 2 or 3 recommended.

C. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — Grades 7 & 8

- 1) Coaching and instruction may begin — August 10, 2009.
EXCEPTION: Classes begin on or before August 21, coaching may begin August 7.
- 2) First match — August 24, 2009.
- 3) Coaching and Season end — November 14, 2009.
- 4) Scrimmages — **One scrimmage or one preview permitted.**
- 5) Regular season contests permitted — 14 plus 1 postseason tournament not to exceed 4 games.
- 6) Rules — National Federation Soccer.
- 7) Officials — OHSAA Class 1, Class 2 or Class 3 official recommended.

Soccer	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Coaching Begins	8/10*	8/9	8/8	8/6	8/5	8/4
Earliest Preview Date	8/21	8/20	8/19	8/17	8/16	8/15
Season Begins	8/24	8/23	8/22	8/20	8/19	8/18
Non-Interscholastic Date	9/28	9/27	9/26	9/24	9/23	9/22
Sectional	10/19-10/24#	10/18-10/23#	10/17-10/22#	10/15-10/20#	10/14-10/19#	10/13-10/18
District	10/26-10/31	10/25-10/30	10/24-10/29	10/22-10/27	10/21-10/26	10/20-10/25
Regional	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	11/1-11/5	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/2	10/28-11/1
State	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	11/8-11/12	11/6-11/10	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8
Season Ends	11/14	11/13	11/12	11/10	11/9	11/8
Thanksgiving	11/26	11/25	11/24	11/22	11/28	11/27

Coach — No Contact Period Starts with the first day after the last interscholastic contest: ends 28 days later.

*See exception in B1 and C1.

#Unless an earlier date is established by a District Athletic Board (no earlier than two days prior to the established date).