

# SOCCKER MANUAL



# 2021-2022

Missouri State High School Activities Association



**2021-22 SOCCER DATES TO REMEMBER**  
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	<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>
_____ Pre-Season Scrimmage may be conducted after your team has completed nine conditioning practices and before your first contest.		
_____ District Tournament Committee should determine tournament format/schedule and list of officials to be selected at the draft (if applicable) _____	October 4-8	April 19-23
_____ Online Officials Recommendations are due _____	October 6	April 20
_____ District manager should notify all participating schools <b>seven (7) days prior</b> as to the date, time, and location of the district seed meeting _____	October 4-11	April 24-May 1
_____ Season records must be up-to-date on the website <b>seven (7) days prior</b> to the seed meeting and continuously updated until the start of the district tournament.		
_____ Soccer Officials Draft _____	October 13	April 28
_____ District Seed Meeting _____	Class 1-2 October 16-23 Class 3-4 October 16-23	April 30-May 7 April 30-May 7
_____ Online District Eligibility Rosters are due _____	Class 1-2 October 23 Class 3-4 October 23	May 7 May 7
_____ Online Pass List is due _____	Class 1-2 October 29 Class 3-4 October 29	May 13 May 13
_____ District Tournament _____	Class 1-4 October 30-Nov.6	May 14-21
_____ Sectional Contests _____	Class 2 November 9 Class 3-4 November 9	May 24 May 24
_____ Quarterfinal Contests _____	Class 1-2 November 13 Class 3-4 November 13	May 28 May 28
_____ State Championships _____	Class 1-2 November 19-20 Class 3-4 November 19-20	June 3-4 June 3-4



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DISTRICT ASSIGNMENTS & STATE TOURNAMENT BRACKETS  
MAY BE FOUND ON MSHSAA WEBSITE ([www.mshsaa.org](http://www.mshsaa.org))

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## PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY [\(TOC\)](#)

- A. **MISSION STATEMENT:** The MSHSAA promotes the value of participation, sportsmanship, team play and personal excellence to develop citizens who make positive contributions to their community and support the democratic principles of our state and nation.
- B. **PURPOSE OF MANUAL:** This manual has been prepared to provide a better understanding of the administration of MSHSAA sponsored events. It will serve as a guide to the participating schools and will provide for greater consistency. All information will be included in this manual except such supplementary or incidental information as may be included in the MSHSAA Journal. The regulations in this manual shall be considered official unless the schools are notified in a Special Bulletin of any changes.
- C. **PHILOSOPHY OF INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES:** Interscholastic activities are intended to supplement the secondary curricular program. These activities can provide the student with educational experiences and learning outcomes that contribute toward the development of good citizenship. This can be accomplished only when the emphasis is placed upon teaching "through school activities." Interscholastic activities can be justified only when this is their primary philosophy and purpose.
- D. **PURPOSE OF DISTRICT AND STATE CONTESTS:** There are two primary purposes that justify and cause district and state events to be desirable. Those purposes are to provide opportunities to demonstrate before the public the best knowledge, skills, and emotional patterns taught through a particular sport; and to evaluate and compare the best of this teaching of knowledge, skills and emotional patterns among schools. Unless these purposes are primary, district and state athletic contests cannot be completely justified.

It is the desire of the MSHSAA Board of Directors that these events be both fun and educational. It is extremely important that competitors, coaches, and the school community make every effort to enhance, and keep in proper perspective, the educational values of these events. Competition merely for "competition's sake" cannot be justified. Only when competition contributes toward worthwhile educational goals can it be considered sufficiently important to be included in the school program.

- E. **SUPERVISION OF COMPETITORS AND FANS:** MSHSAA By-Laws hold a school responsible, both at home and away, for the conduct of its competitors, students, coaches, and fans. Coaches are required to supervise their competitors. A coaches' respect for others and school property is necessary in order to instill this respect in competitors. Students staying overnight in hotels or motels in conjunction with any interscholastic athletic contest should be well chaperoned. The good conduct of students will leave a good impression of the entire school.

A school also should inform its competitors, students, coaches and fans of the value contest officials play in education through athletics. When informing these people of this, the difference in the purpose of high school and professional sports should be emphasized. Lack of respect for officials should not be tolerated. Booing of officials leads to booing of coaches and competitors. This has no place in high school athletics. Athletic administrators are urged to develop a program through any and all communication techniques available to insure that spectators understand that high school athletics are an educational endeavor as opposed to the games being an end in themselves.

## SECTION 1: ESSENTIAL RESOURCES

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The information listed/linked in this section relates to MSHSAA By-Laws, Board Policies and information from the Sports Medicine Page (SMP). The information is not sport or activity specific but is necessary for the safe and proper conduct of your sport/activity.

#### **Source Locations:**

[MSHSAA Handbook \(HB\)](#)

[Sports Medicine Page \(SMP\)](#)

- A. ALCOHOL/TOBACCO USAGE AROUND INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES (HB-Board Policy)
- B. CHARITY/AWARENESS EVENTS (HB-Board Policy)
- C. CONCUSSIONS EDUCATION AND MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL ([SMP](#))
- D. CONDUCT – REMOVAL OF TEAMS & EJECTIONS (HB-By-Law 5.5)
- E. GUIDELINES FOR FAN SUPPORT ITEMS (HB-Board Policy)
- F. HAZARDOUS WEATHER CONDITIONS/LIGHTNING GUIDELINES ([SMP](#))
- G. HEAT ACCLIMATIZATION (HB-By-Law 1.7 & [SMP](#))
- H. ON-SITE PROTEST PROCEDURES (HB-Board Policy)
- I. OXYGEN USE POSITION STATEMENT ([SMP](#))
- J. SANCTIONING (HB-By-Law 3.18)



## SECTION 2: REGULAR SEASON

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- A. **GAME RULES:** The current National Federation Soccer Rules Book shall govern all competition except where modified by the MSHSAA. MSHSAA By-Law 3.18 and Board policies regarding all tournaments shall be followed by soccer tournament managers.
- B. **SOCCER PRE-SEASON JAMBOREE:** MSHSAA boys' and girls' soccer teams are allowed to participate in a scrimmage with other schools after the 9<sup>th</sup> day of practice and prior to their first regular season contest. Each school will be allowed 1 scrimmage using a 3-team or 4-team format. Schools may **NOT** attend or participate in a 2-team format.

Team scoring and all NFHS rules will be followed and enforced. All scores will be cleared after each period. Teams may wear practice or game uniforms. Admission, if collected, will be determined by the host school.

Each school may only play a maximum of 75 minutes as described below:

3-Team Format

A vs. B 35 minutes

B vs. C 35 minutes

A vs. C 35 minutes

(Each school may only play a maximum of two 35-minute periods.)

