2020-21 Bulletin

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Boys Soccer Athletic Directors, Coaches and Officials:

It is with a tremendous amount of excitement that I welcome you all to the 2020-2021 Boys Soccer Season on behalf of the Colorado High School Activities Association. The upcoming season will present challenges that we have not had to face during any point in our careers. Collectively, we will overcome these challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic and be better for it on the other side. I look forward to working with all the coaches, administrators, and officials throughout the year.

The online Bulletin is published yearly to offer information on the regular and post season, important dates, along with CHSAA and NFHS rules and procedures. It is your responsibility to review and make yourself familiar with the information contained within this Bulletin. Should you have any questions throughout the season, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. You will also be able to find relevant information on both the [www.CHSAANOW.com](http://www.CHSAANOW.com) and [www2.CHSAA.org](http://www2.CHSAA.org) websites.

Due to the uncertainty around COVID-19, the location of the 2021 CHSAA Boys Soccer Championships are yet to be determined. We look forward to hosting an event worthy of its significance after the conclusion of the Regular Season on April 17th.

Best wishes to all two hundred twenty of our CHSAA Member Boys Soccer schools during the upcoming season. It will not be one that we soon forget.

Sincerely,

Justin Saylor  
Assistant Commissioner  
Colorado High School Activities Association
Currently, CHSAA has been approved for 25 players per soccer team for practices and games, 50 combined total for two teams in a game. These games and practices will be held outdoors - any indoor activities (including practices) are not included in the variance and should follow CDPHE’s guidance for Organized Sports at the local Dial Level. Please confirm with your school/district/local health department for the restrictions in your area as some counties are more restrictive. In all CHSAA sanctioned athletics and activities, spectators must follow the Indoor/Outdoor Guidance for the dial-level of the county.

Minimize travel across county and regional borders.

STUDENTS, COACHES & VOLUNTEERS SHOULD NOT GO TO PRACTICE/PARTICIPATE IF:

- They are exhibiting any symptoms of the coronavirus.
- They have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19 or COVID-19 symptoms in the last 14 days.
- Refer to the CDPHE Quarantine Memo from February 24 for more specifics.

Coaches and administrators must communicate all practice and competition guidelines in a clear manner to student participants and their parents. The following protocols will be put in place to mitigate risk and ensure the safest possible conditions during competition and practice:

**General Requirements**

- All guidelines from CHSAA must be adhered to.
- **Social distancing** between individuals of at least 6 feet must be maintained at all times. Handshakes, fist bumps, hugging, etc. are not permissible.
- **Spectators** – If host school allows spectators, they must wear facial coverings and maintain 6 feet social distance at all times. When considering spectators, if permitted by the venue, refer to CDPHE’s guidance for Organized Sports.
- **No Scrimmages or Foundation games.**
- Students must wear facial coverings when not engaged in training, practice, competition, or other strenuous physical activity. Coaches must wear facial coverings at all practices and games.
  - Any practice or competition that takes place indoors require face coverings for all players, coaches officials, etc.
  - Consult with your school/district/local health department as some counties are more restrictive and may require use of facial coverings while competing.
- Gloves are permissible for players.
- Soccer balls should be sanitized before and/or after each practice, whether self-provided or brought by the coach. For competition, soccer balls should be sanitized pre-game, at halftime, and post-game. This is the host team’s responsibility.
- Players must bring their own rehydration liquids to practice/games in clearly marked or labeled containers with the player’s identity. The container should be re-sealable. Players must NOT plan on refilling their containers on site.
- The use of locker rooms should be eliminated whenever possible; only used for restroom use and changing (no more than five people at one time all wearing masks). Whenever possible, athletes should arrive to practice and competition fully dressed. Masks must always be worn in the locker room.
- For all equipment that is used, it must be labeled and not shared (this includes goalie equipment).
- Players’ bags/equipment should be placed/stored 6 feet away from others’ bags. Players should store their gear in their bags (as opposed to a community pile or tossed on the bench).
- Players should arrive at the venue no more than 15 minutes before the start of on-field activities. Anyone arriving earlier than 15 minutes before their start time should wait outside the facility and be socially distanced from others.
• If there is an activity occurring on the field before the team’s scheduled start (another game or practice), the incoming team should wait until all players from the prior event have vacated the venue. There must not be interaction between the two groups.

• There must be no on- or off-field interaction (socializing, team meetings) following the conclusion of practice or games. Players, coaches, officials, spectators, etc. must vacate the venue immediately. Have separate entrances and exits for teams, coaches, spectators, officials, etc.

