

9. SOCCER — BOYS AND GIRLS

A. GENERAL REGULATIONS

1) Interscholastic Participation

- 1.1) A player shall not be permitted to participate in more than three halves during any one day with a total of 32 halves for the season. Any part of a half is counted as one half. In an overtime game, the overtime shall be considered an extension of the second half. (Penalty — See Sports Regulation 19.)

If a player participates in more than three halves in one day, the player shall be ejected from the game when discovered, the team shall play short for the remainder of the game. All halves played shall count as halves toward the maximum permitted.

- 1.2) Any scheduled regular season game in soccer which is not started due to unforeseen circumstances, such as failure of team to arrive, strikes, school closing, is "No Contest." Games not played are not included in won-lost statistics.
- 1.3) Any OHSAA tournament game interrupted due to events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority shall be continued from the point of interruption.
- 1.4) Length of halves — high school varsity — 40 minutes, reserve & ninth — 36 minutes, grades 7 & 8 — 30 minutes.
- 1.5) PREVIEW — A preview may be scheduled and played only during the period of time beginning with Friday (August 16, 2002) before the season begins and ending with the date of the first regular season game of the teams involved. Participating in a preview reduces by one the number of scrimmages permitted.

Soccer previews may not exceed one 40 minute half for any player or team, and a school team or player may participate in only one preview a year. Previews shall be timed and played according to the current soccer rules. No preview may be played after a regular season game has been played.

2.1) Ejection for Unsportsmanlike Conduct – Players

Any soccer player disqualified with a red card (NF Rule 12-8-3) shall be ineligible for all contests for the **remainder of that day**. In addition, the student shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels in soccer until two regular season/tournament contests are played at the same level as the disqualification.

If the ejection occurs in the last contest of the season, the student shall be ineligible for the same period of time as stated above in the next sport in which the student participates. A student under suspension may not sit on the team bench, enter the locker room or be affiliated with the team in any way traveling to, during or traveling after the contest(s).

A student who is disqualified a second time shall be suspended for the remainder of the soccer season. A student who has been ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct for the second time in the season during the last contest shall be ineligible for a period of time/number of contests subject to the discretion of the Commissioner. The period of ineligibility shall commence during the next sport in which the student participates.

It is the responsibility of the local school authorities to ensure this regulation is enforced. When an ineligible student is allowed to participate, forfeiture of the contest is mandatory. This regulation shall apply to all regular season and tournament contests and shall in no way limit the discretionary authority of the Commissioner as specified in the OHSAA Tournament Regulations. In accordance with Bylaw 8-3-1, the decisions of contest officials are final.

2.2) Ejection for Unsportsmanlike Conduct – Coaches

Any soccer coach disqualified with a red card (NF Rule 12-8-3) shall be suspended from coaching for all contests the **remainder of that day**. In addition, the coach shall be suspended from coaching for all contests at all levels in soccer until two regular season/tournament contests are played at the same level as the disqualification.

If the ejection occurs in the last contest of the season, the coach shall be ineligible for the same period of time as stated above in soccer during the following season in the next school year.

A coach who has been suspended from coaching may attend the contest, but must be seated in the spectator area and may not give instructions to the players or to the individual who has been assigned to coach the team any time prior to or during the contest including halftime or any intermission. A suspended coach shall not travel with the squad to an away contest.

A coach who has been ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct for the second time shall be suspended indefinitely and required to attend a mandatory conference with the Commissioner at the OHSAA headquarters. The principal of the school shall be required to attend this conference as well. Any penalty shall be determined in accordance with Bylaw 12.

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3) Non-Interscholastic Participation

- 3.1) A member of an interscholastic soccer squad (any student who has played in a scrimmage, preview or regular season/tournament game as a substitute or starter) sponsored by the Board of Education **shall not participate in a non-interscholastic program** (tryouts, practice or contest) as an individual or a member of a team in the sport of soccer **during the school's season** (Bylaw 10-3-1).

- 3.2) A member of an interscholastic soccer squad (any student who has played in a scrimmage, preview or regular season/tournament game as a substitute or starter) sponsored by the Board of Education may participate in non-interscholastic soccer prior to and after the school season under the following conditions:

- 3.21) The number of interscholastic soccer players from the same school on a non-interscholastic squad is limited to five on the roster of that non-interscholastic squad. A roster is defined as all the members of the entire squad on that non-interscholastic squad.