4-Team Format

A vs. B 25 minutes

C vs. D 25 minutes

A vs. C 25 minutes

B vs. D 25 minutes

A vs. D 25 minutes

B vs. C 25 minutes

(Each school will play a maximum of three 25-minute periods.)

Refer to MSHSAA By-Law 3.16.6.

- C. **DURATION OF GAME/OVERTIME PROCEDURES:** Rule 7-1-1 – The MSHSAA has adopted the two equal halves of 40 minutes each for senior high contests. Also the length of play for junior high schools shall be two equal halves of 30 minutes each. Rule 7-1-2 – The MSHSAA has adopted the procedure of shortening periods.
1. Regular season varsity games (conference or nonconference play) – the overtime shall be two ten-minute sudden victory periods with the National Federation Penalty Kick Procedure to follow if necessary. Sub-varsity games in this category shall not play overtime.
  2. Regular season tournament pool play where no advancement from an established bracket is necessary overtime is optional. The options are as follows: (1) no overtime, or (2) the overtime procedure shall be two ten-minute sudden victory periods with the National Federation Penalty Kick Procedure to follow if necessary. The winning team after overtime, and penalty kicks if necessary, will record this result as a win and the losing team will record this result as a loss on their seasonal records. Overtime procedures will be determined at the discretion of the tournament host and must be provided in advance to all tournament participants.
  3. Regular season tournament games when advancement from an established bracket is necessary (not pool play) – the overtime procedure shall be two ten-minute sudden victory periods with the National Federation Penalty Kick Procedure to follow if necessary. The winning team after overtime, and penalty kicks if necessary, will record this result as a win and the losing team will record this result as a loss on their seasonal records.
- D. **SUSPENDED/CANCELLED GAME:** In the event a game must be suspended because of conditions which make it impossible to continue play, the head referee shall declare it an official game if one complete half or more of the game has been played and a winner can be determined (score is not tied). If less than one-half has been played or a winner cannot be determined, then the game will be resumed from point of interruption (NFHS Rule 7-1-3 adoption). (See *Hazardous Weather Conditions* Section 1-J)

- E. **TIMING FOR HALF-TIME AND BETWEEN GAMES:** Schools shall follow rule book procedures for half-time length and it is recommended that the time between games be no greater than 10 minutes.
- F. **MERCY RULE:** Rule 7-1-5 – The MSHSAA has adopted a point differential (8 goals) whereby at the end of the first half if one team has gained the established point differential or if it secures such differential during the second half the game shall be terminated.
- G. **FORFEITED GAMES:** A game shall be forfeited if a team fails to report by 15 minutes after the set starting time. Host schools or tournament managers will make the final decision on the forfeit. Every effort should be made to contact a late team. (Unless unavoidable, i.e. bus trouble, etc.)
- H. **OFFICIALS:** It is strongly recommended, in the interest of safety, that in areas of the state where the number of officials are available, the three-man officiating system be used for regular season varsity games.
- I. **GAME BALL:** All game balls used for interscholastic competition shall possess the NFHS Authenticating Mark. Game officials shall inspect all balls provided for competition for the NFHS Authenticating Mark. Should the host school be unable to provide conforming balls, the official will put into play conforming balls provided by the visiting school. Contest officials are required to notify the MSHSAA office in writing regarding the failure of any host school to provide the marked balls. No contest shall be cancelled and no contest penalties shall be assessed for nonconforming balls. The MSHSAA will provide game balls beginning with the district tournament. The official soccer ball is the **Wilson Forte Hybrid II**.
- J. **UNIFORMS/PLAYER EQUIPMENT:** The designated home team will be responsible for providing a uniform clearly distinguishing it from the other team. The home team shall wear dark jerseys and dark socks of a single dominant color (Rule 4-1-1a, b). The visiting team shall wear solid white jerseys and solid white socks. If tape or similar material is applied externally to the socks it must be of similar color as that part of the sock to which it is applied. In district play the top team on the bracket shall be considered the home team and shall wear dark jerseys and dark socks. The visiting team shall wear solid white jerseys and solid white socks. Schools shall be reminded to take both solid white and dark jerseys and socks to every game so conflicts can be easily resolved.

In sectional, quarterfinal, semifinal, and final play the bottom team on the bracket in even-numbered years will be considered the home team and wear dark jerseys and dark socks of a single dominant color. In odd-numbered years the top team on the bracket will be considered the home team.

**Captain Arm Bands:** Rule 4-1-2 – Captain Arm Bands must be worn on the arm and must be of contrasting color.

**Caps:** Rule 4-2-1h – Missouri has adopted the wearing of caps as long as they are all identical.

**Artificial Limbs:** Rule 4-2-5 – Any participant wearing an artificial limb must have a letter from the MSHSAA indicating that the artificial limb has been reviewed and in the judgment of the MSHSAA, it is permissible to play with such. This permission must be granted PRIOR to the student's participation.

**Protective Face Mask:** Rule 4-2-8 – A protective face mask may be worn by a player with a facial injury. The mask may be made of a hard material, but must be worn molded to the face with no protrusions. A medical release for the injured player signed by a physician (MD/DO) shall be available at the game site.

K. **PRE-GAME CONFERENCE:** Officials shall conduct a pre-game conference before each contest at the midfield line which the head coach of both teams (not a representative of the head coach), each team's captains, and all the officials must attend to discuss sportsmanship, identify ball persons (do not start game without two ball persons being provided), game procedures, etc. Coaches must submit a complete roster to the Head Referee. The roster must contain first and last names of each coach on the bench, and the first and last names of all eligible players and jersey numbers associated.

L. **YELLOW AND RED CARDS:** The following MSHSAA Board of Directors policy will be used regarding the accumulation of yellow and red cards.

1. A yellow card of any type will count towards a player or coaches card count.
2. An individual player or coach that accumulates five yellow cards during the season will be issued a one game suspension for the next regular season or playoff game. The second set of five yellow cards received will result in a two game suspension for the next regular season or playoff game; the third set of five yellow cards will result in a three game suspension for the next regular season or playoff game.
3. Card counts from out-of-state games must be reported by the AD to the MSHSAA office.
4. Any player or coach receiving two yellow cards in one game (soft red) will result in a one game suspension. The first yellow card goes towards the player's or coach's yellow card count. The second yellow card is considered a red card and does not count towards a player's or coach's yellow card count. The player or coach will sit out the next game for the red card violation. If the player **or coach** has **four** yellow cards going into a game and gets two additional yellow cards, the player **or coach** will sit out one game for the five yellow cards and will sit out one game for the soft red (total of two games).
5. Same rules apply for the coaches. Coaches will no longer be penalized for their team accumulating x number of yellow cards.
6. Post-season card counts will begin at zero starting with the district tournament. If a player or coach accumulates four yellow cards during any part of the state tournament a player or coach will be issued a one game suspension.
7. Officials must submit a special report on the MSHSAA website regarding all yellow and red cards issued.

