2018 CHSAA GIRLS’ SOCCER BULLETIN

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Dear Soccer Athletic Director and Coach:

As interscholastic girls’ soccer enters the 40th spring season of sanctioned competition by the Colorado High School Activities Association, the progress among our membership continues to increase with the number of student/athletes and teams escalating each season. The outstanding support our programs receive from coaches, athletic directors, schools, officials, parents and communities is a direct reflection of the hard work and dedication that propels the steady increase.

This bulletin contains the guidelines, policies, and bylaw references that are critical for the athletic director/coach along with your student/athletes to be acquainted with and understand. We have published an online document that is separated into easy to read informational categories: CHSAA; NFHS; Officials; Post-Season; and Miscellaneous. With this format, the bulletin becomes an integral part of our season and is beneficial when referencing applicable items.

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO BECOME THOROUGHLY ACQUAINTED WITH THIS BULLETIN

Contained within this file, you will find the general policies that will be in effect during the 2018 regular and post-season play as well as a summary of the CHSAA Bylaws along with the National Federation Rules changes and the State Playoff Format. The official’s section includes two avenues for the coach to evaluate each officiating crew following all scheduled matches. We encourage you to share the sportsmanship information with the student/athletes; parents; fans and community.

Please reference your school calendar and remind your administration, players, parents and coaches about special holidays, graduation dates, SAT, ACT and PSAT testing dates, etc. By notifying them of possible date conflicts, you will be able to help avoid potential scheduling problems. Note: The CHSAA cannot change the playoff dates approved by the Legislative Council to accommodate any of these types of engagements.

Our CHSAA 2018 girls’ championship soccer teams are fortunate to continue to enjoy the atmosphere of the State Championship matches at Dick’s Sporting Goods Park. The CHSAA Soccer Committee has worked on the school’s behalf to provide a fair and equitable format for the 2018 spring season and this site only enhances the playoff format and experience for all of our athletes.

The principal and/or athletic director can answer most questions you might have concerning the upcoming season. If they are unable to do so, do not hesitate to contact me at the CHSAA office by email at ederrera@chsaa.org. You are also welcome to contact my Executive Administrative Assistant, Theresa Muniz tmuniz@chsaa.org.

Best wishes on a Successful Season and Thank you for your contribution to high school activities and support of Colorado’s high school students.

Sincerely,
Ernie Derrera,
CHSAA Assistant Commissioner
PRESS RELEASE

Wilson Sporting Goods Co. and the Colorado High School Activities Association are proud to announce the “NEW OFFICIAL SOCCER BALL” for the 2016-2017 Playoffs and Championships!

The Wilson Forte Fybrid II ball was adopted as the Official Ball of the NCAA beginning last fall. The Forte Fybrid ball was presented to the CHSAA Soccer Committee and received great reviews.

The Stock Numbers for the NEW Wilson NCAA/CHSAA family of Soccer Balls are:

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2017-2018 CHSAA SOCCER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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The 2017-2018 Soccer Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at the CHSAA office. Any suggestions for changes, ideas, comments, etc. can be directed to Ernie Derrera - CHSAA, and/or Soccer Advisory Committee Chairperson, Justin Saylor, or any committee member. You are encouraged to attend the Boys/Girls Soccer Committee meeting.

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Registration for the 2018 spring season is open. Get the form above (under ‘General Information’) - or - Reregister on Arbiter in Arbiter, use CHSAA-Soccer Group ID ...

The 2018 Girls’ Soccer Season is here and Colorado high schools are again preparing for another season.

41th Annual State High School Girls’ Soccer Season

Important Reminders:

1. Scrimmages may be held beginning March 3
2. Competition may begin March 8
3. Last date of regular season games May 5
4. Playoff roster due date May 8
5. Each coach must certify that players are properly and legally equipped
6. Each player must have 5 days of practice before participating in a game or scrimmage
MAJOR SOCCER COMMITTEE CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR:

NOTE: The CHSAA Board of Directors issued a policy mandating the use of a Rating Percentage Index (RPI) for postseason qualification in all team sports in the 2017-2018 season in an effort to find more consistency across team sports. The RPI system will be used to determine the (32) teams for each of the 3A, 4A and 5A classifications.

A. The Rating Percentage Index (RPI) will be utilized to determine the State Tournament bracket. The final RPI ranked teams will be listed #1-16 in order on the playoff bracket for all boys’ classifications.

B. The first and second round State playoff bracket dates for the 3A Boys’ and Girls’ have been modified to mirror the dates for 4A/5A beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. (Please see playoff dates)

Corrections to the 2017-2018 Soccer Rules Book

- Page 23, 4-1-1i(3) – CHANGE 4-1-1h(1) to 4-1-1i(1)
- Page 26, 4-1-1 Situation Q – RULING a is illegal
- Page 77, State Association Adoptions 1. CHANGE (4-2-1h Exception 3) to (4-2-1h Exception 2)
- Page 78, Comments on the Rules – CHANGE second reference in first comment 4-4-1e to 4-1-1e
MAJOR BYLAW CHANGES
2017-2018

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Please note that the CHSAA staff continually updates the CHSAA Constitution and Bylaws when errors are found. The most updated document can be found at CHSAANOW.com, then clicking on CHSAA.org, Member School Info + Tools, then Bylaws.
2018 GIRLS SOCCER CALENDAR

February 26 .......................................................... First formal practice
March 3 ................................................................. First Scrimmage Date
March 3 .................................................................. SAT Test Date
March 8 ..................................................................... First contest
April 14 ................................................................. ACT Test Date
May 5 ................................................................. Regular season games must be completed
May 6 ............................................................ CHSAA State Pairing/Seeding Committee Meeting

(CHSAA Office)
May 6 .......................................................... State Pairings will be posted on CHSAA’s website

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May 8 .................................................... Roster/game-by-game form due to CHSAA
May 16 ................................................................. 2A Semifinal Games
May 18 .................................................... Semifinal/Final Meeting @ Dick’s Sporting Goods Park
May 19 ................................................................. 3A/4A/5A Semifinal Games
May 22 ................................................................. 2A/3A State Championship Game
May 23 ................................................................. 4A/5A State Championship Game

...... Dick’s Sporting Goods Park, Commerce City
Dates for 2018 Girls’ Soccer Season

Please note specific play dates in all classifications for all rounds

Girls

Rules of thumb for state championship dates:
2A Semifinal 2nd Wednesday prior to Memorial Day
3A, 4A, 5A Semifinal 2nd Saturday prior to Memorial Day
2A, 3A Final Tuesday before Memorial Day
4A, 5A Final Wednesday prior to Memorial Day

Qualifying system submitted to CHSAA office
By the league or region, as required: Thursday, March 1, 2018
Thursday, February 28, 2019

2A, 3A, 4A & 5A last regular season games
Completed by: Saturday, May 5, 2018
Saturday, May 4, 2019

2A, 3A, 4A & 5A qualifiers determined by: Saturday, May 5, 2018
Saturday, May 4, 2019

2A, 3A, 4A & 5A 1st round on:
2A Tuesday, May 8, 2018
3A Wednesday, May 9, 2018
4A Wednesday, May 9, 2018
5A Tuesday, May 8, 2018
2A Tuesday, May 7, 2019
3A Wednesday, May 8, 2019
4A Wednesday, May 8, 2019
5A Tuesday, May 7, 2019

3A, 4A & 5A round of 16 on:
3A, 4A Saturday, May 12, 2018
5A Friday, May 11, 2018
3A, 4A Saturday May 11, 2019
5A Friday, May 10, 2019

2A, 3A, 4A & 5A quarterfinals:
2A Friday, May 11, 2018
3A, 4A & 5A Wednesday, May 16, 2018
2A Friday, May 10, 2019
3A, 4A & 5A Wednesday, May 15, 2019

2A, 3A, 4A & 5A semifinals:
2A Wednesday, May 16, 2018
3A, 4A & 5A Saturday, May 19, 2018
2A Wednesday, May 15, 2019
3A, 4A & 5A Saturday, May 18, 2019

2A, 3A, 4A & 5A finals:
2A, 3A Tuesday, May 22, 2018
4A, 5A Wednesday, 23, 2018
2A, 3A Tuesday, May 21, 2019
4A, 5A Wednesday, May 22, 2019
FIRST CONTEST
The initial date on which a school may schedule and conduct an interscholastic contest is: Thursday, March 8, 2018.