• There must be sanitation materials (disinfecting wipes, sprays, hand sanitizer, etc.) in prime locations for game personnel, team & coaching staff to clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and equipment.

Practice Guidance & Considerations

• Refer to CHSAA COVID-19 Requirements & Mandates (listed under Practice) while also adhering to state/county/local health restrictions; schools/districts may have stricter standards. Coaches must review this document with their Athletic Director before engaging in any workout/practice with students and must communicate your guidelines in a clear manner to students and parents.

• Coaches should conduct workouts in “pods” (10 or fewer) of same students who are always training and rotating together. This will ensure more limited exposure if someone develops an infection.

• Must keep accurate records of those athletes and staff who attend each practice in case contact tracing is needed.

• Pinnies must not be shared amongst student athletes and need to be washed in between uses.

• Goalies should use water to moisten their gloves (no spitting).

• Except for goalies, players should avoid any hand contact with soccer balls during practice. Feet should be used for collecting soccer balls, etc.

• A limited number of people should handle cones or other equipment for practice drills; should use hand sanitizer after handling this equipment. At the conclusion of practice, coaches should not ask players to participate in picking up cones or other equipment from the field.

• Players should maintain as much separation as possible during practices. Whenever possible, coaches should be promoting social distancing on the field, while recognizing that there may be times of close contact by players.

• Benches should not be used during practices.

Competition Guidance & Considerations

• Refer to CHSAA COVID-19 Requirements & Mandates (listed under Event/Competition) while also adhering to state/county/local health restrictions; schools/districts may have stricter standards. Coaches must review this document with their Athletic Director before hosting competitions at their school/facility and must communicate your guidelines in a clear manner to students, parents, officials, etc.

• Coaches must remain in regular team box, but box width for student-athletes and other bench personnel should be flexible to allow social distancing.
  o Benches should not be used during games.
  o If social distancing can’t be achieved with both team benches on the same side, team benches may be set up on opposite sides of the field.
  o There must be minimum 10 feet distance between spectators and team benches.
  o Utilize stadium seating for team benches to promote greater social distancing when available.
  o Coaches/administration should assess and determine appropriate sideline spacing for each individual site. How can you best spread out bench personnel? What is best for your site?

• If Officials Table is on sideline – must be limited to essential personnel which includes home team scorer and timer with a distance of 6 feet between individuals. Visiting team personnel (scorer, statisticians, etc.) are not deemed essential and must find an alternative location.
  o Press box should be limited to essential personnel only.

• Trainers are allowed to be on the sideline in any capacity that they feel is appropriate while maintaining appropriate social distance and wearing a facemask.

• Pregame Conference
Attendees must be limited to head or center referee, the head coach from each team, and a single captain from each team. All attendees must wear face coverings.

- The location of the pregame conference should be moved to center of the field (or other area that allows participants to spread out). All individuals must maintain a social distance of 6 feet.
- Handshakes must be eliminated prior to and following the pregame conference.
- Only the owner of the coin should handle the coin during the toss.

- The pregame World Cup introduction line must be suspended. Players should be sent to their field positions with bench personnel lined up on the touch line (6 feet apart) for introductions and National Anthem (or similar adjustment to avoid close player contact).
- Game protocols, such as team huddles, that cause coaches, participants, spectators, and officials to congregate closely together (pregame, post-game and throughout competition) must be avoided.
- Substitution Procedures – Social distancing of 6 feet between the substitutes, officials and/or teammate(s) must be maintained. More leniency may be required.
  - Substitutes must not report to the scorer’s table or onto the field with a pinnie on or in their hand.
  - Substitution procedure – Rule 3-4-1d When an entry is taking place on a throw-in, a goal kick or a corner kick, the substitute(s) must have reported to the scorer (or official area) prior to the dead ball situation.
    - In some situations (i.e. where bleacher seating is being used for benches), it may not be possible for the substitute to reach the table before the dead ball situation. More leniency would be expected.

