

On the Calendar

Tournament Draw

Boys: Sunday, Oct. 5, 2:00

Girls: Sunday, Oct. 5, 3:00

Inclement Weather Policy

PLEASE review the inclement weather policy as we are in a stretch of frequent storms across the state. You can read this at:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/OHSAAInclementWeatherPolicy.pdf>

Online Resources

Coaches' Guide:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/so/SOCoachesManual.pdf>

NFHS Learning Center:

<http://nfhslearn.com/>

Soccer Field Diagram:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/so/girls/2013/SoccerFieldDimensions.pdf>

OHSAA Sports' Regulations:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/rg/GeneralSportsRegulations.pdf>

OHSAA Soccer Regulations:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/rg/so/SO.pdf>

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Game Ending Procedures – When Inclement Weather Stops a Contest

We are in that period of time with frequent storms often stopping play and not permitting games to be finished. This is detailed in the mandatory Rules Mtg. as well as in the Coaches' Guide (see left).

Basically:

- Any game that stops and cannot be finished **before the first half ends** is suspended from the exact point of play and is considered 'suspended' and resumes from that point at a later date.
- Any game that stops and cannot be finished **after the first half is complete** (0:00 on clock), is considered **a complete game**. Even if both teams WANT to finish the game...NFHS Playing rules do not permit it...it is a COMPLETE game. This is a NATIONAL playing rule.

Rules Meeting Reminder

1 week and counting! Please make sure you complete your mandatory "Rules Interpretation Meeting" online. This is a requirement before your team plays its first game. Non-completion means not being in the OHSAA tournament. This online meeting is a consistent communication regarding OHSAA regulations as well

The Learning Center

The NFHS maintains one of the best learning centers known for high school coaches, players and parents. Everything from the NCAA Eligibility course to "Positive Sport Parenting" are great resources for you as a coach. Take a look at www.nfhslearn.com and I think you'll be amazed at the resources available and most are free.

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

Junior High Soccer Players – High School Soccer Players

We have had one instance already with a 7-8 grade player practicing with the high school team. Please remember that this is NOT permissible by OHSAA regulations and does result in suspension and fine for the coach. This is covered in pre-season Rules Meetings and in Coaches' Guides. I suggest you inform sub-varsity coaches in your program this same information.

Non-Interscholastic Warning #1

I know this seems like overkill but now that we are in the season, have a weekly reminder to your players they are not permitted to tryout, workout, train or compete with their 'club' or 'travel teams. This results in ineligibility of the player and ultimately forfeiture if that player plays in a contest.

But Sir.....

It Happens:

On a throw-in; the ball was slippery and the player lost control of the ball in his throwing motion. And the ball barely came on to the field. The player instinctively picked the ball up and was going to attempt to throw it again. Is this an **improper throw in** and the other team now awarded the throw-in? Or, is this a **double touch** and the opposing team awarded an indirect kick? Or is it considered **handling** with a direct kick to the opposing team? And...the verdict is:

The throw-in begins when the ball begins to come forward from behind the head. If the ball slipped out before that, it would require a retake, as no throw-in has been legally attempted and all of the other things that subsequently happened would be moot. If the ball began coming forward and then came out and if the throw-in was properly performed and the ball legally entered the field of play, the thrower would be guilty of two fouls: a double-touch of the restart, NF 15.1.4; and handling, NF 12.2, requiring a direct free kick restart.

In this case the official judged the throw-in was performed legally, entered the field of play and imposed the greater penalty for the greater of the simultaneous fouls.