PLAYOFF SITES AND TIMES

All playoff competition in each round must be completed on the scheduled date:

Semi-Final and Championship planning meeting Friday, May 18, 2018 at 10:00 am at Dick’s Sporting Goods Park

SOCCER SEMIFINAL GAMES
5A Saturday, May 19, 2018 at Echo Park Stadium
4A Saturday, May 19, 2018 at Legacy Stadium
3A Saturday, May 19, 2018 at All City Stadium
Game Times at each site: 11:00 am and 1:30 pm
2A Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at All City Stadium
2A Semifinal Game Times: 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Championship: At Dick's Sporting Goods Park
2A & 3A: Tuesday, May 22, 2018  2A- 5:00 pm  3A- 7:00 pm
4A & 5A: Wednesday, May 23, 2018  4A- 5:00 pm  5A- 7:00 pm

In case of inclement weather in first round through quarter-final matches the host school will make all decisions regarding playability of the field before the scheduled match time and shall notify the CHSAA of any decisions. All attempts to stay on the tournament schedule should be made and not jeopardize the safety of the participants.

GAME MANAGEMENT REMINDERS

REGULAR SEASON GAMES:
1. All regular season games will be played according to the National Federation and be completed by Saturday, May 5, 2018 for all schools.

2. TEAM BENCH AREAS - It is strongly recommended that both teams sit on the same side of the field as per Rule 1 – the Field of Play, Section 5 – Officials and Team Areas. This arrangement of the team area both on the same side of the field assists in the administration of the game. This arrangement of the teams has also proved to be successful in the sporting behavior of both players and coaches, if this recommendation does not accommodate the needs of your school soccer program it is understood.

This is not meant to suggest that fans from both schools must sit on the same side of the field. At many soccer fields and venues, teams are on one side of the field and spectators are on the opposite side of the field. The practice of teams on the same side of the field is most common in club, youth, college, professional soccer and in our professional leagues and World Cup competitions.
3. **FIELD MARKINGS** - The CHSAA asks that you work with your maintenance and field staffs to make sure your field of play is marked as per the NF rule book guidelines, which are found in the NF rule books on the page following the table of contents. Located there is the NF diagram for marking a high school soccer field. It includes the markings for team bench and officials’ areas for teams located on the same side of the field, as per NF rules. It is the responsibility of each school and their athletic department, in cooperation with their grounds staff, to ensure their soccer field is marked in accordance to the rules of the game.

Reminder to AD and coaches about soccer fields without fences or barriers for fans. The NFHS rules require a chalked or marked line 10’ from the boundary lines. In addition, no one shall be permitted directly behind either goal unless seated in bleachers. Please locate the NFHS soccer field diagram in the front of the NFHS soccer rule book for directions to these markings and to NFHS soccer Rule 1-6.

4. Coaches of all levels (varsity, junior varsity, and freshman) must present to the referee or center official a copy of the up to date and accurate team roster, including numbers and names of all team players, before the game begins.

5. The host school and tournament host school is responsible for keeping a varsity scorebook, which contains a team roster, including numbers and names of all team players for all varsity matches.

6. A game may only begin when at least 7 players are available to play; once a team is reduced to less than seven players the game shall be terminated (NFHS rule 3, Article 2, Page 15).

7. **Mandatory Mercy Rule**: Refer to Mercy Rule information listed in this bulletin.

8. If play is suspended for any reason in a post-season game or during the first half of a regular season game, **the contest will be restarted at the point of interruption**. During the regular season, if the game has been interrupted after the first half has been completed, the game will be declared official.

If a weather element affects the field condition or safety of the athletes, by National Federation Rule, the home site management has responsibility to determine if the game is to be started. Once the game has started, the game referee then has sole responsibility to continue or terminate the contest.

9. **Uniform Requirements** - consistent with National Federation rules, "Jerseys and socks of opposing teams shall be of contrasting colors and, in the event of a similarity of color; the home team shall be responsible for making the necessary change. The home team shall wear solid white jerseys and solid white socks, and the visiting team shall wear dark jerseys and socks. Prior to and during the game jerseys shall be tucked into the shorts, unless manufactured to be worn outside. Both socks shall be the same color, with the home team wearing solid white socks and the visiting team wearing socks of a single dominant color, but not necessarily the color of the jersey. If tape of similar material is applied externally to the socks, it must be of similar color as that part of the sock to which it is applied." (NFHS rule book – 4-1-1a, b, c)

10. **Tie-breaking procedure for regular season games**: If the match is tied at the end of the regulation time, **(2) 10-minute sudden victory (Golden Goal) overtime periods will be played**. Shootouts or penalty kicks may not be used to determine winners in regular season games (unless the contests are part of a CHSAA Sanctioned Tournament). If the tie is not broken after the (2) 10-minute sudden victory (Golden Goal) overtime periods, the game will be recorded as a tie.
11. Overtime – Sub Varsity: Tied at the end of regulation – Tie breaking procedures must be determined through league adoption. If overtime is played it will consist of 2-five-minute sudden victory (Golden Goal) overtime periods. If a tie-breaking procedure is not established prior to the contest, the game will end in a tie.

12. If some member schools elect to play junior varsity schedules only, they will not be included in the CHSAA state post season tournaments.

13. Ejected Player Penalty – A player ejected for a red card will be subjected to the CHSAA ejection policy. (CHSAA By-law 2200.1)

14. All players who receive a second yellow card in the same game shall be disqualified from the remainder of the current game, plus the next contest of the same level regardless of whether a red card was displayed. If a player disqualification (red card) occurs, it is the responsibility of the coach and school to declare the individual ineligible for the next contest of that level. The athlete may not take part in any other games at any level during this time (CHSAA By-law 2200.11). Failure to do so and allowing a disqualified player to participate in the next contest of that level could result in a forfeiture and possible playoff restriction for the team. If a player receives a game disqualification (red card) in the last regular season or region contest, he/she must miss the first game of the playoffs. If you have questions about potentially ineligible participants seek answers from CHSAA before allowing the individual to compete interscholastically.

15. Game Officials are responsible for notifying the CHSAA Assistant Commissioner in charge of soccer when a member of the coaching staff at a school is given a yellow card for dissent and/or unsporting behavior. The report will then be distributed to the respective schools for action by the institution.

16. Game officials will report a coach’s red card for unsporting like behavior to the CHSAA Assistant Commissioner in charge of soccer.

