



# Ohio Soccer Weekly

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Thanks to all who have read each "OSW" posting. Hopefully this continues to help coaches and officials throughout the season. Don't hesitate to email suggestions for future items to include.

## Looking Ahead

Tournament Draw: Sunday, Oct. 10

### REFEREE'S CORNER

#### *Injured Keeper?*

*By Don Muenz, Director of Development*

*An interesting situation that has circulated in several areas of Ohio relative to an injured keeper. Does he/she have to be removed?*

**The Situation: The goalkeeper is injured and attended on the field.**

**-According to NF 3.11, the attended keeper must be removed and his/her team must restart play with a different goalkeeper.**

*Let's take a look at the rule itself:*

**3.3.2...Time for Substitutions: either team may substitute an unlimited number of players from the bench:**

**3.3.2(b): when a player is injured and removed from the field:**

**3.3.2(b)(2): The player(s) who is injured and attended to on the field or who is deemed injured by the referee shall leave the field and may be replaced.**

**There is NO rule exemption from removal for the goalkeeper.**

## Important Reminders

**Water-Water-Water!** Give the kids a break! Remember to keep kids hydrated during this hot weather!

Remind your players about **Non-Interscholastic Rules**. Reminders now may save ineligibilities later!

## RATE YOUR OFFICIALS!!!

This is a great time to remind all coaches to RATE their officials at the conclusion of each game. Here are a few items to help:

1. Make certain your officials are entered in the *myOHSAA* data system. Check first with your athletic director and check the common 'Q and A's' below.
2. Soon after your game, enter the system with your user name and password.
3. Click on your sport in the list of post game reports. The varsity schedule will appear.
4. Click "Record" and the "Report Score/Rate Officials" page will appear.
5. Report and Record your score (record by clicking 'save')
6. Scroll to the "Rate Officials" section and rate (and record) your officials

It's SIMPLE, It's IMPORTANT....and It's REQUIRED.

## COMMON Q & A's REGARDING RATING OF OFFICIALS

Since Rating of Officials is an important part of tournament selection, here are a few common questions and answers to help understand the 'how to' part as well as its importance:

**Q:** How do I know if the officials are entered in *myOHSAA*?

**A:** Check first with your Athletic Director.

**Q:** What if the official is different than what is listed in *myOHSAA*?

**A:** You are able to CHANGE that official by using your password and login. You may only change an official AFTER the contest has been played.

**Q:** Do I have to call the OHSAA to get a password?

**A:** No. Your Athletic Director issues passwords to coaches through his/her login.

**Q:** When I rate an official, when does that rating affect his/her tournament assignment?

**A:** Ratings are part of overall tournament process for the NEXT season's tournament.

Utilize this web address to view and print the Rating Instructions AND the instructions for obtaining a password: <http://www.ohsaa.org/myOHSAA/OfficialRatingInstructions.pdf>

Utilizing the Ratings component of the *myOHSAA* system also allows you to enter scores of your game. Utilizing the system allows you to view opponent schedules as well as opponent scores. As you can tell....for the system to work, coaches MUST enter the information!

## PLAY vs "CLUB/TRAVEL" TEAMS

Now that we are in the season of play, many teams struggle with numbers, especially at the JV level. We are asked quite often about playing school-based teams against "Club" or "Travel" teams. What are the regulations on that? Ohio is one of the very few states in the nation that permits its member schools to play against NON-member schools/teams. As a result, it IS permissible in Ohio. It MUST be counted as a game on the schedule and all halves played must count toward the 38 permitted and all NFHS rules must be followed. Consider the issues carefully when agreeing to this....there are no age/eligibility limitations on the club team and there are no consequences for unsporting actions (for club teams) should they occur. Essentially, by playing a non-member school, you *encourage* them to NOT play school-based soccer by providing them much needed games. Just something to consider.

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## By the Numbers

**16**

The number of BOYS' player ejections through week 1 in Ohio

**5**

The total number of GIRLS' player ejections through week 1 in Ohio

**828**

The number of member High Schools in the OHSAA for 2010-11; down 4 from 2009-10.

**7**

The number of high schools that were members of the OHSAA that closed this year.