M. **EJECTED PLAYER OR COACH**

PLAYER:

1. An ejected player is automatically suspended from the next game. Any player that is issued a red card and disqualified before, during, or after a soccer contest shall be prohibited from participating in the next contest for that level by the school administration in accordance with MSHSAA By-Law 5.5.
2. Any player ejected from a tie game remains ineligible for further play in that game and the next game.
3. No player shall verbally, or by action, dispute an official's judgment. (This should always be considered unsporting conduct and the player should be carded with either a red or yellow card.)

COACH:

1. An ejected coach shall be removed from the playing area and bleachers, but should remain available should an emergency situation arise, i.e., visiting coach could go to bus. He/she is prohibited from any further contact, direct or indirect, with the team during the remainder of the game. Failure to comply shall result in the termination of the game. An ejected coach shall not be within sight or sound of the contest.
2. A game may continue only if an assistant coach or a bona fide school faculty member and/or administrator is available to substitute for the coach on the bench.
3. Should there not be a faculty member and/or administrator available, the game will be forfeited.
4. Any coach that is issued a red card and disqualified before, during, or after a soccer contest shall be prohibited from coaching in or attending the next contest for that level team by the school administration in accordance with MSHSAA By-Law 5.5.

**N. SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS:** The school of a competitor with a disability or special need may request specific accommodations or to use special equipment. The following items are required before accommodation requests can be reviewed and considered:

1. A written request from the school, describing the competitor's special needs and the specific accommodations being requested. The letter should include the rule references of applicable NFHS Soccer Rules that would be violated without the accommodation.
2. A letter from the parent(s) or guardian confirming the need for an accommodation and approving the accommodation request.
3. A letter from the student's doctor or applicable caregiver describing the medical circumstance or special need, and confirming the need for an accommodation.
4. Photographs of 1) the special equipment, and 2) the student wearing the special equipment, if applicable.

Written approval from the MSHSAA office is required prior to any competition. During the regular season, the letter of approval from MSHSAA must be presented to meet officials before any accommodations may be used. **Please allow ONE WEEK for requests to be reviewed prior to the first competition.**

MSHSAA will consider requests if:

1. the sport is not fundamentally altered by the accommodation,
2. the accommodation does not create a risk to either the athlete or others, and
3. the accommodation does not place opponents at a disadvantage.

### SECTION 3: POST SEASON CRITERIA

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- A. **MSHSAA BY-LAW PROVISIONS:** In order to enter students in the MSHSAA State Soccer Championships Series, the following provisions must be met:
1. A school must have employed a soccer coach and offered instruction in soccer as provided in MSHSAA By-Law 3.1.
  2. A school must meet all provisions of MSHSAA By-Law 5.1 concerning the number of matches which must be scheduled. To be eligible to enter a team or individual in any preliminary or state event, a school must have competed in at least half of the number of contests permitted under the by-law pertaining to that particular sport.
  3. In part, By-Law 5.1 indicates "No individual student shall be entered who has not represented her school in interscholastic competition in that sport during the season." A player must have played in at least one regular season contest PRIOR to participating in the district tournament.
- A. **CLASSIFICATION:** The district, sectional and state soccer tournaments will be administered under an annual classification based upon the total number of schools participating in the sport. There will be a total of 4 classes with the lowest enrollment schools representing Class 1 and the highest enrollment schools representing Class 4.
- B. **DISTRICT ASSIGNMENTS:** District assignments, listing host sites and local managers will be published on the MSHSAA website early in the season. The assignment criteria utilized for the assignment of schools to districts are (1) geographic proximity and (2) approximate numerical balance.
- D. **BALL PERSON:** During the district and state tournament series, each team shall furnish one ball person and it is recommended that this same procedure be followed during regular season tournaments as well. For regular season games, National Federation Rule 6-1 states that "at least two ball holders shall be provided by the home team."
- E. **OVERTIME PROCEDURE:** For the district and state tournament series the overtime procedure shall be two 15-minute sudden victory periods with the National Federation Penalty Kick Procedure to follow if necessary. The winning team after overtime and penalty kicks if necessary will record this result as a win and the losing team will record this result as a loss on their seasonal records.
- F. **DURATION OF GAME:** In the event a MSHSAA post season soccer game must be called due to darkness, rain, or other causes which make it impossible to continue play, it shall be considered a suspended game and shall be continued from the point of suspension. If the game has reached half-time and a winner can be determined, the team trailing at the time of suspension has the option to return and finish the game or have the current score be considered final. Coaches and officials must sign and date the rosters **and** indicate if the game is official or will be completed at a later date. (See *Hazardous Weather Conditions* Section 1-J)

## SECTION 4: POST SEASON ENTRY PROCEDURE

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- A. **PARTICIPATION IN DISTRICT TOURNAMENT:** Any team scheduled to play in the district tournament that does not appear as scheduled is subject to a forfeit and shall be responsible for paying the scheduled officials' fees.
- B. **ENTRY PROCEDURE:** All school/team district entries shall be submitted online by 4:00 p.m. seven (7) calendar days prior to the first allowable playing date of the district tournament. District entry forms will no longer be accepted via fax or e-mail. Failure on the part of the school and/or head coach to complete and submit the proper forms could result in the elimination of the school from the MSHSAA district and/or state championship series. Schools shall submit the following required information on the MSHSAA website under "District Entries."

The online guide for accomplishing this entry procedure can be found on the MSHSAA website by following these steps:

- Log on to your school page as the Athletic Director/Coach.
- Under "Sports & Activities" select the link "District Entries."
- Click on "Boys or Girls Soccer."
- Complete the screens as listed.

Be sure to complete your Officials Recommendations, District Rosters, Season Records, and Pass Lists by the indicated individual deadlines listed on the MSHSAA website.

1. **OFFICIALS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISTRICT AND STATE:** All coaches are to complete the Officials Recommendation Form available on the MSHSAA website. **The Officials Recommendations Form must be submitted online no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday: Boys Week #14; Girls Week #42.**
2. **DISTRICT ELIGIBILITY ROSTER:** **Eligibility rosters shall be submitted on the MSHSAA website seven (7) days prior to the first allowable playing date of the district tournament: Boys Class 1-4 Saturday of Week #16; Girls Class 1-4 Saturday of Week #44.** A school should include on the list all of its eligible athletes for soccer. No team is to be permitted to participate unless this list is submitted via the MSHSAA website. Managers are instructed to forfeit the game if the eligibility roster is not submitted as herein provided. Each coach shall provide an adequate supply of rosters for the tournaments. Both coaches are to complete a roster for each game and the district manager. Coaches whose teams compete in the district finals, state semifinals and finals shall complete two rosters. One is to be given to the announcer before each game and the second is to be given to the manager.