17. Ejection of a Coach - CHSAA By-laws require that a credentialed (registered) coach under contract with the school must assume supervisory responsibility for all interscholastic contests. If a coach is ejected and no credentialed (registered) person from that school is available, the contest shall be forfeited.

If it becomes necessary for an official to eject a coach from a game for any reason, the CHSAA Board of Directors shall place the coach on CHSAA probation in accordance with the policies established and the coach must miss the next contest of the same level in which he/she was ejected. (CHSAA Bylaw 2210.1 & 2210.2)

**CHSAA By-law Article 22, Rule 2210.22** - A coach ejected from a game is required to complete the following courses offered on-line by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS): Sportsmanship; Teaching and Modeling Behavior. These courses shall be completed before he/she will be removed from probation and must be finished in a reasonable amount of time during the season to be determined by the school’s athletic director.

18. Protests - Appeals – NO protests involving the judgment or possible misapplication of a rule by a game official will be considered by the CHSAA. However, coaches may direct questions to the game officials as they pertain to possible misapplication of the rules at the time of the occurrence, in accordance with the National Federation rules. Once a game has been declared as completed, the outcome is considered to be final and official. Coaches and Administrators are encouraged to use the official evaluation form available on the ArbiterSports website for evaluation of all contests.
19. **ALL Registered Coaches, Unauthorized Assistants** - Carefully review CHSAA Bylaw 1620 in the CHSAA Handbook regarding the qualification of coaches. Do not allow your athletes to receive instruction from anyone who does not meet the requirements established in CHSAA Bylaw 1620. Assistant coaches must be under the direct supervision of a certified (registered) head coach and must be under contract to the school. To allow a "volunteer" who is not under contract to work with your athletes exposes the "volunteer", the head coach and the school to increased liability and is a CHSAA violation.

20. **Tournament Sanction** - Schools hosting tournaments involving four or more teams must complete the "Application to Host Sanctioned Events" form and submit it to the CHSAA 30 days prior to the event. Check the tournament you are scheduled to participate in and make sure it is CHSAA sanctioned. (CHSAA Bylaw 2610)

21. The host school has the responsibility to ensure that an event is governed in a manner that emphasizes the educational values inherent in interscholastic activities. It is the host school's responsibility to remove any individual(s) creating a disturbance, which disrupt(s), the educational goals of the event and does not keep in mind the positive aspect of sporting behavior. Individuals, who by their actions, have become a constant disruption to the orderly governance of a high school activity shall be barred indefinitely by the school's principal, or his/her designee, from attending all high school activities at member school(s) and all sectional, district, region, and state playoff events. The CHSAA, the league, and offender must receive written notification of such action. (CHSAA Bylaw 2240)

❖ **Officials**

- **Dressing Room - Restrictions/Supplies.** Where possible the official's dressing room should be located in an area with the most direct access to the playing field and or court. The officials' dressing room shall be used as a changing area for game officials only. No other individuals shall have access to this area for any purposes unless they can be identified as game management, CHSAA personnel, and/or the officiating observer. The room shall be stocked with water. It is recommended that a sign be placed on the door that states: "Officials' Dressing Room. No admittance per CHSAA." It is also only recommended that soft drinks and/or isotonic beverages be made available.

- **Security** - It is the responsibility of game management to provide security escort for game officials to and from the playing field or court. If possible, the officials should be escorted to the parking lot.

- **Arrival at Site** - Game officials are required to arrive at the game site per their officiating association’s policy. If an official arrives at the game site within 15 minutes of the start of the game, game management should contact the CHSAA office after the game.

- **Communication with Officials** - Except for contact as is necessary by game management all others are prohibited from talking to the officials before, during, at halftime or after games concerning matters related to the game. Officials are asked to report any such violations to the CHSAA office.

- **Halftime** - Game officials will delay leaving the playing field or court until players and coaches have left at halftime. A security escort is to be provided to take officials to their dressing room and prevent contact or conversation between coaches and officials.
Coaches

Sporting Behavior Cards - The Officials shall provide each varsity coach with a business size card with their sports officiating association’s sportsmanship statement. This card, which also contains the names of the officiating crew, shall be presented at time that is designated by that sports pre-game procedure. **Both opposing coaches are asked to evaluate the crew of officials after each game. Click on the coaches’ tab at the chsaa.org site to find the convenient interactive link or log-in to the ArbiterSports website for evaluation of officials.**

Introduction of Starting Lineups - Leagues shall create a standard introduction-of-team’s procedure. For interleague play, the visiting coach should be contacted prior to the day of the game to get agreement on the use of the home team’s introduction procedure.

“CHEER FOR YOUR TEAM, NOT AGAINST THE OPPONENT”

**MAXIMUM CONTESTS**

A student may not participate in more than **36** halves exclusive of regional and state tournaments. No member school shall permit its soccer team to participate in more than **15** soccer games (this includes regular season tournaments). Further, no member school shall permit its soccer team as a representative of the school to play after the state championship tournament has been played. (CHSAA By-law 2300.1 & 3920)
4-1-1d: If visible apparel is worn under the jersey and/or shorts, it shall be a single solid color matching the predominant color of the respective garment. Visible arm compression sleeves shall be a similar length, all alike and of a solid color matching the predominant color of the jersey. Visible leg compression sleeves shall be of a similar length, all alike and of a solid color matching the predominant color of the shorts.

**Rationale:** Players often wear compression shorts which are longer than the short or jersey. They should be of the same color. This rule addition is needed to maintain consistency with current uniform rule requirements and color restrictions.

4-1-1e: Visible arm compression sleeves shall be a similar length, all alike and of a solid color matching the predominant color of the jersey. Visible leg compression sleeves shall be of a similar length, all alike and of a solid color matching the predominant color of the shorts.

4-2-1 Exception 1: Deleted

**Rationale:** With the adoption of the change related to the use of headgear as opposed to only headbands, this exception is no longer necessary.

4-2-9: A soft padded headgear that meets the ASTM standard is permitted.

**Rationale:** This allows for the newer headgear styles that are currently in the market to be used that are not just headbands.

5-1-3f: Unless otherwise prohibited by the state association, electronic communication devices may be used to communicate with crew members.

**Rationale:** This rule allows, but does not require, the use of common communication devices that are currently available and affordable. This will permit officials to utilize such equipment and improve communication allowing for a better officiated game, if permitted by the state association.

8-1-3: The ball shall be kicked while it is stationary on the ground in the center of the field of play and may clearly move in any direction.

**Rationale:** Requiring that the ball move forward on the kickoff is meaningless in the modern game.

10-1-3f: A goal may not be scored directly from a kickoff into the kicking team's own goal.

**Rationale:** This change retains consistency with the concept that a team cannot score against themselves from a free kick, as provided in 10.1.3 c, d and e.
13-1-2: All free kicks, with the exception of penalty kicks, may be taken in any direction. Free kicks are taken from the spot of the foul except for the reasons listed in 13-2-3, which are taken from the location of the ball when the referee stopped play. Free kicks resulting from fouls committed in the goal area are taken as described in 13-1-3 or 13-1-4. Indirect free kicks for offside (13-2-2b) are taken from the spot where the offending player interfered with play, interfered with an opponent or gained an advantage by being in that position.

Rationale: The current rule also does not clearly identify where indirect free kicks for offside are taken. This change makes it clear.

