

**Tournament Draw  
Next Week!**  
(Sunday, October 6 – 2:00 p.m.)



**Private Instruction**

Many questions arise now regarding players receiving individual instruction during the season. This is not to be confused with Non-Interscholastic Regulations that prohibit individuals from participating on club/travel teams during the season (which is NOT permitted). Players ARE permitted to receive INDIVIDUAL instruction during the season by 'outside' individuals *if the coach/school approves it*. This gives the authority to deny it to the school coach in the event the coach wants the individual players' focus with the team and with the team only.

**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.

**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>

**Print Your Soccer Tournament Regulations**

Next week, prior to tournament draws, I will be providing some important and helpful information as we gear up for the post-season tournament. Overtime Regulations, Seeding and drawing procedures, along with ALL regulations that affect tournaments across the state are available on the Soccer webpage or directly at this link: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/so/sorglts.pdf> . It might be a good idea to print them NOW and have them when you go to your tournament draw on October 6.