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All COACH Rules Meetings
Required ONLINE for 2013

Private Instruction

OHSAA Sports Regulations DO permit players to receive INDIVIDUAL instruction during the season of play but only with your approval. I caution coaches on this, however. It does NOT give the permission for players to participate in workouts (disguised as “instruction”) with their club/travel/non-interscholastic teams. Generally, if the individual is *paying* for instruction it probably meets the permission.

Scrimmage Note

With a relatively ‘short’ pre-season in soccer, if you have any of your 4 permitted scrimmages remaining when your regular season starts – you MAY use scrimmages anytime throughout the season.

Important Note on Previews

Teams are permitted to schedule 1”Preview” if they wish to do so. Previews are clearly defined and MUST be one HALF in length (40 min. Varsity) Admission may be charged and can be held between August 12 and the date of your first game.

Alumni Scrimmages?

Many teams elect to hold an “Alumni Scrimmage. This is permissible since Ohio remains one of the few states that permits its schools to play teams that are not members of the state association. Please note, however, any Alumni Scrimmage is just that...1 of the 4 permitted scrimmages. Of course if you do this as 1 of the 10 permissible Instructional Days in June/July, the ‘event’ would not be considered an OHSAA event.

First Week Behind You...Now What?

1 week down – most team selections set...now what? Hopefully a few reminders here that will help as you move into scrimmage season.

- Remember to Schedule your required Parent-Player Meeting
- Start Familiarizing yourself with the Official Rating System
- Collect a copy of your “Emergency Medical Forms” to take to contests with you
- Put on your schedule a bi-weekly reminder about Non-Interscholastic Soccer
- Complete your Online Rules Meeting
- Encourage ASSISTANT Coaches to complete the Online Rules Meeting
- Inform your Athletic Director of ANY non-freshman that was not on your team last season

About the “Locker Room” (www.nfhslearn.com)

Last week, I mentioned “The Locker Room”. This educational site is an **excellent** resource for all the ‘off the field’ coaching tools and requirements. I know you’ll find some VERY helpful items for players, coaches AND PARENTS at this site. Most are free...I encourage you to utilize it. Over the next few weeks, I will highlight one of the offerings each posting of “OSW”. This week... **“Creating a Safe & Respectful Environment”** This course, which is one of many that are **FREE** focuses on **Inappropriate Relationships, Hazing, Bullying and Cyberbullying**. We may think it ‘never happens to us’ and maybe it won’t...but if you have a young assistant coach or a volunteer – go the extra step and have them take this course. An ‘ounce of prevention.....’



Concussion Legislation Reminders

This past April, Gov. Kasich signed HB 143 into law that has reaching effects for coaches, players and officials and their responsibilities/requirements in concussion recognition and “return to play” protocol. Please be cognizant of the signs and symptoms of concussions and even though you are required to complete the NFHS Concussion Course when you renew your Pupil Activity Permit, why wait? Take it now.

The Non-Interscholastic Rule – An Explanation

Soccer coaches received an email last week noting a reminder about the Non-Interscholastic Rule and how it affects attendance at “ID Camps”. As a result, MANY of you emailed me and stated that it was appreciated and understood now, however, what does the “September 23 Non-Interscholastic Date” mean? It seems to contradict the information I sent out. Great question and there are 2 important parts to the answer:

A “Special Event” Game?

More and more, teams are electing to participate in a ‘game for a cause’. While both the NFHS and OHSAA wish to commend and support the efforts of players and coaches for these events, a few guidelines exist. First and foremost, the requirements for the way in which jerseys/shorts are NUMBERED must remain. In other words, there must remain a 6” number on the back of the jersey and a 4” number on the front of the jersey OR short. The NFHS has permitted states to waive other requirements (such as the WHITE jersey at home and sponsor logos on the uniform) **one time** during the season. This must be approved by the OHSAA and the request can be made via email by submitted the waiver request located on the soccer web page at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/so/SOspecialeventuniformrequest.pdf>



Complete the State Rules Interpretation Meeting!

Time is closing in to complete your required Rules meeting. The deadline for completion is August 16 and it is required for entry to the OHSAA tournament. Access the meeting online via the Boys or Girls Soccer page from the OHSAA’s website at www.ohsaa.org.

Non-Interscholastic Warning #2

Once players establish themselves as a member of your school team by playing in a scrimmage OR a game, they are not permitted to tryout, practice or compete with ANY non-interscholastic program – including the “College ID Camps”. Please take a moment in your practices and REMIND your players.