14-1-4: The ball shall be kicked while it is stationary on the ground from the spot or any place on the penalty mark. To be in play, the ball shall be moved forward. The player taking the penalty kick is permitted to use a stutter step or a hesitation move provided there is no stopping and there is continuous movement toward the ball. Failure to kick the ball as specified shall be considered a violation by the attacking team and the appropriate penalties shall apply. Stutter-stepping is not an interruption in movement.

Rationale: This addition of these sentences clarifies that the stutter step is allowed.

2017-18 SOCCER MAJOR EDITORIAL CHANGES

3-3-2: Rule 3.3.3, Situations A through J should become Rule 3.3.2, Situations A through J. Rule 3-3-3, Situations K through P should become Situations A through F.

4-1-1: Shinguards must meet the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) standards at the time of manufacture.

5-1-3c: Officials shall be dressed alike in the uniforms primarily consisting of predominantly black shoes and black knee socks with white horizontal stripes.

14-1-3: PENALTY KICK SITUATIONS: (14-1-2, 14-1-3 and 14-1-4)
RISK MINIMIZATION

Concussions continue to be a focus in soccer at all levels of competition. The NFHS has been at the forefront of national sports organizations in emphasizing the importance of concussion education, recognition and proper management.

Discussion of proper concussion management at all levels of play in all sports has led to the adoption of rules changes and concussion-specific policies by multiple athletic organizations, state associations and school districts. Coaches and game officials need to become familiar with the signs and symptoms of concussed athletes so that appropriate steps can be taken to safeguard the health and safety of participants.

There continues to be concern from the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) about the cumulative effects of non-concussive blows to the head and body in practice and games. Research data is showing that there are significant impacts to the head when athletes are constantly “heading” the ball and in “free ball” situations where multiple players are positioning for control of the ball.

SHINGUARDS-Shinguards are one part of several required pieces of soccer equipment. Coaches need to make sure to follow the requirements for properly fitting. Verifying that the shinguards are not altered by the athlete, are worn under the sock, and are worn with the bottom edge no higher than 2 inches above the ankle. More importantly, the shinguard is required to be age- and size-appropriate. Coaches need to make sure that the required shinguard properly fits the respective player based on his/her age and size.

HEADGEAR-Though not required equipment, soft-padded headgear is allowed to be used by any soccer player. The SMAC emphasizes that there is no research or data available that shows that wearing soft-padded headgear prevents or lessens the possibility of a concussion. The determination regarding wearing soft-padded headgear is entirely up to the individual or school district. Schools, parents and students are free to make their own assessments relative to this piece of equipment. The relevant ASTM standard can be found at www.astm.org/Standards/F2439.htm.

REFEREE COMMUNICATION AND TEAMWORK

Active and effective communication among referees and with coaches and team captains is critical to ensure successful game management. Conducting a meaningful and thorough pre game with the head coach, captains, and referee crew provides an opportunity to review important rule changes, ensure players are legally and properly equipped, discourage rough play and emphasize a zero tolerance for the use of offensive or abusive language or gestures. Advancements in electronic communication devices will afford opportunities to improve communication among referees during the run of play.
RESTARTS
KICKOFF- At the kickoff, the ball shall be kicked while it is stationary on the ground in the center of the field of play. The ball is in play when it is kicked and clearly moves in any direction.
PENALTY KICK- Once the kicker starts his/her approach toward the ball, he/she may not stop his/her movement. A stutter step is permitted, however, continuous movement toward the ball is required.
LOCATION OF OFFSIDE RESTART- Indirect free kicks for offside are taken from the spot where the offending player interfered with play, interfered with an opponent or gained advantage by being in that position.

COLORADO STATE RULE ADOPTIONS

5-1-1 Number of Officials – Colorado has adopted the use of either a two or three-person officiating system.

5-1-3 Official Uniform Color – In the event of a color conflict with either team, the officials may wear a jersey colored: yellow, red, green, blue, and black.

7-1-3 Suspended Games – During the regular season, if one half of play has been completed, the contest will be declared official. If one half of play has not been completed, it will be restarted from the point of interruption.

7-1-5 Mercy rule
A. During the pre-game meeting with the referees and the head coaches from both teams, the following material will be defined regarding the mandatory Mercy Rule.

1. The head referee will facilitate the meeting of the coaches and will inform both teams that the game will be played under the mandatory Mercy Rule.

B. Once a 7-goal differential between two teams is achieved, the referee will inform both coaches that the Mercy Rule had been invoked and the referee and/or timekeeper will let the official clock run during injuries, penalty kicks, after goals, and during referee disciplinary actions.

C. The coach of the team that is ahead will play with the following number of players upon reaching the goal differential.

1. 8 goal differential – 10 players including the keeper
2. 9 goal differential – 9 players including the keeper

D. If the team that is behind scores a goal and reduces the differential, the coach of the team that is ahead MAY add a player to meet the above player numbers.

E. Game termination – once a 10-goal differential is reached, and the first half of play has been completed; the referee will end the game during regular and post-season play.

7-3-1 Tied Games – Overtime Procedures for Regular Season–
If the match is tied at the end of the regulation time, (2) 10-minute sudden victory (Golden Goal) overtime periods will be played. Shoot-outs or penalty kicks may not be used to determine winners in regular season games (unless the contests are part of a CHSAA Sanctioned Tournament). If the tie is not broken after the (2) 10-minute sudden Victory (Golden Goal) overtime periods, the game will be recorded as a tie.

12-8-4 Ejected Player/Coach Penalty – A player or coach ejected will be subjected to the CHSAA player/coach ejection policy, By-law 2200 and 2210.
A new rule allowing the kicking of the ball in any direction to begin play in high school soccer is among the rules changes approved for the 2017-18 season.

The new kickoff procedure is one of eight changes recommended by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Soccer Rules Committee at its January 24-25 meeting in Indianapolis. All rules changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

Previously, the ball had to be kicked forward from the center of the field to begin play at the beginning of the game, after halftime and after each goal. The new rule states that the ball may clearly move in any direction.

“There have been a number of rule changes in soccer (at other levels), so we look to see if they are appropriate for high school competition,” said Theresia Wynns, NFHS director of sports and officials and liaison to the Soccer Rules Committee. “We want to ensure that the rules we consider are what is best for the (high school) game and not difficult for officials to implement.”

The change to the kickoff procedure in Rule 8-1-3 requires a change in Rule 13-1-2, which now states that all free kicks, with the exception of penalty kicks, may be taken in any direction. The kickoff has been eliminated as an exception.

In addition, Rule 10-1-3f states that a goal may not be scored directly from a kickoff into the kicking team’s own goal. This change is consistent with the concept that a team cannot score against itself from a free kick.
Players are now permitted to use a stutter step or a hesitation move when taking a penalty kick as long as there is continuous movement according to a change in Rule 14-1-4. Stutter-stepping is not an interruption of movement toward the ball.

A change in Rule 4-2-9 permits a soft-padded headgear that meets the ASTM standard to be worn. This allows, but does not require players to use the newer headgear styles that are not just headbands. Wynns said schools, students and parents are free to make their own assessments of this equipment. Due to this rule change, Exception No. 1 to Rule 4-2-1 is no longer necessary and has been removed from the rules book.

An addition to Rule 4-1-1d allows players to wear visible arm compression sleeves and visible leg compression sleeves as long as they are a single, solid color matching the predominant color of the jersey or shorts. This addition to the existing rule is to maintain consistency with current uniform rules requirements and color restrictions.

The final change to Rule 5-1-3f allows officials to use electronic communication devices if permitted by the state association. Wynns said this change will permit officials to use devices currently available to improve communication and allow for a better officiated game.

