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Tournament Draw Date

Sunday, October 7

All schools should have received information from their respective District Athletic Boards regarding the location and time of your Seed/Draw meeting.

Tournament Reminders Record by Division

You will be asked to provide your record vs Division. Go prepared; take some time to check the division of your opponents.

Pupil Activity Permits

All coaches – paid or volunteer must possess a valid Pupil Activity Coaching Permit from the ODE.

Number in Uniform

As mentioned in the information to the right, you are permitted to dress any 22 players from your official Eligibility List. These 22 can change from game to game but must be on your Eligibility List.

Number in Bench Area

Tournament Regulations permit a maximum of 29 personnel in the bench area for tournament contests. This includes coaches, players (including those on the field), trainers, substitutes, statisticians, assistant coaches and anyone else you may included. Take care of this NOW as if you happen to slip through the cracks at one level of tournament play (and you shouldn't!), it becomes an unfortunate situation to deal with in the next game. You do not need that distraction so address it BEFORE your first tournament contest.

Cold Weather Under Garments

As colder weather sets in, coaches should check Rule 4.11(e) in your NFHS Rules Book that addresses this. Basically, anything visible worn under the jersey or shorts must be similar in length to others on the team, all alike and all of a solid color. If only one player were wearing such apparel, then it must be of a solid color. Knowing this ahead of time will save much in the way of argument!

Non-Interscholastic Date Has Passed – What does that Mean?

The “Non-Interscholastic Date” that is emphasized in your Pre-Season Manual has passed. What this essentially means is that though there are some teams (especially sub-varsity) playing short (you can play games down as far as 7 v 7), players may want to “join up” now. Anyone that has played in any non-interscholastic soccer past this **September 24** date is no longer eligible to join your team. It does not happen often, but just a reminder.

Non-Interscholastic Date...Part II

As October arrives and the end of the season looms a bit sooner for sub-varsity teams, “Club” soccer looms on the horizon for many. I receive numerous inquiries *daily* regarding when it is ‘ok’ to start playing “Club” soccer. The answer is simple: *once a player DOES play Club soccer (tryout, practice or compete) the become ineligible to come back to the school team*. So, that can easily be interpreted that a JV player can go play for his/her “Club” team as soon as his/her school season is complete and does not have to wait for the Varsity tournament season to end. But a simple CAUTION on this; since coaches are permitted to dress 22 players for any tournament game AND those 22 can be switched from game to game, just remember that any JV player that DOES go to his/her “Club” team is not eligible to return to the school team and be part of the 22 player roster for any game. Keep this at the forefront in each of your tournament contests and if you plan on ‘bringing players up’ to dress for the tournament, always do everything possible to make certain they have not played “Club” soccer. A player that has done this becomes an “Ineligible Player”. And...Ineligible Players = Forfeiture if they play in a contest.

Rating Officials

Just a continual reminder here to rate your officials. As mentioned many times, the Rating System is an important part of the Tournament Assignment process for officials. The importance of this necessitates fines for schools that do not rate officials. Honestly...we don't want your money...we want your ratings. Rate your officials.



Ejected Players – Unusual Situation

This is not as unique as you might think but a school has a soccer player that also serves double duty and kicks for the football team. He/She is ejected from a soccer game. Is he/she ineligible for **BOTH** football and soccer? The answer is “no”. A person is only ineligible for the sport in which the ejection took place.

Playing a “Kick for the Cure” Game?

First, you are to be commended if you are. If you are donating funds from gate receipts toward it, I commend you even more (as well as your athletic director's decision to do it). Many requests have come in regarding wearing certain apparel and the basic rule is this: Currently, the “Uniform Rule” requires the home team to wear the ‘lighter’ colored jersey. So...wearing a PINK jersey at home would certainly fall within this rule anyhow. All number requirements of 6” on the back of jersey and 4” on front of jersey OR shorts must be adhered to. Generally, this is easy to do. IF that is all you are doing, no permission is necessary. IF you wish to use a sponsoring logo on the front of the shirt, you may do so upon request. Simply email that request to me from your Athletic Director with the date, opponent and name of the event to me at jsnodgrass@ohsaa.org. I will return a permit for you. There is no restriction on Shoe lace color so no permission is necessary there. And, good luck with your event.



Tournament Time-A New Season!

As you know, all teams are entered in the OHSAA's post-season tournament. There is no entry fee and teams that advance to Regional play actually receive some of their expenses BACK. Ohio is one of the few states that provides this to member schools. In a coming issue, I will provide a detailed explanation on the ‘how's and why's’ of the different levels of play. There are however, a set of regulations adopted annually by the elected Board of Directors that establish requirements for all teams across the state; to provide a fair and equitable tournament across all 6 Athletic Districts. You should familiarize yourself with these Tournament Regulations as well as the Overtime Procedures located within these regulations. I suggest EVERY coach print these off, read them and take them to your Draw Meeting. They can be accessed at: www.ohsaa.org/sports/so/sorglts.pdf