- Ball chasers must socially distance from one another and other personnel (at least 6 feet). They must be wearing masks and handle the ball(s) with their feet only (no hand contact).
- Delays in the start of play should be avoided so that players do not have prolonged periods of standing in close proximity. Players should limit direct contact until the ball is ready to be put into play (free kicks, throw ins, goal kicks, corner kicks).
- Inclement weather – if a game has to be postponed due to lightning, when making the decision to wait 30 minutes or postpone to a later date (if the game is in the first half) or declare the competition complete (if the game is in the second half), administration and officials should work together to consider if student-athletes can be safely socially distanced while taking shelter. If taking shelter will put many participants in a tight indoor space (bus, practice shed, small hallway, etc.) officials and administration must choose to implement a contest-ending procedure prior to waiting 30 minutes.
  - In inclement weather, remind student-athletes to bring appropriate rain gear, etc. (Bench personnel cannot safely all huddle under an 8x8 or 10x10 tent).
- Post-game protocol of shaking hands must be suspended. Teams/coaches should consider other ways to show post-game appreciation for opponents and officials.
- Teams must clean their own bench areas completely, so they are free of ALL trash and belongings.

**OFFICIALS**
- Must wear a face covering at all times except during play; refer to state/county/local health guidelines for stricter standards.
- Use of electronic whistle is allowed.
- Gloves are permissible for officials.
- Should bring personal hand sanitizer and wash your hands frequently.
- Must not share equipment (i.e. flags, whistles, jerseys, coins, rehydration liquids, etc.)
- Must follow social distancing guidelines.
  - Communication with coaches, participants, game personnel, or spectators must be done at the appropriate social distance.
- Must refrain from shaking hands.
SOCCER BALLS:
*The Forte Fybrid II is mandatory to use in all CHSAA post season games including Championships

- E9906 – Forte Fybrid II (White, Orange or Green)
- E9705 – Veza
- E9806 – Stivale II

Balls may be purchased from the following local dealers:

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NFHS Soccer Field Diagram

SOCCER FIELD

Except as specifically stated in the rules, information on field diagrams in this book is suggestive only; it is not required by NFHS rules. The construction and layout of all courts and fields used for high school competition are subject to any controlling laws and building codes, and to the sound judgment of the persons in charge of the facilities.

An engineered natural turf soccer field should have a minimum of one-and-one-half percent (1.5%) slope for fields which are surface drained. For natural turf fields with a sub-surface drain system the slope should be no less than one (1.0%) percent. For synthetic turf fields with a sub-surface drain system the slope should be no less than one half of one (0.5%) percent. Slope is measured from center to side. For consulting services, contact SportsPLAN Studio, 816-842-5200.
2020-2021 Boys’ Soccer Calendar

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<td>March 15</td>
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All playoff competition in each round must be completed on the scheduled date(s).

**SEMIFINALS**
**Wednesday, April 28, 2021**
2A at home sites (higher seeds host) – times TBA
3A at Frederick High School – 5:00 and 7:30 p.m.
4A at Legacy Stadium – 5:30 and 8:00 p.m.
5A at Englewood High School – 5:00 and 7:30 p.m.

**CHAMPIONSHIPS**
**Saturday, May 1, 2021 at Colorado Switchbacks Weidner Field in Colorado Springs**
2A at 9:00 a.m.
4A at 12:00 p.m.
5A at 3:00 p.m.
3A at 6:00 p.m.

In case of inclement weather in Round 1 and Quarterfinals, the host school will make all decisions regarding playability of the field before the scheduled match time and shall notify CHSAA of any decisions. All attempts to stay on the tournament schedule should be made and not jeopardize the safety of the participants.

**Important Reminders:**
1. Each coach must certify that players are properly and legally equipped.
2. Each player must have **3 days** of practice before participating in a game.
MAJOR SOCCER COMMITTEE CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR FOR BOYS’ SOCCER:

I. MAJOR CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR’S REPORT:

A. 2A Soccer will increase the playoff bracket from 12 to 16 teams starting with the Fall 2020 Boys Soccer Season. This will include a Friday-Saturday 1st/2nd Round playoff date where the host site will be required to charge a gate over the course of both days (will take effect in 2021-2022 due to COVID).

B. New Playoff Seeding Formula starting with the Fall 2020 Boys Soccer Season.

II. RATIONALE:

A. From an equity perspective, this is in line with other classifications regarding the percentage of teams that qualify for the post season. Additionally, the Friday-Saturday 1st/2nd Round dates eliminate unnecessary travel and missed school time while lowering host school costs.

B. Seeding Committees have multiple data points available to them. By utilizing a Coaches Poll (12 Teams Ranked in All Classifications), MaxPreps, and RPI in creating a seeding formula, a more accurate bracket is achieved.