A complete listing of all rules changes will be available soon on the NFHS website at www.nfhs.org. Click on “Activities & Sports” at the top of the home page, and select “Soccer.”

According to the 2016-17 NFHS High School Athletics Participation Survey, soccer is the fifth-most popular sport for boys with 440,322 participants and the fourth-most popular sport for girls with 381,529 participants. A total of 12,054 schools offered boys soccer in 2016-17 and 11,676 schools offered girls soccer.
OFFICIALS
Greetings,
I found this perspective on the characteristics of a good referee in a blog on Soccerreferee.com. I don’t know who wrote it, but I thought it was good enough to pass on to you all. I did remove some of the editorial comments and changed a word or two to apply to the high school game.

1. **COMPETENCE:** This is the foundation from which the other characteristics are built. There is absolutely no substitute for an official having a thorough understanding of the current NFHS Rules of the Game – for referees with five or more years’ experience, everything printed in the booklet should be second nature.

2. **COMPASSION:** Effective referees show their human side when cooling down an overly excited coach, and express empathy to an injured player and his upset mother. How well do you motivate your assistant referees to help you and the game? Do you encourage them during your pre-game, engage them during stoppages in play, and then look to them for help and guidance when you (and the game) need it? I hope you don’t tune them out by starting your pre-game with “Don’t worry about fouls inside the penalty area.”

3. **CONFIDENCE:** So, how do you carry yourself on the pitch? What does your body language convey? Keep your shoulders back, chest out, and head up. Look like you are happy to be out there and that there’s nowhere else you’d rather be. Smile when it’s appropriate. If it’s a challenging match at a level you aren’t accustomed to, let your confidence rise to the occasion. Be ready to flash a player a scowl and the “knock it off” sign when it’s warranted... and be prepared to back it up!

4. **COMMUNICATION:** Effective referees consistently exchange CLEAR information with other officials and the game at key moments, using crisp, clear APPROVED signals. When the heat is on, we expect the referee to be able to calmly explain a decision to an irate captain so that he can take a message back to his team. Sometimes, the game demands a quick verbal exchange with an SR, to identify the culprit, color of the card, and reason for the sanction. Make eye contact! Here’s a suggestion – and you can apply it at every level of competition: make eye contact with the crew at every stoppage.

5. **CONSISTENCY:** As we grow with the game, we become more comfortable identifying foul play (challenges, tactical fouls, handling, DOGSO, misconduct), and as we accept more challenging assignments, we adapt and re-evaluate what constitutes foul play for the level of competition. Treat all players (from both sides) equally, from the opening kick-off to the final whistle. A foul that warrants a caution in the first half should also warrant a caution in the second. A tactical foul by the blue team is the same as a tactical foul by the white team.

6. **COURAGE:** There are times when the referee MUST make a decision that could affect the outcome of the game... “The Moment of Truth.” Examples include: Handball in the Penalty Area, DOGSO. A clear Tactical Foul that demands issuance of a Second Caution. We can’t always be popular, and we should always leave our ego in the car or dressing room. No one wants it to happen... but when it does happen, react with the heart of a lion.

7. **CONVICTION:** There’s an old saying: “Presence lends conviction.” I agree that “being there” when making the crucial call is a great first step – the game will be more accepting if you appear to be in ideal position. But it’s only the first step. When you have to show a red card or award that penalty kick, be prepared for the game to react... and the reaction may not be favorable since half of the game’s participants are going to be adversely affected by your decision. Keep your composure, avoid mass confrontation, and above all... stick to your guns! Remember: YOU didn’t commit the foul or misconduct; the offending player did!

Don’t forget about the HSSO website ([Colorado High School Soccer Officials](http://www.coloradohighschoolsoccerofficials.com)); it can help you throughout the season. Have a great one!

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SOCCER OFFICIALS UPDATE

The High School Soccer Official's (HSSO) Organization will work to continue to bring you the best officials from the HSSO organization. Selection of post-season officials is based on an application process for those officials who would like to be considered to work the post season and on the votes of Coaches, Directors of Athletics, Assignors, Officials in the post-season pool, and Area Directors. **Coach and Athletic Director - it is imperative that you participate in the voting which is done online through a link that will be provided in late September to you from the CHSAA office.** Selection is based on the votes of Coaches and Directors of Athletics, Assigners, post-season officials and Area Directors.

**HSSO and the CHSAA office urge you, as coaches and Directors of Athletics, to participate in the post-season officials’ selection process!** Please contact the CHSAA office with any questions or concerns.

SOCCER OFFICIALS FOR THE POST SEASON

Post-season soccer officials are selected through an online qualifying application system and an online voting process. The process includes votes from the 210 boys’ along with the 217 girls’ teams that offer soccer, facilitated by the school Athletic Directors and the head soccer coach. Also included in the voting process are official’s assignors, HSSO official area directors, the officials who are qualified and have applied to work post-season matches. This voting process is designed to assist the CHSAA in selecting and assigning the most qualified soccer officials. All boys’/girls’ soccer participating schools are requested to contribute in the post-season selection process for the fall of 2016/spring of 2017. This process assists greatly in the accountability concerns of many schools regarding officials.
POST SEASON
2A, 3A, 4A, 5A POST-SEASON INFORMATION

The following information is relative to the 2018 Girls’ Soccer Playoff Season. It is expected that coaches and Directors of Athletics will review and become familiar with all information contained within.

If you have questions, interpretations, or wish to offer suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact Assistant Commissioner Ernie Derrera at the CHSAA office. Due to the possibility of extreme travel in the playoffs, any cooperation between schools to reduce cost would be appreciated.

Please Note: In 2A/3A/4A and 5A first round soccer games, the host school (through a league assigner) is responsible for securing officials and the payment of those assigned officials. Check with your assigner for the status of these officials. Beginning with the second round, 3A/4A and 5A officials will be assigned by the CHSAA office. Payments to the officials will be made by the host school during the first, second and quarterfinal rounds. Payments to officials in the semifinals and State Championship matches will be made by the CHSAA office. All of the assignments will be listed on the Arbiter site.

GAME CONDUCT AND ADMINISTRATION

EQUAL FACILITIES
Although it is necessary that one team be designated as the home team at common sites, it shall be kept in mind that the game belongs equally to both competing schools. It is strongly advised that a pre-game planning meeting be held to cover all details connected with the staging of every post-season contest. Game fields must be legal size fields for high school soccer and be in safe and playable condition. The CHSAA office reserves the right to make sure all playoff fields are legal fields, as per NF rules, and allow both teams a fair opportunity to compete and to also ensure proper seating for spectators with a restricted area between participants and fans.

TEAM BENCH AREAS
In the post season both teams sit on the same side of the field as per National Federation of State High Schools Soccer Rules - Rule 1 – the Field of Play, Section 5 – Officials and Team Areas. This arrangement of the team area both on the same side of the field assists in the administration of the game. This arrangement of the teams has also proven to be successful in the sporting behavior of both players and coaches.

This is not meant to suggest that fans from both schools must sit on the same side of the field. At many soccer fields and venues fans are on one side of the field and team benches are on the opposite side of the field. If in the opinion of the home game administration this arrangement of both benches on the same side of field is not in the best interest of the game, then team benches maybe separated on opposite sides of the field. It is CHSAA’s intent in the semi-finals through finals that team benches will be on the same side of the field.

