

Tournament Draws

Boys: 2:00 p.m.

Girls: 3:00 p.m.

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Notes on Tournament Draws

Each District Athletic Board conducts and organizes tournaments under the state adopted tournament regulations. Though managers are asked to provide Tournament Regulations at their respective seed meetings, you may download them at: www.ohsaa.org/sports/so/sorglts.pdf

You SHOULD download and read these prior to your draw. More will be covered in the week before your respective seed/draw meetings.

Scrimmage Note

Want to simply practice with a "Club Team" or with another school? Not a problem EXCEPT...any such 'activity' MUST be counted as a scrimmage. Make certain you have scrimmages remaining (4 total) before you do this.

Game Contracts "101"

Agreements to play a game between two schools are memorialized by written contracts between school administrators. Keep in mind a few things that you are agreeing to when you make that agreement:

The Officials – You might not like them after the outcome but you have agreed to them beforehand AND agree to abide by any and all of their decisions.

Game/Field Conditions – though you may not like the accommodations, the warm-up facilities or 'time on the field' for warm-up, iron these items out BEFORE contracts are agreed upon, not after.

Rate your Officials....

Now is a good time to MAKE CERTAIN you are rating your officials at the conclusion of your games. Varsity officials only need to be rated. You may even enter the officials' names in yourself for away contests **after** the game takes place (if the opposing school does not enter them). Rating your officials is important for you AND officials. It insures the best officials receive tournament assignments. They work hard and deserve your attention to it. Coaches play a critical role in the overall assignments of officials to tournament games. And, school coaches are actually FINED for non-compliance with rating requirements. If nothing else...avoid the fine.

Non-Interscholastic Warning #3....College "ID Camps"

This was in the Coaches Guide, in the required Rules Interpretation Meeting and also in the Soccer Sport Regulations. Attendance at any college workout/tryout during the season of play is a violation of the OHSAA's General Sports Regulation 7.3 – The "Non-Interscholastic Rule". Though many colleges realized they could not hold these during the Ohio high school season without jeopardizing the eligibility of student-athletes attending, there are several still doing this and several out of state. Keep in mind that several states play high school soccer in the SPRING...not making it an issue for them. However, remind your players – they cannot attend these "ID Camps" during the season. And the danger? First, those that DO attend become immediately ineligible. And, if an athlete goes forward and participates in a high school game for your school as an ineligible player – forfeiture of that contest is required.

One of your Players playing at the next level?

Most parents will tell you their child will be playing at the next level – or at least is good enough to do so. Each week, I mention "The Locker Room" and some of the GREAT resources for coaches (and others). This week, take a look at another of the free course:

NCAA Eligibility Center Coaching Education. This course has been jointly developed by the Eligibility Center and the NFHS and is designed to educate teachers, coaches, parents, and counselors about the NCAA's initial eligibility requirements. After completing the course, you will be more prepared to advise your student-athletes about the necessary steps to become certified to compete in NCAA Divisions I and II athletics. Coaches can complete a course immediately and are provided up to one year to review and access all printable resources. This is a GREAT resource for you to assist college-bound student athletes and their parents.



A "Special Event" Game?

Just a reminder from previous "OSW" postings; if you have an upcoming game such as "Kick for the Cure" or another 'game for a cause' and wish to request a one-time waiver to the uniform regulations, please do this directly by downloading the request form at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/so/SOspecialeventuniformrequest.pdf> Simply submit the form electronically or via Fax (614-267-1677) and an approval will be provided. Just remember that the "number requirements" must be adhered to within the Section 1 of Rule 4 of the NFHS Rules Book.



Music Lovers...Name that Tune

Unfortunately, I do need to put this out as a reminder every year. It works like this....a player gives a "CD" to a coach and asks the coach to put this on the "PA" before the game. It 'psyches them up'. No harm – no foul. UNTIL.... Yes, everything from offensive to inappropriate lyrics come forth over the speakers. I urge you to NEVER put music on that you have not only listened to first, but also have the approval of a school administrator AND have listened to the lyrics first. Use "Shazzam" or "Soundhound", two of the many apps that will provide you with the lyrics to songs. It may seem like a small and trivial thing....until it happens to you.

Game Administration

An item covered in detail during the online mandatory rules meeting and also covered in the Coaches' Guide addresses **Administrative Responsibilities** at games. Many times, Athletic Administrators are attending other events simultaneously and cannot be at a soccer game. But, OHSAA rules require SOMEONE to be responsible administratively at **all OHSAA contests**. And, that 'someone' might be you! That means 'crowd control', safety of officials, dealing with emergencies and inclement weather. This is a reminder to be prepared. KNOW your facility's Crisis Management Plan. Remember, that 'someone' might be YOU.