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2020-2021 CHSAA SOCCER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DAN KNAB (CHAIR) – RESURRECTION CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL (1st Term 2021)
KEVIN RAY – FOUNTAIN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL (2022)
MIKE LOVINGUTH – ARIPE JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL (2022)
CAROL SAMS – GRAND JUNCTION HIGH SCHOOL (2022)
DAMIAN BROWN – MULLEN HIGH SCHOOL (2022)
JUSTIN THOMAS – SKYVIEW HIGH SCHOOL (2023)
KELLY PRESSER – ROCKY MOUNTAIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL (2023)

The 2020-2021 Soccer Committee meeting is Tuesday, March 2, 2021.
MAJOR BYLAW CHANGES
2020-2021

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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.

The CHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee’s mission is to provide information, vision and guidance to the CHSAA while emphasizing the health, and safety of students participating in interscholastic sports and activities. For more information about the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, click here.

CHSAA Emergency Action Plan-
Every member school is required to create a venue-specific Emergency Action Plan (VEAP) for each site that the member school practices and hosts athletic contest. (Please use this template that has been created for consistency).
LIGHTNING AND TORNADO POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Inclement weather – if a game has to be postponed due to lightning, when making the decision to wait 30 minutes or postpone to a later date (if the game is in the first half) or declare the competition complete (if the game is in the second half), administration and officials should work together to consider if student-athletes can be safely socially distanced while taking shelter. If taking shelter will put many participants in a tight indoor space (bus, practice shed, small hallway, etc.) officials and administration must choose to implement a contest-ending procedure prior to waiting 30 minutes.

▪ In inclement weather, remind student-athletes to bring appropriate rain gear, etc. (Bench personnel cannot safely all huddle under an 8x8 or 10x10 tent).

DEFINITION
LIGHTNING
In the United States, an average of 300 people are struck by lightning each year. Of those struck, there are approximately 40 fatalities from lightning each year. Approximately 50-60% of lightning casualties occur during organized sports or recreational activities according to the National Weather Service. Most of these fatalities can be prevented.

Weather Apps
● It is strongly recommended that an independent and objectively verified weather app (such as the WeatherBug® SparkTM App, Storm by Weather Underground, or the National Weather Service app) be available at all outdoor activities, including practices and contests. This should be part of your venue-specific emergency action plan.
● Acceptable alternatives to the verified weather apps include but are not limited to: immediate contact with the local weather services, local television or radio. Access to these sources can be through the Internet, cellular telephone and/or any other means that provides the information needed for real time decisions to be made.

GUIDELINES/PROCEDURES
In your venue-specific emergency action plan, you must:

1. Assign a staff member to monitor local weather conditions before and during practices and contests. This staff member is designated to make the final call on suspending and resuming the game.
2. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby safer areas and determine the amount of time needed to get everyone to a designated safer area:
   a. Utilize announcements/public address announcer to help guide teams and fans to the appropriate shelter and identifying safe places as noted below.
   b. Safe locations need to be identified and shared with teams, spectators and workers prior to the start of the activity or athletic event.
   c. A designated safer place is a substantial building with plumbing and wiring where people live or work, such as a school, gymnasium, locker rooms or buses/cars. An alternate safer place from the threat of lightning is a fully enclosed (not convertible or soft top) metal car or school bus. Reference inclement weather tab in COVID guidance & considerations.
   d. Unsafe locations include but are not limited to: Picnic areas, parks, open sided shelters (dugouts), storage sheds, open garages, tents, press boxes, areas close to open water, tall objects such as trees, poles, towers, elevated areas and anywhere social distancing cannot be maintained.
3. When a thunderstorm seems imminent, lightning is seen or heard, or the weather app indicates that lightning is within 8-10 miles, the outdoor venue (small or large) needs to be evacuated. Proceed to a lighting safe area.
4. Activities shall be suspended, and all personnel are directed to move to safe locations. At a minimum, by the time the lightning storm has reached 8 miles away from the location of the outdoor activity, all individuals should have left the outdoor athletic site and reached a safe location. Weather monitoring subscriptions should be set at an 8-mile radius from the center of the sporting event (venue specific).
5. Criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
   a. When thunder is heard or lightning is seen*, the leading edge of the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play for at least 30 minutes and vacate the outdoor activity to the previously designated safer location immediately.
   b. 30-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or lightning is witnessed* prior to resuming play.
   c. Any subsequent thunder or lightning* after the beginning of the 30-minute count will reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
   d. When lightning-detection devices or mobile phone apps are available, this technology could be used to assist in making a decision to suspend play if a lightning strike is noted to be within 8 miles of the event location. However, you should never depend on the reliability of these devices and, thus, hearing thunder or seeing lightning* should always take precedence over information from a mobile app or lightning-detection device. Reference inclement weather tab in COVID guidance & considerations.