FIELD MARKINGS
The CHSAA asks that you work with your maintenance and field staff to make sure your field of play is marked, as per the NF rule book guidelines which are found in the NF rule book on the page following the table of contents. Located there is the NF diagram for marking a high school soccer field. It includes the markings for team bench and officials’ areas for teams located on the same side of the field, as per NF rules.

Post-season matches played on soccer fields without fences or barriers are required to have a chalked or marked line 10’ from the boundary lines. This is to restrict fans from being within 10’ of the field boundary lines. In addition, no one shall be permitted directly behind either goal unless seated in bleachers. Please locate the NF soccer field diagram located in the front of the NF soccer rule book for directions to these markings and to NF soccer Rule 1-6 for the rule reference. Make sure your soccer field for post season is marked correctly.
PRACTICE
Participating teams will not be allowed to practice at the state championship site the week (May 17, 2018 through the finals on May 24, 2018) of the state championships.

ANNOUNCER
The announcer should be a school staff member or responsible individual who can set the tone of the game by calling the fans' attention to the following points of reference: (1) CHSAA playoff contests are conducted under the strictest code of good sporting-like behavior; (2) The officials are neutral individuals and have been selected because of demonstrated ability; (3) Fans are to be encouraged by the announcer to support their own team and display proper protocol and sporting-like behavior.

OFFICIALS
To access the officials that CHSAA has assigned, Athletic Directors need to access “The Arbiter Sports” web site. Go to www.chsaaonw.com >chsaa.org >Officials’>Officials' Home>The Arbiter or www.arbitersports.com

SITES
If natural surface fields aren’t playable because of inclement weather, artificial turf sites when available will be used to stay on schedule. This will be a CHSAA administrator decision and schools will be notified.

AWARDS
Awards for the 2018 Girls’ Soccer Playoffs will be as follows: Championship team receives a trophy; second place team receives a runner-up trophy. All athletes participating in the final four-championship tournament will receive participation certificates.

AWARDS CEREMONY
The CHSAA will have an awards ceremony at the conclusion of the championship game in each classification. The awarding of team trophies will be after the team hand shake line. The award ceremony will be located in the center of the field. School administrators and coaches are expected to assist in the award ceremony by not allowing students and fans to join their team on the field.

TRAVEL GUARANTEE
During post season 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A first round through all quarter-final rounds schools are required to charge admission and submit a financial report to the CHSAA office. If it is impossible to charge admission permission maybe requested to pay the CHSAA a fee in lieu of charging admission (2A-$125; 3A-$150; 4A-$200; and 5A-$200). Contact Ernie Derrera for permission.

SOCCER POST SEASON VENUES
Enclosed fields with suitable seating and where an admission can be charged is the preferred venue for post season games. Field conditions must meet minimum NF rules with regard to size of the field. Team bench areas located on the same side of the field are expected. The field should be secured in a manner to limit fan access to players, coaches, and officials. Please refer to the NF rule book for securing a field from spectators.
**BENCH AREA**

Maximum total of game participants/support staff in the team and coaching area is 30; this includes 25 players, and 5 additional support staff members will be admitted without charge for semifinals and championship games. The support staff will include coaches, trainers or team managers.

**TICKET PRICES FOR STATE TOURNAMENTS**

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For Classes 2A, 3A, 4A, and 5A, the results of regular season play will determine qualifiers and respective seeds in the 32-team post-season rounds (2A Girls’ 12 teams/3A Girls 24 teams). Leagues or regions may use the results of their 15-match regular season schedule or a system developed and approved by the league/region membership. This qualifying system must be submitted to the CHSAA office by the league or region prior to March 8, 2018.

If ties exist within the region/league, either the CHSAA qualifying point system or a tiebreaker developed by the regions/league and submitted to the CHSAA office prior to March 8, 2018 or a regular season game must be used to break the tie. The committee recommends that each region/league review their tie-breaking procedures prior to the beginning of the season.

In the event a region/league does not file a tiebreaker system, the CHSAA universal tiebreaker will be used to break the tie (see CHSAA Constitution and Bylaws).

A playoff (involving 2 or more teams) may be conducted in order to break tie(s) in a region or league. However, IN NO CASE MAY A SCHOOL EXCEED THE 15 MATCH SEASON LIMIT to break a tie in the standings.

Regular season matches must be completed by Saturday, May 6, 2017 for girls. All 32-team (2A Girls’ 12 teams/3A Girls’ 24 teams) post-season qualifiers must be determined no later Saturday, May 5, 2018 for girls. The CHSAA staff can approve alternates dates in extreme situations.

The host school is responsible for MATCH OFFICIALS in all first round matches for the 2A/3A/4A and 5A classifications. The CHSAA is responsible for the assignment of MATCH OFFICIALS in the second round of the state tournament to the finals in the 3A/4A and 5A classifications, and from the quarterfinal matches to the state tournament final in the 2A Girls’ classification. All post-season matches are to be played as per the specific bracket dates in each classification. Host schools are responsible for the payment of officials through the quarterfinals matches in each classification.

It is the responsibility of the region/league representative to correctly list the Automatic Qualifiers for each classification and verify that they appear on the tournament bracket.

Breaking Ties in Regions/Locations
Regions/leagues, which break ties in the standings without additional play, will do so by the region's/league's adopted tiebreaker system, a copy of which is to be on file with the CHSAA office for review. In the event a region/league does not file a tiebreaker system, it must break ties in the following manner:

1. Head to head (record against each of the teams involved).
2. Record against top team in the region/league.
3. Record against the next highest common region/league opponent above tie.
4. Record against next lower common region/league opponent below the tie.
5. Goals given up against varsity teams within the region/league.
6. Goals given up against varsity teams against teams in the same classification.
7. Goals given up in all varsity contests.
8. Coin flip by CHSAA Assistant Commissioner in charge of soccer.

If no other method has been established, region/league standings will be established by awarding two points for a win, 1 point for a tie and no points for a loss.
(Note: If at any point in utilizing the above system, just two teams remain, the system reverts back to step #1 above).
Home Sites
In the 3A, 4A, and 5A classifications the higher seeded team will be the home team throughout the playoff bracket, and will host the 1st round, 2nd round and quarterfinal round matches. The higher seed in all classifications will be designated as the home team in semifinal and final matches.

In the 2A Girls’ classification, the top 4 seeded teams will receive a first round bye in the tournament bracket. Teams that are seeded #5-12 shall be seeded utilizing the final RPI rankings with geography and potential regional match-ups as a consideration. The top (8) eight seeded teams in the 3A classification will receive a first round bye.

It is required by the CHSAA that quarterfinal post-season host sites follow all CHSAA playoff requirements included but not limited to admission and all other amenities of a championship game, including bleacher seating, lighted venue and a secure playing field for players, coaches and officials.