3.22) There is no limit on the number of soccer squad members from the same school participating on the same squad during the period June 1-July 31.

3.23) A player may continue to play with a non-interscholastic squad in a national qualifying tournament in excess of the five player limitation after July 31 until the squad is eliminated but no later than Labor Day.

3.24) Non-interscholastic participation includes tryouts, training, practice and competition.

3.3) A student may not play in non-interscholastic soccer contest, game or scrimmage, while a member of the school soccer squad, until the student's team has completed its schedule. This includes tournaments when applicable.

3.4) An intramural team is a non-interscholastic team (Bylaw 10-2-1) and all rules for non-interscholastic teams apply.

3.5) All-Star Games — An All-Star game is a non-interscholastic (See Bylaw 10-2-1) contest in which all contestants on each team are players selected from four or more school teams. The following regulations apply:

1) All participants shall be graduating seniors or students completing athletic eligibility at the end of the semester.

2) Participants may play in no more than two All-Star games.

3) No more than three players from any one school may participate on a team.

4) The coach of an All-Star team may coach players from his/her school in that All-Star game.

5) In accordance with Bylaw 10-3-1, students may not participate in All-Star contests until after they have participated in their final contest of their interscholastic season.

Penalty: For a senior, violation of this regulation may result in the loss of athletic eligibility for the balance of the current school year. For all other students, the penalty may result in loss of eligibility for the ensuing season in the sport in which the student participated in the All-Star contest.

3.6) Individual Non-Interscholastic Competition Dates:

A soccer athlete who has not participated for a school team in soccer that season must cease non-interscholastic soccer competition 4 weeks (28 days) prior to the Monday of the State Tournaments in soccer in order to be eligible for OHSAA Tournament competition provided applicable Bylaws and Regulations have been followed.

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3.7) Participation in indoor soccer, under the rules of The United States Soccer Federation Indoor Soccer Rules, is not a violation of OHSAA non-interscholastic team Bylaw 10-3-3 for student-athletes.

3.8) In accordance with Bylaw 10-3-5, interscholastic soccer coaches are prohibited from coaching their own interscholastic squad members in indoor soccer except for 10 days from June 1 – July 31.

4) Instructional Programs

4.1) Instructional programs out-of-the-season of soccer involving team play, defined as any activity of individuals with more than one player opposing one player may be attended only from June 1-July 31.

4.2) There may be no instructional programs involving team play from August 1 through May 31 except during the school soccer season.

4.3) Individual skill instruction may be received by a soccer squad member at any time in individual or group lessons. The soccer coach may conduct individual or group lessons for a soccer squad member only during the period of June 1-July 31 provided the 10-day limitation is not exceeded.

4.4) There is no limit on the number of soccer squad members from the same school participating on the same team during the period June 1-July 31.

4.5) Any soccer coach, paid or volunteer, (this includes but is not limited to: teaching professionals, coaches who work for national amateur governing bodies or other non-interscholastic organizations, club owners, YMCA directors, etc.) shall be approved by the Board of Education in the school year just completed and may have contact in an instructional program as director or employee with soccer squad members from the school where employed during the soccer season and for a period not to exceed 10 days from June 1-July 31.

4.6) Members of the soccer coaching staff are limited to a total of 10 days in any combination of instructional program days and non-interscholastic participation days as specified in Bylaw 10-3-5.

4.7) Soccer squad members may be used for out-of-season demonstration purposes only if approved in advance by the Commissioner.

5) No Contact Period — Coaches

5.1) Any soccer coach, paid or volunteer, shall be approved by the Board of Education to coach soccer and is prohibited from athletic or athletic-related contact with soccer squad member (i.e., physical fitness, weight training, open gyms, etc.) in the sport of soccer for a period of time starting with the first day after the last interscholastic contest and ending 28 days later. This includes any type of tryouts in or out of school for purposes of non-interscholastic competition. It also includes verbal contact which encourages, discusses or promotes any activity related to soccer.