### **SUBSTITUTIONS/ADDITIONS:**

- a. District eligibility rosters submitted prior to the deadline may be edited for no fee.
- b. A fine of \$50 will be assessed for changes made to the district eligibility roster after Saturday of week 16 for boys and week 44 for girls and prior to the first day of the district tournament.
- c. After the first game of the district tournament, substitutions to the district eligibility roster may only be made in case of illness or injury verified by a physician. Any player who is thus replaced may not return to competition in the district tournament but may return for the state tournament.
- d. Rosters may be edited between winning the district tournament and playing in the first round of the state tournament (sectionals). Even though the availability of a player is doubtful due to an injury or illness, they should be included on the roster submitted between the district tournament and sectional game. After the sectional game has been played no additions may be made to the state roster.

3. **SEASON RECORD:** All schools assigned to the tournament shall be required to have an up-to-date season record on the MSHSAA website seven (7) calendar days prior to the first allowable playing date of the district tournament.

4. **PASS LIST:** The district pass list shall be submitted on the MSHSAA website to the district manager by 4:00 p.m. seven (7) days prior to the first allowable playing date of the district tournament: Boys Class 1-4 Saturday of Week #16; Girls Class 1-4 Saturday of Week #44. A separate pass list shall be used for the district, sectional, and quarterfinal contests. The pass lists are to be used at the site – not sent to the MSHSAA Office. At the semifinal and final contests, individual gate passes will be given to players, coaches, administrators, trainers, cheerleading coaches, etc. of qualifying teams.

Gate passes will be issued to all participating players and coaches for the semifinal/final contests. The number of passes issued to qualifying schools will be based on the numbers submitted on the District Winners Report. An additional seven passes will also be provided to be distributed to managers, bus driver, and student supervisors. A pass for the superintendent, principal, athletic director and cheer coach will be available at the will call window with photo identification.

Varsity cheerleaders shall be admitted free to the session their team plays in semifinal/final contests provided they are in their official school cheerleader uniforms and are accompanied by their cheer coach who must have a pass. They must enter as a group with their coach to gain free admission. The number of varsity cheerleaders is to be verified by the school principal or superintendent.

5. **LATE ENTRIES:** Managers are allowed to accept late entries one week prior to the first allowable playing date of the district tournament. A late entry penalty fee of \$50 shall be assessed for late entries. No entries will be accepted after the first allowable playing date of the district tournament. The district manager shall advise the MSHSAA in writing of any school that submits a late entry or fails to submit the necessary information. The MSHSAA shall invoice any school(s) owing a late entry penalty fee. All late entry penalty fees will be paid to the host school by MSHSAA.

6. **SEEDING MEETING:** The tournament committee along with the district manager shall schedule a meeting to draw the tournament bracket via the following:

The seed meeting should be scheduled during the evening or on a Saturday to avoid conflicts with school time. The seeding must occur between **Saturday of Week #15 and Saturday of Week #16 for boys and Saturday of Week #43 and Saturday of Week #44 for girls.** All schools assigned to the tournament should be notified of the time and place for the meeting at least seven (7) days in advance, and all schools are requested to be represented. A face-to-face seed meeting is highly recommended. A zoom or similar type of conference call may be used in place of an actual meeting if approved by the tournament committee. Email seed meetings are highly discouraged. Plans for the tournament should also be reviewed at the seed meeting.

- **Mandatory Seeding Procedures:** The participating coaches present shall rank teams for seeding purposes. The teams shall be ranked fairly regardless of how it may affect each coach's team. The seeding procedure is to seed each spot individually starting with the #1 seed, followed by the #2 seed, continuing to the last seed. Schools may not vote for themselves in the seeding process. When ranking the teams, district schools participating in the meeting shall take into account each team's win-loss record (varsity vs. varsity games only), head to head competition, caliber of competition, and common opponents they have played over the season. After the tournament director receives each school vote after each round the tournament director must make each vote known to all participating coaches in the room. If a tie should occur, a second vote would be used to determine the seed but only the district schools who are not involved with the tie would participate in the second vote. If a tie remains,

it shall be broken based on head to head competition of the tied teams. Should a tie still exist, a coin flip shall determine the seeds of the tied teams. This specific procedure shall be followed by the district manager.

- All teams shall be seeded. In districts of eight teams or less, byes are to be given first to the first-seeded team, then the second-seeded team, etc.



## SECTION 5: CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

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**GENERAL INFORMATION:** For Classes 2, 3, and 4 Boys and Girls there will be 16 district tournaments, 8 sectional games, 4 quarterfinal games, and a state tournament. For Class 1 there will be 8 district tournaments, 4 quarterfinal games, and a state tournament. Quarterfinal winners will advance to the semifinals and finals. A third place game will be played.

- A. **Postseason Broadcasts:** MSHSAA holds the exclusive ALL-PLATFORM DISTRIBUTION rights for AUDIO, DATA and VIDEO for all postseason contest or festivals (beginning with district level through state) in all activities. Any transmission or production of any portion of these events (actual competition or performance), without the consent of MSHSAA is prohibited. This includes, but not limited to, using programs such as Facebook Live, YouTube or Periscope.

### B. DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS

1. District tournaments shall be scheduled in accord with the committee's best judgment, including starting times for sessions. If afternoon games are scheduled, it is suggested that these sessions be scheduled after the school day closes. District tournament games shall begin on the first allowable date unless the host school's fields are not available and in such situations be scheduled as soon as possible.
2. When it becomes necessary to postpone an event, the local manager should check with the MSHSAA Office. Rescheduling on Sunday should be avoided unless absolutely necessary and then only after getting approval of participating schools.
3. Schedule: The principals, athletic directors, and coaches are requested to follow the schedule in this manual.
  - a. **District tournament games shall be played:**  
**Boys Class 1-4: Saturday of Week #17 – Saturday of Week #18**  
**Girls Class 1-4: Saturday of Week #45 – Thursday of Week #46**
  - b. Postponed games shall be played on the first possible date following the postponement.
  - c. The schools winning district tournaments shall contact immediately the host site manager for necessary information and instructions.
  - d. See the MSHSAA website at [www.mshsaa.org](http://www.mshsaa.org) for brackets for district, sectional, and quarterfinal game sites and times.
  - e. Trophies will be presented to the place winners at the state tournament. Plaques will be given to district winners and runners-up. Plaques will be mailed directly to district managers and winners will receive the plaques at the site.

