

Individual Instruction Regulation 8.6

On Thurs. Oct. 15, all head soccer coaches were emailed a detailed explanation regarding the “Individual Instruction Regulation (8.6) passed by the OHSAA’s Board of Directors. I encourage you to not only read this carefully but also to view the short online presentation at:

<http://ohsaa.articulate-online.com/4244037503>

You will find this extremely informative. This regulation applies to ALL coaches, paid or volunteer. The presentation includes detailed information to download.

Official Ratings...Last Chance Reminder!

Just a friendly reminder (you’re fined if you don’t!) to RATE your officials from this past regular season. Check with your Athletic Director OR use the info from:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/myOHSAA/OfficialRatingInstructions.pdf> for complete instructions on “how” to ‘rate’

Scrimmage Note

Those teams remaining in tournament MAY use scrimmages during tournament play. Keep in mind that is IF you have scrimmages remaining on your scrimmage schedule.

The “No-Contact Period

“No Contact” periods are defined in the OHSAA Sports Regulations (Sports Regulation 10). In a nutshell, any coach; whether paid OR volunteer is *prohibited from athletic or athletic-related contact with squad members in soccer for a period of time beginning with the first day after the last contest and ending 28 days later.*

This “athletic related contact” includes physical fitness, weight training, open field, etc. during this period of time.

You might be eager to begin next season....but give ‘em a break. They need it.

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Use Your Coaches’ Guide

As mentioned this year at Pre-Season time and also referenced in the online meeting, the **Soccer Coaches Guide** was designed as a year-round manual to help coaches with not only NFHS Rule issues but also with the OHSAA regulations both IN and OUT of season. This Coaches Guide is always available online at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/so/somanual.pdf> Everything covered in this posting is also detailed in the Coaches Guide. I encourage you to use it for explanations for all out-of-season guidelines.

Tournament Regulations - Overtime

Each year at tournament time, questions arise regarding the “overtime procedures”. These are part of the overall “Tournament Regulations” that I always recommend coaches read prior to tournament seed meetings. These

Tournament Success? REMIND Your Players – Non-Interscholastic Rule!

We all *try*, but violation of this regulation remains the number one cause of ineligibility AND forfeitures. Players cannot tryout, practice or compete with any non-high school team/program while a member of the school team. This includes “ID Camps” that have become popular. WAIT UNTIL THE SEASON IS OVER. If you are in tournament, remind players DAILY. The moment a player does this, he/she becomes an ineligible player and use of an ineligible player results in forfeiture of a contest. And, knowing any player that attempts to do this while a member of the school team is not likely to run tell the coach he/she did so – it is probably all the more important to spell out the consequences to them in advance.

When Does a Season “Officially” End?

So, exactly when DOES the season end? A JV Player for example, when does his/her season end compared to the same school’s varsity season? Here is another way to look at it – a player MAY actually participate with ‘club’/‘travel’, etc. anytime – **but they are ineligible from that moment on and ineligible to return to the school team.** So, when does the JV season actually end for a player? When the JV season is complete. A JV player may participate with his/her ‘club/travel’ team at that point, **but they are not eligible to return at any time to participate on the varsity tournament team.**

Coach Restrictions OUTSIDE The Season - Reminders

First, remember that ALL coaches –whether paid or volunteer – are held to the specifics of the No-Contact Rule. So, for 28 days, coaches may not do ANYTHING with players (except for a few things spelled out in the regulation itself). After that, anything that IS permitted by rule cannot be mandatory. After the 28 days, coaches may utilize the new “Individual Instruction Regulation” (see below), conduct “open gyms”, and conduct physical fitness/weight training programs.

Indoor Soccer Reminders

As Indoor teams form for the off-season, this is a reminder to coaches that board approved coaches, whether paid OR volunteer are NOT permitted to coach Indoor Soccer teams consisting of players from the school they coached at the previous year...EVEN if they do not plan on returning to that school. Additionally, players that played on a school team this past season are exempt from the “50% Limitation” **if and only if** playing Indoor Soccer under the **exact USSF Indoor Soccer Regulations.** The original exemption was put in place years ago with the clear understanding that Indoor Soccer, played under these rules was a ‘different game’ than the outdoor 11 v 11 game. Therefore, there is no intention of granting the exemption to merely ‘bring the outdoor game inside’. This is a greater concern today than a few years ago simply because of newer facilities that are being built that can accommodate larger and larger team play. Please keep in mind that ANY time there is play involving anything beyond the USSF Indoor Soccer Rules, the 50% limitation (5 players from any one school team) is in effect. Graduating seniors do not count in this total.

“Futsal”

“Futsal”, growing in popularity in Ohio, especially in many private Indoor Facilities is a game that utilizes a different ball as well as a different surface than soccer. There are no limits on the number from a school that can play on any one Futsal team. Coaches, however, are still not permitted to coach their players out of season on Futsal, Indoor, or Non-Interscholastic teams.