

Boys' & Girls' Soccer
Seed/Draw Meetings
Scheduled on Sunday,
October 9 @ 2:00 – 3:00

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Individual Instruction:

Part 2

OHSAA Sports Regulation 7.3 permits individuals to receive instruction during the season of play from outside individuals, provided it does not violate any team or school policies.

Recently, some are trying to circumvent this rule by masking "Club Team" practices as "individual instruction" permitted within the regulations. Please be aware of this....it is not permitted and will cause ineligibility of your players. Reference the "Non-Interscholastic Date" to the right of this column and you'll appreciate the significance of this friendly "warning".

Rating Your Officials?

Just a continued reminder for coaches to RATE your officials. It is an important part of the tournament assignment process for officials. A combinations of Ratings (by coaches) and Voting (by others approved by the Board of Directors) places eligible officials into "pools" for assignments to the various levels of tournament (Sectional/District, Regional, State). This process is important to officials; it is important to coaches...and it is important to Soccer. It is "easy" to do after your games.

Respect
THE
GAME

Upcoming Tournament Draw

As indicated on the top right of this "OSW", tournament draws are scheduled for Sunday, October 9. Your Athletic Director will submit your Entry Form online. Each of the 6 different "District Athletic Boards" (DAB's) are given the responsibility of conducting tournaments in their respective districts at the Sectional and District levels. This includes placement of teams into Sectionals/Districts, assignments of sites, and determining whether there are such things as "open draws" or not. Additionally, since there is no restriction in the tournament regulations that prohibit playing on a team's "home site", each DAB makes the determination whether teams play on neutral sites, a 'central geographic site' or 'home sites of the highest seed" all the way through the District Tournament. Assignments of officials to tournament contests is also done by each "DAB".

Figure Your Record...Get things in Order for Your Tournament Seed Meetings

At your seed/draw meetings on October 9, you will be required to 'post' your record by division (some do this online prior to the draw). Do your homework now and make certain you know your won/lost record vs opponents by division. It will save you considerable time and headache at your draw meetings.

Coaching Permits...An Important Reminder!

Tournament Entry Forms will soon be available online for Administrators to complete. As mentioned in all required Pre-Season Rules Interpretation Meetings, valid Pupil Activity/Coaching Permits (issued by the Ohio Department of Education) are required for ALL coaches to be in the team bench area. The entry form will require each school to list all coaches who will be coaching, (permitted in the bench area) and their state ID number. The state ID number is the number that will pop up when the coach's name is entered into the public interface on the ODE web site. The ID number is important as it enables us to track these permits when a coach has a name that is duplicated in the system. The state ID is not the actual permit number. It is not necessary for a coach to carry his or her permit to a competition. So....check to insure that you have this important permit.

Red Card Administration

What happens AFTER a Disqualification.... we have had several reports of players being disqualified with 2 yellow cards and on the way off the field decide to let loose with a barrage of verbal attacks on everyone from the officials to the fans to the opponents. Though playing rules technically do not permit an official to issue a card to a non-player....should this occur, we expect officials to notify us through "Officials Reports" submitted online. We ALSO expect coaches to deal with behaviors such as this. In the event this occurs, it will NOT prohibit the OHSAA from administering the 2 game suspension penalty for lack of sportsmanship. More than simply 'cautioning' your players, strongly enforce to them that unsporting behavior will not be tolerated.

September 26 Non-Interscholastic Date

This was addressed at both "Face to Face" and Online Rules Meetings; the "Non-Interscholastic Date". Though non-interscholastic participation is not permitted at anytime during the season of play, should any player tryout, practice or compete with a non-interscholastic team ('Club', 'Travel', etc.), after the established "Non-interscholastic Date" of September 26, 2011, they not only would be suspended from play but would become ineligible for any OHSAA Tournament competition. My goal is for this never to happen and thus my reasoning for mentioning it here. Put it on your calendar....lecture it and lecture it so your players KNOW this rule and important date.

Start Dates for Next Year

Just a continued reminder from last week's "OSW": The start date for games for NEXT season was listed incorrectly in the OHSAA's Handbook. The correct dates for the 2012 season are:

First Practice: Monday, August 6, 2012

Season Begins (First Game): Saturday, August 18, 2012

This is being sent as a reminder to all Athletic Directors.

By the Numbers

1417

The number of registered Soccer Officials in Ohio

14,968

The total number of ALL registered Officials in Ohio

71

The number of BOYS' player ejections so far this season.

6

The number of Soccer Coach Ejections the week of Sept. 12-16.