

## On the Calendar Sectional Seed & Draw

October 7

OCTOBER 2012						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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### What Do I Need to Do For Tournament?

A few important items to take note of now will make things easier for you come tournament time. Here are a few items:

#### Coach Certification

Make certain all your coaches, paid AND volunteer, have their Pupil Activity Permits through the Ohio Dept. of Education

#### Rosters

Though it is a month away, you will be permitted to dress any 22 players from your OHSAA Eligibility List. You can rotate players from game to game but may have only **22 in uniform** for each game. Just something to think about if you are dressing more than that now (which you may).

#### Records vs Division

You will be asked to post your record vs divisions. Since that is sometimes a difficult thing to find out, start now by keeping track of your opponent's divisional status.

#### Familiarize Yourself with

##### OT Regulations

OT rules are utilized (permitted by NFHS Rules) for tournament contests. If you get yourself in that situation, you may well want to familiarize yourself with those regulations now. These OT regulations are part of the overall Tournament Regulations.

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### Suspended Games

Last week's weather brought about several suspended game questions. The procedures themselves are explained in detail in your Pre-Season Manual, but basically Article 3 of Rule 7 states:

- ...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. If less than one-half of the game has been played, the game may be rescheduled from the start or restarted from the suspension of play according to state association adoption.

So, it's obvious from this that a game in which a complete half has been played and the game cannot be completed that evening...the game is FINAL. Whether it is a tie, your most bitter league rival or a game that decides league standings; the game is FINAL. The game cannot be completed at a later date. If a game is suspended BEFORE a complete half of play, Article 3 of Rule 7 indicates 'what to do' is left up to the states (see last week's OSW on 'State Adoptions'). The OHIO State Adoption says that we will pick up from the exact moment of stoppage.

### Field Markings

I am somewhat surprised by the reports I have received in different locations regarding the lack of required field markings. It appears the major issues lie in artificial surfaced fields in which elaborate end zone designs have been placed on football fields and there is an unwillingness to put required soccer markings on these designs. The marks NEED to be there.

### Nothing Can be Taken For Granted

The events that occurred at Penn State University will be etched in the minds of everyone connected to sports for years to come. It highlights that little can be taken for granted. Anytime I am part of a discussion on the effects of this as well as the events surrounding it, they generally lead back to 'Who would have known or who would have even THOUGHT there was a problem?' And therein lies the heart of the matter, nothing can be taken for granted. I came across a great article that really makes one think. <http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/vault/article/magazine/MAG1193474/index.htm>

All of this highlights many of the reasons coaches are asked to do so many things. You can call them "CYA" items but things simply cannot be taken for granted anymore.

### Need Help with Parents?

We're at a point in the season where many players (or their parents) feel they should be playing more or playing another position. Nearly everyone believes they can go on 'to the next level'. Since I am providing a couple of 'good reads', I also came across this one that addresses how parents behaviors and how they often view their son or daughter at contests. This was in the Detroit Free Press and it may give you a few suggestions when dealing with those dreaded 'parent meetings'.

<http://www.freep.com/article/20120822/HSS1201/308220078/Mick-McCabe-Parents-need-to-be-realistic-about-college-prospects>

Another excellent resource is a FREE (I really did say FREE) course available through the NFHS that gives excellent advice for the parent on his/her role in sports. This course, along with all others available through the NFHS can be accessed at: <http://www.nfhslearn.com/courses.aspx>

### Print Your Soccer Tournament Regulations

Overtime Regulations (see column on left) along with ALL regulations that affect tournaments across the state are available on the Soccer webpage or directly at this link:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/so/sorglts.pdf>. It might be a good idea to print them NOW and have them when you go to your tournament draw on October 7.

### By the Numbers

**29%** Percentage of coaches who completed required State Rules Meeting online.

**1066** Total no. of head soccer coaches in Ohio.

**58%** Percentage of coaches that took ONLINE meeting that are certified teachers.

**70%** Percentage of girls' team coaches responding that are MALE.