   * – PER NFHS At night, under certain atmospheric conditions, lightning flashes may be seen from distant storms. In these cases, it may be safe to continue an event. If no thunder can be heard and the flashes are low on the horizon, the storm may not pose a threat. Independently verified lightning detection information would help eliminate any uncertainty.

6. Review the lightning safety policy annually with all administrators, coaches and game personnel and train all personnel.
7. Inform student-athletes and their parents of the lightning policy at start of the season in your pre-season meeting.

**No App or Technology Available**
When a weather app is not available, the default NFHS policy that appears in the Rules Book of each sport shall be followed. In brief, that policy requires suspension of all activity when cloud-to-ground lightning is observed, or thunder is heard. If thunder is heard, lightning is assumed to be striking within 10 miles. Implement the Thirty Minute Rule as noted in the NFHS Policy.

**MANAGEMENT**
People who have been struck by lightning do not carry an electrical charge and are safe to be touched by others.
   • Call 911
   • If possible, an injured person should be moved to a safer location before starting CPR.
   • Start cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
   • Lightning-strike victims with signs of cardiac or respiratory arrest need immediate emergency help.
   • Activate the local emergency management system and utilize an AED if available. Prompt, effective CPR has been highly successful for the survival of lightning strike victims.
LIGHTNING AND TORNADO POLICY AND PROCEDURES (Cont.)

DEFINITIONS

TORNADO

• Tornado Watch - indicates tornadoes are possible
• Tornado Warning - tornado siren sounds signaling tornado sighted or tornado indicated by radar

GUIDELINES/PROCEDURES

• Develop a tornado specific EAP for each venue or event.
• Designated weather watcher (above) notifies site or athletic director of approaching storm and communicates direction and speed of storm.
• If a tornado warning is initiated, immediate event delay should be implemented, and all participants, spectators and athletic staff should SEEK SHELTER IMMEDIATELY. Once inside a secure location, tune to local weather alert radio to be informed of storm location, path and duration of tornado warning.
• Warning may be extended, or a new warning issued at any time, so continued monitoring is needed. During tornado warning, sirens will sound for 3 minutes at a time. Depending on duration of warning, sirens may re-sound multiple times.
• Safe shelter from tornado = inside lowest building level, away from exterior walls/windows, with windows closed. If outside, lie flat in a ditch or depression and cover head with hands or stay in a car with seatbelt on. Be aware of potential flooding. DO NOT take cover under an overpass or bridge. Never try to outrun a tornado in urban or congested areas. Be aware of flying debris.

All clear - tornado warning will expire after duration specified by National Weather Service and weather watcher notifies site director that warning has ended and event can resume.

REFERENCES


National Weather Service Lightning Safety Tips and Resources: https://www.weather.gov/safety/lightning
National Federation of State High Schools Association’s Guidelines on Handling Practices and Contests During Lightning or Thunder Disturbances:
• National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration: http://www.noaa.gov
Sportsmanship Protocol at all CHSAA Contests and Activities

1. Cheerleaders/Fans/Spectators
   - It is recommended that there be positive cheers only.
   - Only cheerleaders may use megaphones.
   - All patrons must wear shirts and shoes. Face painting is allowed.
   - Cheer and tumbling routines must be in front of your team’s student body. Routines that spill into the area of the opposing team are prohibited.
   - Cheer squads may perform under the basket area outside the free vertical lane lines at all times.

2. Banners
   - One cloth or vinyl banner may be used, but must be sanctioned by the game management, principal, and/or athletic director before the contest. Note: Some facilities, including venues used for CHSAA playoffs, may not allow any banners. Paper banners are not allowed at CHSAA sponsored playoff events.
     - The words and graphics on banners must be positive: i.e. “beat”, “outscore”, “conquer”, etc.; Negative banners: i.e. “kill”, “maim”, “scalp”, etc., will be confiscated and may result in no future use of banners.
   - Banners must not block the view of others.