### C. SECTIONAL AND QUARTERFINAL GAMES

1. The host school for the sectional game will be the top team on the bracket in odd years and the bottom team on the bracket in even years.
  - a. All soccer sectional games occurring on a weekday must have a scheduled starting time between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.; sectional games occurring on a Saturday must have a scheduled starting time between 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. A starting time scheduled outside these parameters must be approved in advance by both school administrators and the MSHSAA staff.
  - b. Schools that do not meet the minimum state field dimensions (60 yards by 110 yards) or do not have lighted fields and are scheduled to host a sectional or quarterfinal game must secure a suitable alternative location or portable lighting at no cost to the MSHSAA. If the host school is unable to secure an alternative site or portable lighting at no cost to the MSHSAA, the game shall be played at the non-host schools location. If the non-host school is unable to provide a suitable playing field or is unable to secure an alternative site at no cost to the MSHSAA, both schools will incur the expense of securing a neutral site. A host site



**APPENDIX A:**  
**PROGRAM INFORMATION AND STATISTICS**  
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The MSHSAA staff strives to publish the most accurate materials for all Championship events. Since a majority of the information contained in Championship publications is submitted by qualifying schools, it is imperative that the MSHSAA office receive correctly-spelled names, accurate classifications (year in school), season results, statistics of participants and coaching information. The MSHSAA Board of Directors has approved a fine process for all late, incomplete or illegible submissions for MSHSAA Championship publications. Schools that do not submit their information to MSHSAA in a timely, legible, complete and accurate manner will be fined \$25 per offense (Board Policy #22). Electronic reports must be submitted by the appropriate deadline in the format and style included with the report instructions. It is the responsibility of the school to verify that MSHSAA has received its program information, team photo and any other required information by the appropriate deadline.

In addition to the appropriate roster and schedule information, the following statistical information will be requested for soccer teams advancing past the district tournament:

G	Games Played
Gls	Goals scored by the player
A	Assists recorded by the player
Pts	Points scored by the player (Goals are 2 pts, Assists are 1 pt)
GKM	Goalie Minutes- minutes played as goalie (can be rounded to halves)
GA	Goals Against
S	Saves
SO	Shutouts recorded by goalie (must be only goalie used in that game to be considered a shutout for the individual). Shutouts recorded by a team when two or more goalies are used are team shutouts only.

Note:

- 1) These numbers should represent all games played through the district tournament and will be required for teams advancing past the district tournament. Any statistical information to be found incomplete will result in a fine per Board Policy #9 as listed above.
- 2) Stats only need to be entered once prior to the Sectional game. The stats will not need to be updated after each playoff contest.
- 3) If you have any statistical questions, do not hesitate in contacting Jason West in the MSHSAA office by e-mailing [jason@mshsaa.org](mailto:jason@mshsaa.org) or calling (573) 875-1077.

**APPENDIX B: MSHSAA POSITION STATEMENT  
REGARDING U.S. COPYRIGHT COMPLIANCE  
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Educators, coaches, and administrators who wish to use copyrighted material need to understand the privileges and rights of the copyright owner and must abide by defined limitations as expressed in U.S. Copyright Law. It is the responsibility of the school administration to ensure their school community is in compliance with U.S. Copyright Laws at all times when playing music at your events, reproducing consumable materials, and all other events taking place at school facilities where copyright laws are to be followed. When hosting a MSHSAA postseason event, the host site is responsible for confirming any music being played over a public sound system, used in video clips, etc., has the gained written permission and/or secured the necessary license(s) to play the music, video clips, etc. from the appropriate Performing Rights Organization (i.e. ASCAP, BMI, SESAC, other).

The NFHS (National Federation of State High Schools) has established an agreement with ASCAP to allow schools and non-school sites hosting a MSHSAA postseason event, to perform/play music in which they own the rights (at least 50%) of the work at no charge. It is your responsibility to ensure the music performed onsite is owned by ASCAP. To determine if the music is owned by ASCAP go to [www.ASCAP.com](http://www.ASCAP.com) and select the link 'Repertory' to search their catalog. If the work is not owned by ASCAP (at least 50%), you will need to work directly with the organization that does own the rights (BMI, SESAC, etc.) to secure the necessary license or not use that work. This agreement only extends to the playing of music recordings downloaded to personal electronic devices, CD's, etc. but does not extend to mash-up recordings or music altered from its original recording without the site obtaining a license to do so.

## APPENDIX C: SELECTION PROCESS

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#### A. **General Criteria: The following district site selection process shall be used for Soccer:**

1. Assignments of schools to specific districts shall be established by MSHSAA staff each year. These assignments will remain constant unless it becomes necessary to modify assignments as determined by the MSHSAA staff.
2. The MSHSAA staff shall select one Athletic Administrator or Principal (per district) to serve as the chairperson who shall coordinate the site selection process for each activity.
3. The chairpersons will be contacted and confirmed via e-mail by the MSHSAA staff.
4. Each chairperson shall review the list of schools assigned to his/her district on the MSHSAA website under the district assignments link.
5. Each chairperson will contact all athletic administrators of schools assigned to the specific district and arrange for a meeting (face-to-face is preferred but telephone conference call, e-mail, fax, ballot, etc. is acceptable) to select the host site. MSHSAA shall incur no expense in conjunction with this meeting.
6. The request shall be to select the host site for one year.
7. Specific criteria shall be established and published in each MSHSAA activity manual. The chairperson and school representatives shall follow the specific criteria to determine the appropriate course of action to be followed when selecting the district host site(s).
8. The district chairperson shall notify the MSHSAA office, via e-mail, by the established deadline and indicate the selected host site and manager's information.
9. The MSHSAA staff shall review the submitted host sites for any necessary adjustments and final approval. The MSHSAA staff and/or Board of Directors shall select the host site when a district committee is unable to reach agreement or the Board determines a suggested site is unacceptable due to site constraints. A neutral site may only be used, provided there is prior approval from MSHSAA, due to confirmation of inadequate facilities at the assigned district schools or unusual circumstances. The neutral site shall be at no additional expense to MSHSAA.
10. Following final approval, host sites shall be added to the district assignments link and the district manager's packets shall be forwarded to each district manager within an appropriate time frame to allow for proper administering of the event.

#### B.

1. To host a state tournament game, the soccer facility must meet the following requirements: a quality surface, a minimum playing field of 60 yards by 110 yards, and it is strongly recommended that the playing field be 70 yards in width and 120 yards in length when possible, adequate seating capacity, lights (when possible), scoreboard and timing device, and is in compliance with Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act as a place of public accommodations.
2. Districts that do not have participating schools that have adequate facilities to host the district tournament (i.e., minimum state field requirements of 60 yards by 110 yards) must secure a suitable alternative at no cost to the MSHSAA. If the participating schools are unable to secure a suitable playing field at no cost to the MSHSAA the participating schools will incur the expense of securing a neutral site to host, the district tournament.
3. School location (playing field) within the schools assigned to the specific district is considered for reasonable travel.
4. As many games as possible shall be played at night to accommodate parents and spectators.
5. Properly maintained adequate bleacher seating with a strong under structure including foot boards is available for spectators from both the visiting and home teams is preferred.
6. The facility configuration shall provide that a paid gate can be administered except for unusual or unavoidable circumstances approved by the MSHSAA in advance.
7. Adequate off-street parking availability is required.
8. A scoreboard with an automatic timing device and a public address announcer is preferred.
9. Adequate concessions for spectators is preferred.
10. Availability of adequate restrooms for public use is required.
11. The facility(s) must be in compliance with Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act as a place of public accommodation.