6) Penalties

6.1) The **maximum** penalty for violations of Bylaw 10-3-1, participation with a non-interscholastic soccer squad while a member of the school's interscholastic soccer squad, is ineligibility for the remainder of the interscholastic soccer season.

6.2) The **maximum** penalty for violation of any OHSAA regulations for any member of a school squad except a senior, shall be ineligibility for soccer the ensuing season. If a senior, the **maximum** penalty shall be ineligibility for the remainder of the school year. (See Bylaw 10-4-1 for penalty for playing on a non-interscholastic team.)

6.3) The penalty for a coach for violation of Bylaw 10 (non-interscholastic teams) may include suspension, probation, public censure, fine not to exceed \$1,000 per occurrence, or such other penalty as the Commissioner may deem appropriate.

B. SPECIFIC REGULATION — Grades 9-12

- 1) Coaching and instruction may begin — August 5, 2002.
Exception: Classes begin on or before August 16, coaching may begin August 2.
- 2) First match — August 24, 2002.
- 3) Deadline date for OHSAA Tournament — September 10, 2002.
- 4) Coaching and Season end — November 9, 2002.
- 5) Scrimmages or Previews — Maximum of four scrimmages or three scrimmages and one preview.
- 6) Regular season contests permitted — 16.
- 7) Rules — National Federation Soccer.
- 8) Officials
 - 8.1) Varsity — Minimum of two OHSAA Class 1 or Class 2 officials required. Regardless of number officiating, all must be OHSAA Class 1 or Class 2.
 - 8.2) Reserve/Junior Varsity — Minimum of two OHSAA Class 1 or Class 2 officials required.
 - 8.3) Freshman — OHSAA Class 1, 2 or 3 recommended.

NOTE: If only one OHSAA official is present to officiate the contest, the game may be played if opposing coaches agree.

C. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — Grades 7 & 8

- 1) Coaching and instruction may begin — August 5, 2002.
Exception: Classes begin on or before August 16, coaching may begin August 2.
- 2) First match — August 24, 2002.
- 3) Coaching and Season end — November 9, 2002.
- 4) Scrimmages — None permitted.
- 5) Regular season contests permitted — 14 plus 1 post season tournament not to exceed 4 games.
- 6) Rules — National Federation Soccer.
- 7) Officials — OHSAA Class 1, Class 2 or Class 3 official recommended.

	Week #	2002
1st Day for Coaching		8/5*
Earliest Preview Date		8/16
	1	8/24-8/31
	2	9/2-9/7
	3	9/9-9/14
	4	9/16-9/21
	5	9/23-9/28
	6	9/30-10/5
	7	10/7-10/12
Sectionals	8	10/14-10/19
Districts	9	10/23-10/28
Regionals	10	10/30-11/2
State Finals	11	11/5-11/9

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*See exception in B1 and C1.

	Week #	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
1st Day for Coaching		8/4	8/9	8/8	8/7	8/6
Earliest Preview Date		8/15	8/20	8/19	8/18	8/17
	1	8/18-8/23	8/23-8/28	8/22-8/27	8/21-8/26	8/20-8/25
	2	8/25-8/30	8/30-9/4	8/29-9/3	8/28-9/2	8/27-9/1
	3	9/1-9/6	9/6-9/11	9/5-9/10	9/4-9/9	9/3-9/8
	4	9/8-9/13	9/13-9/18	9/12-9/17	9/11-9/16	9/10-9/15
	5	9/15-9/20	9/20-9/25	9/19-9/24	9/18-9/23	9/17-9/22
	6	9/22-9/27	9/27-10/2	9/26-10/1	9/25-9/30	9/24-9/29
	7	9/29-10/4	10/4-10/9	10/3-10/8	10/2-10/7	10/1-10/6
	8	10/6-10/11	10/11-10/16	10/10-10/15	10/9-10/14	10/8-10/13
Sectionals	9	10/13-10/18	10/18-10/23	10/17-10/22	10/16-10/21	10/15-10/20
Districts	10	10/20-10/25	10/25-10/30	10/24-10/29	10/23-10/28	10/22-10/27
Regionals	11	10/29-11/1	11/3-11/6	11/2-11/5	11/1-11/4	10/31-11/3
State Finals	12	11/4-11/8	11/9-11/13	11/8-11/12	11/7-11/11	11/6-11/10

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