3. Noisemakers
   - All artificial noisemakers are prohibited. This includes: cowbells, drums, whistles, horns, plastic clackers, thunder sticks, etc. Exception: bleacher kicking is permitted if the facility management allows it.
   - An air horn or cannon may be used on the field and only if supervised by a school designee. It should never be disruptive to the playing of the game and used only during dead ball periods at the end of playing action.
   - No musical instruments and/or amplified music, including drums, shall play while the game clock is running or when a ‘live-ball’ situation is applicable by rule, whether the game is indoor or outdoor. This includes fanfares, drum rolls, etc. The only time the game, once started, is not “in progress” is during a timeout or intermission. This applies to the use of outdoor, in-gym, or in-arena sound systems and public address announcements. The announcer is an integral member of game administration and is a reporter of information not necessarily obvious to spectators. Great care must be exercised to see that neither team gains an advantage from announcements over the public address system. Announcers are not “play-by-play” announcers.
   - There shall be no amplified instruments at any CHSAA playoff events.

4. A list of acceptable and unacceptable behaviors can be found on CHSAAAnow.com under Activities>Sportsmanship in the Game Management and Sportsmanship Expectation Guide.

5. CHSAA Venue Sportsmanship Expectation Poster
   All schools are strongly encouraged to post the poster/flyer at all school contest venues, with or without using the card system protocols. The Sportsmanship Expectation Poster provides a consistent message for our schools to fans and spectators in our gyms about how to treat referees, judges, umpires, and other sports officials. Any size of the poster/flyer will do. Download the 8 ½ x 11 version at Chsaanow.com.

CHEER FOR YOUR TEAM AND NOT AGAINST THE OPPONENT!!
2-2-4 SECTION 2 BALL SPECIFICATIONS:
ART. 4…If the ball becomes deflated during play, it is declared dead where it was last played and the game is resumed by a drop ball between any two opposing players at the spot where it was last played. If the ball becomes deflated within the goal area, then the ball is dropped between two opposing players subject to the provisions of Rule 9-2-2 and 9-2-3. Ball deflated during a penalty kick results in retaken kick.
Rationale: The provisions for a drop ball have changed, refer to 9-2.

4-1-1a SECTION 1 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:
ART. 1a…The visiting team shall wear solid white jerseys and solid white socks, and the home team shall wear dark jerseys and socks (dark is defined as any color which contrasts with white). Prior to and during the game, jerseys shall be tucked into the shorts, unless manufactured to be worn outside.
Rationale: Manufacturing practices have changed.

4-2-7e, f SECTION 2 OTHER EQUIPMENT:
ART. 7…A tooth and mouth protector (intraoral), if worn, shall:
e. not to be completely white; and
f. not to be completely clear.
Rationale: SMAC no longer recommends the mouth protector meet these two criteria; dropping these two requirements brings soccer in line with the other sports that allow mouth guards.

9-1-1b SECTION 1 BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY:
ART. 1…The ball is out of play when:
a. it has completely crossed the goal line or touch line, whether on the ground or in the air;
b. the ball touches an official and remains on the field; and
1. a team starts a promising attack;
2. goes directly into the goal;
3. possession changes
Rationale: This is to address situations where the ball touches a referee and a team gains an advantage.

SECTION 2 DROP BALL:
ART. 1…The game is restarted with a drop ball:
a. when the ball is caused to go out-of-bounds by two opponents simultaneously;
b. when the ball becomes deflated; (2-2-4)
c. following a temporary suspension of play for an injury or unusual situation; (except as noted in 14-1-7) and the goalkeeper is not in possession of the ball.
d. when simultaneous fouls of the same degree occur by opponents; or
e. when the ball touches an official as per 9-1-1b.
Rationale: This proposal prevents an opponent from gaining an advantage.

9-2-3 SECTION 2 DROP BALL:
ART. 3…The ball is dropped by an official from waist level to the ground. The referee drops the ball to one player of the team that last possessed the ball at the position where it was last touched by a player(s), an outside agent or match official. If when play was stopped, the ball was in the penalty area or the last touch, by either team, was in the penalty area, the ball is dropped to the defending team’s goalkeeper with all opposing players outside the penalty area. In all cases, all other players must remain at least 4 yards from the ball until it is in play. Any number of players may contest a dropped ball (including the goalkeeper); a referee cannot decide who may contest a drop ball or its outcome.

Other Rules Affected:
9-2-2 SECTION 2 DROP BALL ART. 2…The ball should be dropped at the location where it became dead unless this is within the goal area, in which case, it shall be dropped on that part of the goal-area line which runs parallel to the goal line nearest the location where the ball was when play was stopped. If the ball was caused to go out of bounds by two opponents simultaneously, the ball is dropped five yards inside the boundary line to one player of the team in possession of the ball prior to the simultaneous touch, unless this is the goal area. (See 9-3) (See 9-2-3)

Rationale: Simplifies the drop ball procedure.