12. During all state tournament series games the playing field must have four corner flags with midfield flags or cones optional.
13. During all state tournament series games each game will have three balls available (one in the game and one each in the hands of the two ball persons).
14. Schools selected to host must be willing and capable of hosting. Schools electing not to participate in the site selection process method shall not have a vote in any alternative method before or after the fact.
15. Following final Board of Directors' approval, district assignments shall be printed indicating host sites and further advancement procedures including sectional, quarterfinal, and/or final sites selected by the MSHSAA staff and Board of Directors.



### 2021-22 SOCCER RULES CHANGES

4-2-10 <b>NEW</b>	Head coverings worn for religious reasons shall not be made of abrasive or hard materials; and must fit securely.
4-2-11 <b>NEW Article</b>	In addition to the above permitted uses, state associations (or designee) may on an individual basis permit a player to participate while wearing a head covering for medical or cosmetic reasons if it is required by a licensed physician. A physician's statement is required before the state association can approve a covering which is not abrasive, hard or dangerous to any other player and which is attached in such a way it is highly unlikely that it will come off during play.

# 2021-2022 MSHSAA SOCCER RULES MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. APPROVAL OF OFFICIALS** - According to MSHSAA By-Law 6.1.1, officials are to be agreed upon by both schools at least 30 days before each contest. The host school is responsible for making certain game officials are registered with the MSHSAA and to initiate the agreement on officials with the visiting school. However, if the visiting school has not been provided the opportunity to approve the game officials, contact should be made with the host school to arrange for approval. Approval by both schools is to be obtained prior to employing officials. Officials shall be contracted via a written or an electronic contract.
- 2. OFFICIALS NEEDED** – Assistance in recruiting new officials and providing them with opportunities to work is important so they can improve their skills. Coaches can help by encouraging people to become officials. This should be a priority.
- 3. RULES INTERPRETERS** - Are available to coaches and officials for game rule interpretations. Please contact your local rule interpreter before calling the MSHSAA office. If further clarification is needed, the interpreters shall contact the MSHSAA Office.
  - **Southwest** - Tim Noonan - [iraref@hotmail.com](mailto:iraref@hotmail.com)
  - **St. Louis** - Tim Lammering - [tlammering@kreydist.com](mailto:tlammering@kreydist.com)
  - **Kansas City** - Ken Bartkoski - [stater5@gmail.com](mailto:stater5@gmail.com)
  - **Central** – Eddie Mulholland - [eddiejmoe@gmail.com](mailto:eddiejmoe@gmail.com)
- 4. RULES MEETING REQUIREMENT - ALL Officials** must complete the rules meeting requirement by **August 20**. The rules meeting may be completed online through the MSHSAA website (**August 2 - August 20**). The rules meetings for officials are found by logging into your MSHSAA account and selecting "Online Rules Reviews" under Correspondence. Some areas of the state will have face to face rules meetings that have been arranged by local associations. These times are posted on the MSHSAA website. Officials will be credited by completing either the online rules meeting or the face to face meetings. If you want your attendance or completion verified to another bordering state association, please notify Sam Lavy at the MSHSAA office.
- 5. MSHSAA GAME OFFICIALS MANUAL** - Officials are reminded to study the MSHSAA Game Officials Manual located on the MSHSAA website located under the Official's Tab. It contains information you will need to be familiar with such as registration procedures, minimum renewal standards, instructions for game protests, etc. **Please note that the renewal deadline for Fall officials is July 15 of each year.**
- 6. OFFICIALS RATING PROCEDURES** - Each head coach shall submit a rating for **each official working his/her SENIOR HIGH VARSITY REGULAR SEASON CONTESTS (home and away)**. Officials are not rated in the post season contests. Schools are required to submit their ratings to renew their membership for the succeeding year. It is recommended that coaches wait until 24 hours after the game, but no longer than 48 hours to rate officials. Ratings shall be entered on the MSHSAA Website. Coaches are encouraged to submit their official's ratings online throughout the season and not wait until the end of the season. Coaches are asked to submit ratings online every two weeks or at a minimum after each month of the season. Rate each official every time he/she officiates for you. If you play a nine game schedule you are responsible for between 18 and 27 evaluations for officials (2 or 3 per game). Officials must give coaches their correct 6 digit registration number. The MSHSAA Board of Directors requires the High School Athletic Director to verify that his/her school's Fall sports officials ratings have been completed accurately by the respective head coaches. If a 5 rating has been given to an official, the head coach shall provide an explanation as to why that rating was necessary. Failure to submit ratings for a sport shall result in the school's program for that sport(s) being placed on probation and could lead to a team not being assigned to participate in the MSHSAA District and State tournament series. Deadline for the submission of ratings is **Nov. 15 for the Boys Soccer Season (Girls Soccer season deadline is May 15)**. Schools that fail to submit the required official's ratings by the established deadline shall be issued a **\$25.00** late penalty fee and sent a reminder letter to the principal, giving additional days to submit the required official's ratings. Schools that fail to submit the required official's ratings within these additional days shall be placed on probation in the sport concerned by the MSHSAA Board of Directors and assessed a penalty fee of **\$100. (Total Fine \$125)**.
- 7. PART II SOCCER TEST ONLINE** - Tests will be available online on **August 9**. The test is an open-book examination. **All officials are required to complete Part II Test by September 6**. All officials must take the test even though they might not officiate any contests or they will be automatically placed on probation when they register the following year. **Any official that scores less than 75% on the NFHS Part II Rules Test will be placed on probation.** Coaches will take the online rules review to meet the Part II test requirement.
- 8. POST SEASON APPLICATION** - All soccer officials who desire to work in districts or state playoffs will need to



complete the

Post Season Application on the MSHSAA Website. Log on to [www.mshsaa.org](http://www.mshsaa.org) and select the Officials Tab, then Post Season Application. The completion deadline for Boys Soccer is **Wednesday, October 6, 2021** and the due date for the Girls Soccer season is **Wednesday, April 20, 2022. Officials must complete the Rules Review, Part II Test, and Post Season Application to be eligible to officiate post season contests.**