One representative (administrator) for each 2A and 3A regions/leagues, and 4A and 5A leagues will be assigned to be seated on the seeding committee. The assignments to serve on the seeding committee will be submitted to the CHSAA office by region/league presidents and approved the CHSAA office. Also seated on the committee as non-voting members will be:

- (1) One non-voting representative from the CHSAA office
  - If possible, the committee will attempt not pair teams in the first round that have played each other during the league competition.
  - In 3A, the top eight (8) teams in the final RPI rankings will receive a 1st round bye. Teams #9-16 by final RPI rankings will host 1st round games against teams #17-24. Geography and first round match-ups with league opponents will be considered when placing teams’ #17-24 on the bracket utilizing the final RPI rankings.
  - In 2A, the top 4 teams in the final RPI rankings are seeded and will receive a first round bye. Geography will be a consideration when seeding teams #5-12 using the final RPI rankings.
  - The RPI (Ranking Percentage Index) published the Sunday of the seeding committee meeting will be the primary tool for seeding consideration. Geography and first round match-ups with league opponents will be considered when placing 4A and 5A teams’ #17-32 on the bracket utilizing the final RPI rankings.
  - In cases where automatic qualifiers are not among the top 12 (2A), 24 (3A) or 32 (4A/5A) teams by final RPI rankings, the automatic qualifiers will supersede RPI rankings. In order to qualify for an automatic bid, each league/region must start and end the season with at least three teams.
POST SEASON DATES, MATCH TIMES, & WARM-UP TIMES

CHSAA will establish match dates. It is the desire of the CHSAA that schools mutually establish match times that best accommodate the interests of each school and community. Schools must take into account the conditions in which the match will be played and make the best decision to accommodate the schools involved. The CHSAA will not mandate schools to play matches in conditions that are not in the best interest of the schools involved. NOTE: All mutually established match times are subject to final approval by the CHSAA office as needed.

When mutual agreement for the match time cannot be reached, the following statements will apply:

a. When post-season matches are to be played on a Saturday, either 1:00 pm or 3:00 pm will be the scheduled times.

b. When post-season matches are to be played on a weekday, 3:30 pm or 4:00 pm will be the scheduled time for non-lighted fields. The scheduled time may be 6:00 pm for lighted fields.

c. The Commissioner shall have the sole province to designate match times and sites, including when a school district is hosting more than one match. Conflicts, which could have a venue, academic or financial impact on the match, will be considered.

d. All schools, both home and visitor, will be provided the opportunity to supply input in the match time scheduling process.

e. The CHSAA post-season calendar will be adhered to when match conditions permit. When available, host schools shall attempt locate an artificial turf site that will be as an alternative to stay on schedule.

TOURNAMENT FINANCES

Please refer to the Legislative Council 2016-2017 Approved Reports for information regarding the financial report when you are a host school in the 2A, 3A, 4A and 5A first round through quarter-finals in soccer. If you are a host school for a soccer playoff game, Kenzie Hewson the CHSAA Bookkeeper, will email you the report form. The soccer financial report form is interactive, allowing you to send it directly to the CHSAA via email.

TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCE

Soccer
Maximum -21 (1st round, prelim, and quarterfinal rounds)
-25 (semis and finals)
-5.0 cents per mile based on actual participants.
**Tie Breaker**

If a game requiring a decision is tied at the conclusion of regulation, the referee will instruct both teams to return to their respective team technical areas. There will be five minutes during which both teams may confer with their coaches, and the head referee will instruct both teams on following procedures.

1. Up to two 15-minute sudden victory (golden goal) overtime periods may be played.
   a. Flip a coin for the start of the first overtime. Visitor calls the coin toss. The winner of the toss shall choose a goal to defend or to kick off in the first overtime.
   b. The game is over when either team scores a goal.
   c. If a second sudden victory overtime is required, there will be a two-minute interval. Teams shall exchange ends and alternate the kickoff.
   d. If, after both overtime periods, the score still remains tied, all coaches, officials and team captains shall assemble at the halfway line to review the Shots-from-the-Mark procedure as outlined below.

2. Kicks-from-the-Penalty Mark (KFTPM) Mechanics:
   a. The head referee shall choose the goal at which all of the kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken.
   b. A coin toss shall be held; visiting team calls. The team winning the toss shall have the choice of kicking first or second. Teams will alternate kickers.
   c. Each coach will identify any five players, including the goalkeeper – on or off the field (except those who may have been disqualified) – to take the kicks.
   d. Players shall remain in the center circle until called forward by the referee.
   e. Each kicker shall report to the official at the penalty area. The official will record the player's name, number and the order in his team's cycle.
   f. The goalkeeper who is to defend against the next penalty kick attempt shall be located outside the field of play at the intersection of the goal line and penalty area boundary to the side designated by the officials.
   g. Once the kicker has reported to the referee to attempt a kick, he/she may place the ball on the penalty kick mark.
   h. The referee tells the goalkeeper to take his place on the goal line, and then signals with a whistle for the penalty kick.
   i. The kick is completed when the ball stops moving, goes out of play, or the referee stops play for any infringement of the rules.

3. Mechanics for sudden victory KFTPM (If the score remains tied after each team has had five kicks):
   a. Kickers 6-10, each coach will identify five different players than the first five who have already kicked.
   b. Kickers 11-15, if the score remains tied, continue the sudden victory kicks with the coach identifying any five players to take the next set of alternating kicks.
   c. Kickers 16-20, if the score remains tied, continue the sudden victory kicks with the coach identifying any five players except those who participated in step 3b.
   d. Repeat the steps in 3b and 3c as necessary.
4. Shots-from-the-Mark are decided when:
   a. Before both teams have taken five kicks, one team has scored more goals than the other team could score – even if it were to complete its allocated five kicks (e.g. 4-2). In this case, no more kicks are taken.
   b. After both teams have taken five kicks, the team with the most goals (e.g. 5-4).
   c. If the score remains tied after each team has had five kicks, KFTPM becomes a sudden victory situation (e.g. wherein if one team scores and the other team does not score, the game is ended without more kicks being taken).

5. Pertinent KFTPM Rules:
   a. National Federation Rule 14-1 Art. 3: The opposing goalkeeper shall stand on the goal line, facing the kicker, between the goal posts, until the ball is kicked. Lateral movement is allowed, but the goalkeeper is not permitted to come off the line by stepping or lunging forward until the ball is touched and in play.
      i. PENALTY (Article 3): Infringement by the goalkeeper is not penalized if the goal is scored. If a goal is not scored on the penalty kick, it is retaken. (Note: If a goalkeeper violation occurs; the coach may choose to replace the kicker with any player – subject to the constraints in Rules 2 & 3.)
   b. National Federation Rule 14-1 Art. 4: The ball shall be kicked while it is stationary on the ground from the mark or any place on the penalty kick mark. To be in play, the ball shall be moved forward. Once the kicker starts his/her approach toward the ball, he/she may not interrupt his/her movement.
      i. PENALTY (Article 4): If there is an infringement by the kicker and the ball enters the goal, the goal does not count and the kick shall be retaken. If a goal is not scored on the penalty kick, it is not retaken.
   c. Misconduct by the goalkeeper during an unsuccessful penalty kick, will result in a caution or ejection and a retake of the kick (note that whether or not the kick was successful, a caution must result in the GK being replaced for one KFTPM).
   d. Results: Add one goal to the winning team score and credit the team with a victory. Or, an asterisk (*) may be placed by the team advancing to indicate the advancement was the result of a tiebreaker system. We do not report the score of the kicks from the penalty mark.
QUALIFYING FORMAT AND ASSIGNMENT BY CLASS

Class 2A Girls’ Soccer (Enrollment 1-240): 23 Teams – 12 Qualifiers

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Schools choosing to not play in the post season – Campion Academy (135), Mile High Academy (62)

Playoff Qualifiers:
- 12-team bracket: 6 automatic qualifiers (1 from each region of 3 or more teams), plus 6 final RPI ranked teams.
- RPI ranked teams will be selected by a seeding committee at the seeding committee meeting, and will be selected using the final RPI rankings. Geography and potential Regional match-ups will be taken into consideration when placing teams on the bracket #5-12.