9-3 DELETE SECTION 3 TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

In the case of a temporary injury or unusual situation the game shall be restarted with a drop ball. As in 9-2-3. The referee drops the ball to one player of the team that last touched the ball at the position where it was last touched by a player, an outside agent or match official. If when play was stopped, the ball was in the penalty area or the last touch, by either team, was in the penalty area, the ball is dropped to the defending team’s goalkeeper. In either case, all other players must remain 4 yds from the ball until it is in play at the point where the ball was when play was suspended (except as noted in 14-1-7) provided the ball was not in the goal area and not in the possession of the goalkeeper (1). The ball is dropped f2-8-2). Should there not be clear possession at the time play is suspended due to an injury or unusual situation, there will be a drop ball at the spot where the ball was declared dead subject to the provisions of Rule 9-2-2.

Rationale: Information was redundant.

13-2-3b DELETE SECTION 2 WHEN AWARDED

ART. 3b…For temporary suspension of play for injury or unusual situation and the goalkeeper has possession to the ball as per Rule 9-3 (9-3).

Rationale: Provisions for drop ball changed.

13-3-1 SECTION 3 HOW TAKEN

ART. 1…Players opposing the kicker shall be at least 10 yards from the ball until it is kicked, unless they are standing on their own goal line between the goal posts. If the free kick is awarded to the defending team in its
penalty area, players opposing the kicker shall be outside the penalty area at least 10 yards from the ball and shall remain there until the ball is in play clears the penalty area. Where 3 or more defending team players form a wall, all attacking team players must remain at least 1 yard from the wall until the ball is in play. 

**Rationale:** This will allow the ball to be put back into play quicker and will lead to a decrease in confrontational moments during free kicks.

**13-3-2 SECTION 3 HOW TAKEN**

ART. 2…The ball shall be kicked while it is stationary on the ground at the spot specified by the official. To be in play, the ball shall be moved in any direction. If the free kick is awarded to the defending team in its penalty area, the ball is not in play until it is beyond the penalty area and into the field of play. Failure to kick the ball as specified shall result in a rekick.

**Rationale:** Allows the ball to be put back into play quicker.

**13-3-4 NEW SECTION 3 HOW TAKEN**

NEW ART. 4…For indirect kicks, the referee shall signal an indirect kick (using Official NFHS Soccer Signals Rule 5-3-1b) by raising an arm above the head; this signal shall be maintained until the kick is taken and the ball touches another player or goes out of play. If the referee fails to signal the kick is indirect and the ball goes directly into the opponent's goal, the kick shall be retaken.

**Rationale:** This clarifies the need to make the signal and prevents punishing the team taking the kick when the referee fails to give the proper signal.

**14-1-3 SECTION 1 PENALTY KICK**

ART. 3…The opposing goalkeeper shall stand with at least one foot on or in-line with the goal line, facing the kicker, between the goal posts, and shall not be touching the goal posts, crossbar, or nets, until the ball is kicked. Lateral or forward movement is allowed, but the goalkeeper is not permitted to come off the line with both feet by stepping or lunging forward until the ball is in play.

**Rationale:** This clarifies the goalkeeper’s position during the taking of a penalty kick.

**16-1-2 SECTION 1 GOAL KICK**

ART. 2…Players opposing the kicker shall remain outside the penalty area until the ball is in play has cleared the penalty area.

**Rationale:** Clarifies when the ball is in play.

**16-1-3 SECTION 1 GOAL KICK**

ART. 3…Once spotted, the ball shall be kicked from the ground from any point within the goal area by a player of the defending team. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves. A goal kick shall clear the penalty area and enter the field of play. If the ball is not kicked beyond the penalty area, the goal kick shall be repeated.

**Rationale:** Clarifies when the ball is in play.
16-1-4 SECTION 1 GOAL KICK

ART. 4…After the goal kick is properly taken leaves the penalty area, the ball may be played by any player except the one who executes the goal kick. The kicker may not play the ball until it has been touched by another player.

Rationale: Clarifies how the kick is taken and when it is in play.