- 9. SPECIAL REPORTS** – Special Reports are to be used to report matters such as officiating procedures, game administration, unsporting conduct, etc., that needs immediate attention. The report may be a complimentary report as well as one to call attention to problems. Officials SHALL penalize and file a Special Report for all unsporting conduct. Unsporting Special Reports must be submitted for all levels of play (junior high, freshman, sophomore, junior varsity and varsity). Under Board of Directors policy, action will be taken against officials who fail to file a report of unsporting conduct. When unsporting conduct or misconduct occurs, the school shall forthwith take appropriate action to correct or resolve the matter. Both schools and officials are strongly encouraged to take the time to submit positive reports on outstanding officiating, game administration and good sportsmanship. All Special Reports will be filled out by logging onto the MSHSAA Website ([www.mshsaa.org](http://www.mshsaa.org)) and completing the appropriate Special Report. **A Special Report should be filed by officials to the MSHSAA office on schools who have coaches or players that receive a yellow or red Card.**
- 10. PRE-GAME CONFERENCE** - Officials are to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to game time and conduct a 15 minute pre-game conference with each other to review necessary rules and mechanics. Officials shall be in uniform at the site of the game no less than 15 minutes before the scheduled starting time. A pre-game conference shall be conducted with both head coaches and team captains no later than 5 minutes before the scheduled starting time of the game. Each coach must submit a roster of all players containing first and last name and jersey #.
- 11. COACHES AND OFFICIALS RESPONSIBILITIES** – Coaches and Officials are expected to be professional and businesslike toward each other. This type of behavior is to prevail at all times especially during and after the game. Regardless of the outcome of the game, there is no justification for coaches to ridicule officials. Host schools are to provide security for officials to ensure their safety and well-being. There is to be no admittance to officials' dressing rooms before, during or after games unless by designated school authorities who are there on official business to carry out their assigned duties. Mutual respect and courtesy shown by both coaches and officials are the keys to providing the proper example and environment for our athletes, students and fans. If a school is dissatisfied with the work of some official(s), don't hassle them -- simply do not rehire them.
- 12. STATE ASSOCIATION ADOPTIONS** - The MSHSAA has taken a position on the following rules where state association action is permitted. The Soccer Advisory Committee has recommended and the Board of Directors has approved the following positions:

  - a. Rule 4-2-1H -- Missouri has adopted the wearing of caps as long as they are all identical.
  - b. Rule 4-2-5 -- Artificial Limbs. Any participant wearing an artificial limb must have a letter from the MSHSAA indicating that the artificial limb has been reviewed and in the judgment of the MSHSAA, it is permissible to play with such. This permission must be granted PRIOR to the student's participation. All permissible artificial limbs must be padded with a closed-cell, slow recovery foam padding now less than a ½ -inch thick foam rubber padding.
  - c. Rule 4-2-8 -- Protective Face Mask. A protective face mask may be worn by a player with a facial injury. The mask may be made of a hard material, but must be worn molded to the face with no protrusions. A medical release for the injured player signed by a physician (MD/DO) shall be available at the game site.
  - d. Rule 5-1-1 NOTE -- The MSHSAA has not chosen one system of officiating over another.
  - e. Rule 5-1-3a -- The MSHSAA has adopted the safety green and black vertically striped front with a solid safety green back jersey. No other jersey styles that have been previously approved will be recognized as proper attire for MSHSAA soccer officials. Officials shall be dressed identically. The MSHSAA patch will be worn on the left sleeve as manufactured. The NFHS patch may (optional) be worn on the right sleeve only. The American Flag may (optional) be worn on the right sleeve only (must be worn above the NFHS Officials Association patch if both are worn). A local association patch may (optional) be worn on the left chest only. For state tournament contests only the MSHSAA patch (and the optional American Flag) shall be worn on the uniform shirt.
  - f. Rule 7-1-1 -- The MSHSAA has adopted the two equal halves of 40 minutes each for senior high contests. Also the length of play for junior high schools shall be two equal halves of 30 minutes each.
  - g. Rule 7-1-2 -- The MSHSAA has adopted the procedure of shortening periods.
  - h. Rule 7-1-3 -- The MSHSAA has adopted the suspended game rule. In the event a game must be suspended because of conditions which make it impossible to continue play, the head referee shall declare it an official game if one complete half or more of the game has been played and a winner can be determined (score is not tied). If less than one-half has been played or a winner cannot be determined

then the game will be resumed from the point of interruption. (**Post Season:** In the event a MSHSAA post season soccer game must be called due to darkness, rain, or other causes which make it impossible to continue play, it shall be considered a suspended game and shall be continued from the point of suspension. If the game has reached halftime and a winner can be determined, the team trailing at the time of suspension has the option to return and finish the game or have the current score be considered final. Coaches and officials must sign and date the rosters confirming the contest will be resumed or the game will be considered final.)

- i. **Rule 7-1-5** -- The MSHSAA has adopted a point differential (8 goals) whereby at the end of the first half if one team has gained the established point differential or if it secures such differential during the second half the game shall be terminated.
- j. **Rule 7-3-1** -- The MSHSAA has adopted the following procedures for resolving tied games if winners are to be determined:

1. Regular season varsity games (conference or nonconference play where no advancement from an established bracket is necessary) - the overtime shall be two 10-minute sudden victory periods with the National Federation Penalty Kick Procedure to follow if necessary. Subvarsity games in this category shall not play overtime.
2. Regular season tournament pool play where no advancement from an established bracket is necessary overtime is optional. The options are as follows: (1) no overtime, or (2) the overtime procedure shall be two ten minute sudden victory periods with the National Federation Penalty Kick Procedure to follow if necessary. The winning team after overtime, and penalty kicks if necessary, will record this result as a win and the losing team will records this result as a loss on their seasonal records. Overtime procedures will be determined at the discretion of the tournament host and must be provided in advance to all tournament participants.
3. Regular season tournament games when advancement from an established bracket is necessary (not pool play) - the overtime procedure shall be two 10-minute sudden victory periods with the National Federation Penalty Kick Procedure to follow if necessary. The winning team after overtime and penalty kicks if necessary will record this result as a win and the losing team will record this result as a loss on their season records.
4. District and State Tournament Series - the overtime procedure shall be two fifteen-minute sudden victory periods with the National Federation Penalty Kick Procedure to follow if necessary (third place games will result in a tie after regulation -- no overtime will be played). The winning team after overtime and penalty kicks if necessary will record this result as a win and the losing team will record this result as a loss on their seasonal records.