Seeding:
- Top 4 teams are seeded by final RPI rankings (and receive a 1st round bye).
- Teams #5 - #12 are seeded with geography as a consideration.
- Teams #5-8 will host teams #9-12 in 1st round play.

Schedule:
- 1st Round – Tuesday, May 8, 2018
- Quarterfinals – Friday, May 11, 2018
- Semifinals/Finals –
  - Semifinals – Wednesday, May 16, 2018
  - Finals – *Tuesday, May 22, 2018 (Together with the 3A state final at Dick’s Sporting Goods Park)

Prior to the beginning of the girls’ season each region will be required to submit proper documentation to the CHSAA office on how automatic qualifiers will be determined.

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**Class 3A Girls’ Soccer** (Enrollment: 249-626 students) 59 Teams – 24 Qualifiers

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In the 3A classification where an automatic qualifier does not appear in the top 24 final RPI ranking, the automatic qualifier will supersede the final RPI ranking.
RPI ranked teams will be selected by the seeding committee based on the final Rating Percentage Index results that are published on Sunday following the conclusion of the regular season.

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7. Coin flip

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NOTE: All Game balls and ball holders utilized for all first and second round matches must be provided by the host school. The highest seeded team following the conclusion of the second round will play host to the quarterfinal bracketed matches.
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**CS Metro 4A (9)**

| 2 Qualifiers                  | Centennial (1)              | Continental (1)                   | EMAC (1)                      |
| Mullen – 802                  | Ponderosa – 1237            | Vista Peak – 1192                  |
| Canon City – 1060             |                             |                                   |                               |
| Classical Academy – 648       |                             |                                   |                               |
| Elizabeth – 699               | Southwestern (2)            |                                   |                               |
| Harrison – 962                |                             |                                   |                               |
| Mesa Ridge – 1330             |                             |                                   |                               |
| Mitchell – 1231               |                             |                                   |                               |
| Sierra – 787                  |                             |                                   |                               |
| Widefield – 1315              | *Classified by the CLOC committee as a 4A team |
| Woodland Park – 803           | **Northfield – 194 JV ONLY**|

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5A Girls’ Soccer Playoff Bracket

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B. In the event that two teams have the same RPI in the final standings, the following tiebreakers shall be used:
   - Head-to-head results between the two teams
   - Winning percentage
   - Opponents’ winning percentage
   - Opponents’ opponents’ winning percentage
   - Highest-rated win against a team in the final RPI standings
   - Next-highest rated win until the tie is broken
   - Coin flip
2018 2A Girls’ Semifinals Wednesday, May 16, 2018
2A Girls’ Semifinals @ All City Stadium
Game times: 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm

2018 3A/4A/5A Girls’ Semifinals Saturday, May 19, 2018
3A Girls’ Semifinals @ All City Stadium
Game times: 11:00 am & 1:30 pm

4A Girls’ Semifinals @ Legacy Stadium
Game times: 11:00 am & 1:30 pm

5A Girls’ Semifinals @ Echo Stadium
Game times: 11:00 am & 1:30 pm

Girls’ 2A/3A Championship Games Tuesday, May 22, 2018
@ Dick’s Sporting Goods Park

2A game will start at 5:00 pm  3A game will start at 7:00 pm

Girls’ 4A/5A Championship Games Wednesday, May 23, 2018
@ Dick’s Sporting Goods Park

4A game will start at 5:00 pm  5A game will start at 7:00 pm

Directions to Dick’s Sporting Goods Park
Located at the Southwest corner of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Refuge
Commerce City, Colorado.

There are THREE main entrances into Dick’s Sporting Goods Park:
• Quebec St. and E. 60th Avenue.
• Quebec St. and Prairie Parkway (64th Avenue).
• 56th Avenue and Valentia Street.

TICKET PRICES FOR PLAYOFF & STATE GAMES

First Round/2nd Round/Quarterfinals
General Admission ......................... $7.00
K-12 Students & Senior Citizens ........ $5.00

Semifinals
General Admission ......................... $9.00
K-12 Students & Senior Citizens ........ $6.00

Finals
General Admission ......................... $10.00
K-12 Students & Senior Citizens ........ $8.00
DIRECTIONS TO THE SEMIFINAL AND FINAL SOCCER SITE

All City Stadium - I-25 to Downing, N to Louisiana, E to fields. 1700 E. Louisiana Ave., Denver, CO 80210.

Legacy Stadium (Cherokee Trail HS) -- E-470 to Smoky Hill Road, E on Smoky Hill Road to Arapahoe Road to Cherokee Trail High School on the left about 2 miles from E-470. Or from I-225 go south on Parker Road to Quincy. Turn left or east on Quincy. Go to the 2nd stoplight, which will be Smoky Hill Road and turn to the right. Follow Smoky Hill Road past E-470 to Arapahoe Road and school is on the left.

EchoPark Stadium (Lutheran High School) - I-25 to East on Lincoln Ave. Turn right on Chambers. The stadium is on the right.

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DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO DICK’S SPORTING GOODS COMPLEX COMING FROM THE NORTH
- If you are traveling South on Interstate 25, exit east or left onto Thornton Parkway. Precede East on Thornton Parkway and turn south or right onto Colorado Boulevard. Continue South on Colorado Boulevard and turn east or left onto 88th Avenue. Continue East on 88th Avenue (you will cross over Interstate 76 and pass the Mile High Flea Market) and then turn south or right on to Highway 2. Continue South on Highway 2 and turn south or left onto Quebec Parkway. Then turn east or left onto Prairie Parkway (64th Avenue) and into event parking.
- If you are traveling West on Interstate 76, exit South onto US Highway 6 & 85. Continue South on US Highway 6 & 85 and turn left or East onto 72nd Avenue. Continue East on 72nd Avenue and turn right or South onto Quebec Parkway. Continue South on Quebec Parkway and turn East or left onto Prairie Parkway (64th Avenue) and into event parking.
- If you are traveling East on Interstate 270 & South on US Highway 36, Exit South onto Vasquez Boulevard and immediately turn left or East onto 56th Avenue. Continue East on 56th Avenue and turn left or North onto Valentia Street and into event parking.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS COMING FROM THE EAST
- If you are traveling West on Interstate 70, exit North onto Havana Street. Proceed North on Havana Street. Turn west or left at 56th Avenue. Turn north or left on Valentia Street and into event parking.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS COMING FROM THE SOUTH
- If you are traveling North on Interstate 25, exit East onto Interstate 70. Continue traveling East on Interstate 70, exit North onto Quebec Street. Proceed North on Quebec Street. Turn East or right 60th Avenue and into event parking.
- If you are traveling North on Interstate 225, exit West onto Interstate 70. Proceed West on Interstate 70 and exit North onto Havana Street. Proceed North on Havana Street. Turn west or left at 56th Avenue. Turn north or left on Valentia Street and into event parking.

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The gate list/roster form is NOT included in this bulletin. We have developed an interactive form that can be found on the CHSAA web site:

www.CHSAANOW.COM > CHSAA.ORG

To access the roster/gate list click on **Sports/Activities** - a drop down box will appear - click on Soccer. Fill out the form completely. Click on the **Email Submit** button, which will e-mail the form back to the CHSAA.

NOTE: An email will be coming from the CHSAA office with information on what program distributor we will be using this upcoming season. The information needed for team photo and program information will be included within this email.

DUE DATE: Tuesday, May 8, 2018