

OHIO SOCCER WEEKLY



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>

Private Instruction

Players on school soccer teams **ARE** permitted to receive individual instruction by non-school 'trainers' or instructors during the season of play. However, an important 'safeguard' to this is the permission for school coaches to deny it if they so choose.

And...be careful that this does not violate the non-interscholastic rule. If the 'private instructor' is the player's club/travel coach, I would recommend being VERY careful with it...and having your school's Athletic Director contact me for specifics.

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Heat Issues – BE PREPARED!

All summer with 1 or 2 90 deg. days and now several in a row. Be prepared, give kids breaks. The NFHS offers an EXCELLENT (and Free!) Heat Illness Prevention Course. It is short and to the point. Call it a "CYA" or anything you like, but the knowledge and prevention is well worth it. Check it out at

www.nfhslearn.com.

Next Year's Schedule

Though your AD handles most of your scheduling, many schools 're-up' their contracts now for next year. Please note that next year's game schedule begins 1 week later; the first game is permitted on 8/22/15.

The first game this season was permitted on 8/16/14.

Encourage Players to be Officials.....Seriously

Don't laugh at this one. We need them. What a great part-time job for those that graduate. We actually DO have an increased number high school aged students in ALL sports obtaining their officiating license. So, I encourage you to 'throw it out there'. The sport needs good young officials. Any coach that has attended the OSSCA All-State Banquet in January has heard me stress to honorees to 'give back' to a great sport. This is a great opportunity. Encourage them to go to our website (www.ohsaa.org) and click on the "Officials Login" on the top right corner. They merely need to create a profile and it permits them to see the classes available – which generally begin in the summer. It's a great summer job and a great part-time job. And you can promise them you'll never raise your voice to them if they have one of your games.

Rate your Officials....

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.

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. I have mentioned on several occasions the resources available at www.nfhslearn.com. Soccer coaches by and large do a great job of helping their student-athletes play at the next level so the "NCAA Eligibility Course" is FREE and an excellent resource for coaches, parents and students. 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.

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. And...send any pictures to Tim Stried (tstried@ohsaa.org) with any additional information. Tim is the OHSAA's Director of Information and will be doing a story in an upcoming magazine on the efforts of teams/coaches around the state to benefit various causes.



But Sir.....

HANDBALL, Ref....are you blind!+%&##@

The foul is "handling." It must be deliberate. National Federation Rule 12.2 states: "A player shall be penalized for *deliberately handling, carrying, striking or propelling the ball* with a hand or arm."

The "hand": from the point of the shoulder bone on top of the clavicle to the ends of the fingertips.

Deliberateness is shown in several ways. This is not an exhaustive list. The "hand" moves toward the ball.

"hand," turns into the ball. The player had a reasonable opportunity to avoid "hand" contact with the ball

by moving out of the way or by playing the ball with a legal body part, but chose not to do so. Non-deliberate "hand" contact with the ball that is continued in order to gain an advantage. The "hand" is held in an unnatural position for the player's task and the ball contacts the "hand." The "hand" is carried in an unnatural position, such that the player denies passing, shooting or dribbling space to an opponent and the ball contacts the "hand."

Take a look at this picture. What do you think? Share your thoughts with Don Muenz at butsir@columbus.rr.com.

