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Tournament Overtime Procedures

There is a 5-minute interval at the end of regulation. The head referee instructs both teams on OT procedures, conducts the coin toss with visiting team calling. Overtimes are fifteen minutes, sudden victory. As soon as one team scores, the match is over. There are 2 OT's and a 2-minute interval between the overtimes.

Kicks from the Penalty Mark:

The head referee chooses which goal will be used, based on field and weather conditions.

Spectators are to be confined to areas at least ten feet from the touch line, team/official area and the goal line. No one shall be permitted directly behind the goal unless seated in bleachers.

There is a 2-minute interval between the end of the 2nd overtime and kicks from the penalty mark. The head referee will instruct both teams as to the proper procedure.

Visitors call the coin toss. The winner of the toss chooses to kick first or second.

Any player who has is on the roster and has not been disqualified from the match, is eligible to participate in kicks from the penalty mark. The penalty kickers need not have ever played in the match and need not have been on the field at the end of the second overtime.

Each coach must submit a list of five kickers. The list includes first and last names, number and order of kicking.

Teams are permitted on the field at the halfway line, outside of the center circle. Only the kickers from both teams are permitted within the center circle.

After the kick, the ball may only be played by the opposing goalkeeper. There is no follow-up on the kick. The ball remains in play until it goes out of play, its momentum is spent or it is re-touched by the kicker.

During the first 5 innings of kicks from the penalty mark, if one team has scored more goals than their opponent can score, kicks from the penalty mark are over and the match is completed.

If the teams are tied at the end of five innings of kicks from the penalty mark, each coach has two minutes to provide a second set of five kickers. The second set of kickers must be different from the first set of 5. The coaches must provide 1st and last names, number and order of kicking.

Each inning after the first 5 is sudden victory, wherein if one team scores in an inning and the other does not, kicks from the penalty mark are over and the match is complete.

Should the score be tied at the end of the second set of five kickers, the coaches have two minutes to supply a third set of five kickers. The 3rd set is also sudden victory, wherein if one team scores in an inning and the other does not, kicks from the penalty mark are over and the match is complete. The coaches must provide 1st and last names, number and order of kicking. This 3rd set may contain ANY 5 players, i.e., those on the roster and who have not been disqualified.

It's Tournament Time! The road to Crew Stadium begins this Saturday with Sectional play in the NW District. Other Districts begin play on Monday. This issue is devoted to various tournament regulations that come in to play for teams in the tournament.

Standard Set of Tournament Procedures

Each August, the OHSAA's Board of Directors approves "Tournament Regulations" for boys' and girls' soccer so each team plays under the same set of regulations, regardless of area of the state. The regulations in their entirety can be viewed and printed at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/so/sorglts.pdf>

Who Decides Play Dates/Times?

Each of the 6 Athletic Districts, through their District Athletic Boards, determines the DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATIONS of the Sectional and District Tournament games in their respective Districts.

Home Field?

There are no restrictions in the Board of Director's adopted Tournament Regulations (see above) that prohibit teams from playing on their home field. Since *date, time, location* of games is at the discretion of District Athletic Boards, they may choose to allow higher seeds to play on their own fields or determine centrally located sites for play, even if they are one of the competing schools' home fields.

Is it Real?

Artificial surface or natural grass? As most would figure, it would be difficult to REQUIRE tournament play on artificial surfaces, hence there is no *mandated* type of surface.

Why Can't We Play at

Many fields are not available for tournament play. Often, there are not managers willing to give their time to manage the crowds and spend more time away. At the Sectional/District level, "DAB's" go through a lengthy process to contract sites and managers for tournament contests. What might appear as the BEST location for a game, may not always be available.

Best of the Best?

Often, our concept of tournament play is based upon the NCAA's March Madness basketball tournament, in which the top 64 teams are admitted and seeded accordingly around the nation, with no regard to where a team plays. Rhode Island may be assigned to play in Portland. Whoaaaaa....not the case in the OHSAA's tournament structure. EVERY team is permitted entry into the OHSAA's tournament and divided into Sectional tournaments according to procedures set by each District Athletic Board. Teams are then seeded according to a standard set of seeding procedures. If the #1 and #2 team in Ohio happen to be in the same athletic district, they would play each other prior to reaching the Regional tournament. Why? The OHSAA's "district structure" recognizes the STUDENT in student-athlete and does not want players from Cincinnati traveling to Cleveland to playing a Sectional tournament game on a school night.

How Many?

Teams may dress any **22 players** from their Official OHSAA Eligibility List. They may change who the 22 players are from game to game, but it must be someone listed on the Official Eligibility Sheet.

Dead Period?

What has commonly become known as a "Dead Period" is a requirement of ALL teams in Ohio. Once a team completes its season, a mandatory NO CONTACT period is in effect for 28 days after the teams' last game. There are *few* activities that are permitted, however, those should be cleared through the school's Athletic Director.

INDOOR SOCCER.....ALERT!!!

Understanding that teams are forming now for Indoor teams, SPECIAL CAUTION needs to be taken on advising players (and coaches) what they CAN and CANNOT do. These will be addressed in next week's issue of "OSW".

By the Numbers

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The number of wins a team must win (in most cases) to reach the State Final 4.

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The entry fee required to participate in the OHSAA's Soccer Tournament, culminating in the State Championship.

22

The number of players permitted in uniform for any OHSAA tournament contest.