- k. **Yellow Cards** - The following MSHSAA Board of Directors policy will be used regarding the accumulation of yellow and red

Cards:

1. A yellow card, of any violation, is considered a straight yellow card.
  2. An individual player or coach that accumulates five yellow cards during the season will be issued a one game suspension for the next regular season or playoff game. The second set of five yellow cards received will result in a two game suspension for the next regular season or playoff game; the third set of five yellow cards will result in a three game suspension for the next regular season or playoff game.
  3. Card counts from out-of-state games must be reported by the AD to the MSHSAA office.
  4. Any player receiving two yellow cards in one game (soft red) will receive a yellow card the next game for the first violation and the second yellow card is considered a red card. The player will sit out for the red card violation. If the player has three yellow cards going into a game and gets two additional yellow cards, the player will sit out for the five yellow cards and will sit out for the soft red (total of two games).
  5. Same rules apply for the coaches. No team accumulation rule for coaches.
  6. **Post-season card counts begin at zero. Beginning with districts, four yellow cards for players and coaches will be a one game suspension.**
  7. Officials must submit all yellow and red cards on the MSHSAA website under special reports.
- l. By National Federation Soccer Rules at least two ball holders (persons) shall be provided by the home team (regular season games). During the district and state tournament series each team shall furnish one ball person and it is recommended that the same procedure be followed during regular season tournaments as well.
  - m. **MSHSAA By-Law 5.5.1** - Requires that any player, coach, or bench personnel disqualified (red card) for unsporting conduct shall be prohibited by the school administration from participating in the next contest for that level. Also, a disqualified coach may not attend the next contest for that level. Disqualification under Soccer Rule 12-8-2, 12-8-3 and 12-8-4 would fall under this category.
  - n. **SANCTIONS:** - Any time an MSHSAA member school competes in a tournament by definition, with an out-of-state school(s) or in any event co-sponsored by any party other than an MSHSAA member school (e.g. a university, theme park, shoe company, etc.), a sanction form must be on file in the MSHSAA Office at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the event. It is the event host's responsibility to obtain

- sanction, however, each participating MSHSAA member school shall take responsibility to verify that the sponsor has sanctioned the event prior to participation. MSHSAA By-Law 311.
- o. Officials shall conduct a pre-game conference before each contest at the midfield line which the head coach of both teams (not a representative of the head coach), each team's captains, and all the officials must attend to discuss sportsmanship, identify ball persons (do not start game without two ball persons provided), game procedures, etc.
  - p. Soccer officials shall present to each head coach a legibly printed card with the names of each official and their official's ID numbers at the required pre-game conference that the head coach, the team captains, and the officials now must attend.
  - q. Soccer coaches must present, verify, and initial a team roster including all potential players by name and number for each contest.
  - r. By State Association adoption the official score may be kept by the head referee if the home team does not designate the official scorer.
  - s. Soccer officials fees for district and state tournament series play will be paid per the MSHSAA contracted rate.
  - t. **NFHS AUTHENTICATING MARK** - All game balls used for interscholastic competition shall possess the NFHS Authenticating Mark. Game officials shall inspect all balls provided for competition for the NFHS Authenticating Mark. Should the host school be unable to provide conforming balls, the official will put into play conforming balls provided by the visiting school. Contest officials are required to notify the MSHSAA office in writing regarding the failure of any host school to provide the marked balls. No contest shall be cancelled and no contest penalties shall be assessed for nonconforming balls.
13. **SOCCER BY-LAW-PLAYER LIMITATIONS (MSHSAA By-Law 3.24)** -
- a. Daily Limit: No player may play in more than three halves of soccer per day in a varsity/junior varsity doubleheader against the same school. If a school schedules two/three varsity or two/three junior varsity soccer games against different schools on the same calendar date, a player could play no more than four/six halves on that date, respectively.
  - b. Season Limit: A player is eligible to play in no more than 66 halves for the season.
14. **SOCCER BY-LAW-CONTEST LIMITATIONS (MSHSAA By-Law 3.29.8 & 3.30.3)** -
- a. High School - 25 soccer contests
  - b. Junior High School 18 contests
15. **Rule 20-2-1 - AWAY Uniforms (Required Equipment)** – The away team shall wear solid white jerseys and solid white socks with shorts of any color. When tape or similar material is applied on any sock, it must be similar in color to the sock. This will help create less confusion which is the intent of the new uniform regulation.
16. **RULE 4-1-1** - Shinguards must meet the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) specifications. The NOCSAE seal and the appropriate height range of the player shall appear on the shinguard. Beginning with the 2012 fall season, the NOCSAE seal and height range shall be permanently marked on the front of the shinguard.
17. **2021-22 SOCCER TOURNAMENT FORMAT**
- Boys Soccer Tournament:**
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| Oct 30- Nov 6 | (Saturday Week #17-Saturday Week #18) | All Classes Districts                      |
| November 9    | (Tuesday Week #19)                    | Class 2, 3 and 4 Sectionals                |
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- Girls Soccer Tournament:**
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| May 14-21 | (Saturday Week #45 - Saturday Week #46) | All Classes Districts                     |
| May 24    | (Tuesday Week #47)                      | Classes 2, 3 and 4 Sectionals             |
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**BOARD POLICY FOR ON-SITE PROTESTS OF ATHLETIC CONTESTS**

The Board of Directors adopted the following Policy, March, 1997, to address protests. The Board acknowledges that mistakes are made by officials in judgment and even sometimes in misapplication of game rules. However, the decisions rendered by officials at the contest site are to be final and any further process other than the one outlined below would not truly serve a useful purpose in the overall scope of high school athletics.

1. Within the procedures established within each individual sport rule code, the head coach must request a review of an official's application of a rule through appropriate channels.
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of judgment.

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## *What does the MSHSSCA do, and why should I be a member?*

**Information:** Your membership will mean that you are kept up-to-date on the latest happenings in Missouri high school soccer and beyond and your team and players will be eligible for post season honors beyond the district level. Membership runs from Aug. 1 to July 31.

**Power Rankings:** Throughout each season we rank the top teams in each class via our Missouri Soccer Power Rankings. Those rankings are posted here on the website.

**Recognition of players AND coaches:** We believe that high school soccer players deserve regional, statewide, and national recognition for their efforts and successes. The majority of the dues for membership go to fund the expenses that occur at the end of each season in which players are chosen for the various teams and provide individual awards to all state players. The coach's membership is required for players to be recognized. We also have a banquet to honor new Hall of Fame inductees, All State players, Coaches of the Year, Team Sportsmanship Award, Assistant Coach of the Year, Field of the Year, Administrator of the Year, Champion of the Game and All-Academic Teams. We also keep up-to-date coaching records and a history of the award winners.

**Website/Communications:** We maintain this website in an effort to keep coaches informed about a variety of soccer-related issues. Our goal is to be your one-stop source. If there is a link you would like or any other information you would like to see, please let us know. We also send out numerous email updates throughout the year.

**Discounts:** Your membership includes discounts on uniforms and equipment for your team with Association sponsors such as Select and Benben Sports. **You can also get a reduced United Soccer Coaches membership (Save \$25 when using Code MOHSSCA2122 on the United Soccer Coaches website)** and registration at the national convention (save up to \$35 - when we register as a group). This year's Convention is scheduled in our back yard - Kansas City! - so we are hoping for a large presence of High School coaches. As always, we will have a special social hour along with some other goodies during that week.

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