

On the Calendar

Tournament Draw

Boys: Sunday, Oct. 5, 2:00

Girls: Sunday, Oct. 5, 3:00

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Divisional Breakdown

Boys

Division I: 377 and above

Division II: 201 – 376

Division III: 200 and less

Divisional Breakdown

Girls

Division I: 354 and above

Division II: 190 - 353

Division III: 189 and less

Note on Divisional Breakdowns

Divisional alignments are determined from the official enrollment count reported to the Ohio Dept. of Education in October of 2012.

Scrimmage Note

Have scrimmages remaining that you did not use?

OHSAA regulations permit scrimmages to be played ANYTIME from the start to the end of the season.

But...It must be a scrimmage for BOTH teams.

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Non-Interscholastic Warning #4

Yes, Warning #4...but oh so critical now. Over the past week, there have been several individuals from teams that participated in 'club' events while a member of their school team – a violation of the OHSAA's General Sports Regulation 7. Once again, PLEASE take 5 minutes before or after practice and stress the importance of this to your players. Players that participate in any non-school soccer tryout, practice, workout or competition while still a member of your team results in INELIGIBILITY. And...should they participate in a regular school contest AS an ineligible player.....FORFEITURE. Remind your players!

Suspended Games

A few weather issues last week brought about several suspended game questions. The procedures themselves are explained in detail in your Coaches Guide, but basically Article 3 of Rule 7 states:

...In the event a game must be suspended because of conditions which make it impossible to continue play, the head referee shall declare it an official game if one complete half or more of the game has been played. If less than one-half of the game has been played, the game may be rescheduled from the start or restarted from the suspension of play according to state association adoption.

So, it's obvious from this that a game in which a complete half has been played and the game cannot be completed that evening...the game is FINAL. Whether it is a tie, your most bitter league rival or a game that decides league standings; the game is FINAL. The game cannot be completed at a later date.

If a game is suspended BEFORE a complete half of play, Article 3 of Rule 7 indicates 'what to do' is left up to the states (see last week's OSW on 'State Adoptions'). The OHIO State Adoption says that we will pick up from the exact moment of stoppage. Hopefully...no more dealing with it!

Field Markings

I am somewhat surprised by the reports I have received in different locations regarding the lack of required field markings. It appears the major issues lie in artificial surfaced fields in which elaborate end zone designs have been placed on football fields and there is an unwillingness to put required soccer markings on these designs. The marks NEED to be there.

Nothing Can be Taken For Granted

From abuse violations to misconduct, very little can be taken for granted when it comes to working with student-athletes. Anytime I am part of a discussion on the fallout of many of the cases that have occurred relative to misconduct of coaches and the events surrounding it, they generally lead back to 'Who would have known or who would have even THOUGHT there was a problem?' And therein lies the heart of the matter, nothing can be taken for granted. I came across a great Sports Illustrated online article that really makes one think. <http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/vault/article/magazine/MAG1193474/index.htm> It's a great read and it DOES make you take a step back and think.

All of this highlights many of the reasons coaches are asked to do so many things. You can call them "CYA" items but things simply cannot be taken for granted anymore.

Need Help with Parents?

We're at a point in the season where many players (or their parents) feel they should be playing more or playing another position. Nearly everyone believes they can go on 'to the next level'. Since I am providing a couple of 'good reads', I also came across this one that addresses how parents behaviors and how they often view their son or daughter at contests. This was in the Detroit Free Press and it may give you a few suggestions when dealing with those dreaded 'parent meetings'.

<http://www.freep.com/article/20120822/HSS1201/308220078/Mick-McCabe-Parents-need-to-be-realistic-about-college-prospectss>

Another excellent resource is a FREE (I really did say FREE) course available through the NFHS that gives excellent advice for the parent on his/her role in sports. This course, along with all others available through the NFHS can be accessed at:

<http://www.nfhslearn.com/courses.aspx>

But Sir.....Let's take a look at Restarts after injury stoppage:

A player is injured. The referee decides to stop play while the goalkeeper's punt is in the air. The restart is not for the goalkeeper to re-punt the ball. The ball was in the air and no one had clear possession, so an IFK could not be awarded to the goalkeeper's team, either, NF 9.3.

In this situation, the proper restart is a drop ball between two opponents, NF 9.2.3, at the spot where the ball was when play was suspended, NF 9.3, provided the spot was not within the goal area, NF 9.2. Under NFHS Rules, there is never a one-person drop ball or a no-person drop ball.

9.2.1 Situation A (1981): The ball is being played by A2 in Team B's penalty area. B2 takes the ball away from A2 and kicks it to midfield. At the beginning of play, B3 had been hurt in the penalty area and appears to have a broken leg. The official sounds the whistle as B2 clears the ball from the penalty area. Following suspension of play, the official is about to put the ball in play by a drop ball just outside the penalty area when player B2 protests claiming they were in control of the ball when kicked from the penalty area. **RULING:** *When the ball was cleared there was no assurance as to which team would control the ball when it was next played. A drop ball should be given. (9.3) [Emphasis mine.]*

9.3.1 Situation A (1981): A1 kicks the ball hard and it hits B1 on the head injuring B1. B2 recovers the ball and starts downfield, but the official now stops the play for the injury. **RULING:** Indirect free kick for Team B because it was in possession when play was stopped.