2020-2021 POINTS OF EMPHASIS

Correct Field Markings and Appropriate Uniform. It is important that games are played on fields marked in a consistent manner, and players wear uniforms according to NFHS rules. If a field is improperly marked and/or if a team wears an illegal uniform the referee shall contact the state association, who will work with school administrators to make appropriate changes. In addition, during pregame communication with school administration, game officials are also encouraged to communicate these corrective actions directly to administrators.

Understanding the Difference Between Fair, Hard Play and a Foul. Soccer is a contact sport and understanding the differences between fair and hard play and a foul that is either reckless or serious is important to ensuring fair play and the safety of the players. When a player acts with disregard of the danger to, or consequences for, the opponent, he/she should be cautioned for reckless play. When a player uses disproportionate and unnecessary force against an opponent, he/she could be disqualified for serious foul play. It is critical coaches teach players about their own safety and the safety of their opponents, and officials recognize the differences between reckless and serious and the corresponding penalties. Safety, fair play and sportsmanship should be emphasized in the pregame meeting. Communication between officials, coaches and captains should continue throughout a match, especially as the intensity increases. And when reckless or serious foul play occurs, officials should deal with the situation immediately – this kind of play should not be tolerated.

Education-Based Soccer. High school athletics is education-based, and some mechanics of our game are intentionally different from other levels of soccer. The pregame meeting, for example, is a time for officials to communicate expectations to both coaches and captains. This REQUIRED meeting for both head coaches and captains should cover pertinent rules, sportsmanship, the coin toss, and properly and legally equipped players. This meeting is a purposeful start to an education-based interscholastic match.
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 – 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. Shootouts or penalty kicks may not be used to determine winners in regular season games. 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. Contests that are part of a CHSAA sanctioned tournament may use a shootout to advance a team in the bracket. The official game result, as it relates to record/standings, will still be entered as a tie in MaxPreps.

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.
NFHS SOCCER UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Front View

A GAME JERSEY
1. Home Team:
   • Dark color contrasting white
   • If gray is used, view the gray-color scale for specific information
2. Visiting Team:
   • Solid white
   • No colored trims
3. Jerseys do not need to be tucked into the pants.
4. All team members shall wear the same color and style of uniform.
5. Appropriate-sized manufacturer’s logo allowed.
6. Only names, patches, emblems, logos or insignias referencing the school are allowed on the jersey.
7. GOALKEEPER’S jersey must be distinctly different in color from that of team members and the opposing team.

B FRONT GAME JERSEY NUMBER
1. All jerseys, including the goalkeeper, shall be numbered. Numbers shall not be duplicated.
2. There shall be a 4-inch number on the front (jersey or shorts).
3. The color of the number shall contrast with the color of the jersey or pants and be clearly visible.

Back View

C BACK GAME JERSEY NUMBER
1. All jerseys, including the goalkeeper, shall be numbered. Numbers shall not be duplicated.
2. There shall be a 6-inch number on the back.
3. The color of the number shall contrast with the color of the jersey or pants and be clearly visible.

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**OTHER ITEMS**

**SOCKS**
1. Home Team:
   - Dark color contrasting white
   - Single dominant color
   - Does not need to match the jersey color
   - Both socks shall be the same color
2. Visiting Team:
   - Solid white
3. If tape or stays are used externally, it should be the same color as the socks.
4. Manufacturer's logo on both sides of the socks is legal.

**SHORTS**
1. May be of a color unlike that of the jersey.
2. May have an appropriately sized manufacturer's logo applied.
3. Only names, patches, emblems, logos or insignias referencing the school are allowed on the shorts.

**SHINGUARDS**
1. Professionally manufactured.
2. Age- and size-appropriate.
3. Worn under socks.
4. Worn with bottom edge no higher than 2 inches above the ankle.
5. Must meet NOCSAE Standards at time of manufacture.
6. NOCSAE seal and height range permanently marked on front of shinguard.
7. May not be altered.

**UNDERGARMENTS: TIGHTS/LEG/KNEE & ARM SLEEVES**
1. If worn, similar length for an individual.
2. Solid color, all alike for the team, if worn.

**HEAD COVERINGS**
1. Goalkeeper may wear soft-billed baseball-type hat or soft-billed visor.
2. Soft-padded headgear is permitted.
3. Medical or cosmetic required head coverings must be approved by state association.
4. Religious required head coverings must be approved by the state association.

**MISCELLANEOUS**
1. Manufacturer's logo may not exceed 2 1/4 square inches or exceed 2 1/4 inches in any dimension.
2. American flag may not exceed 2 inches by 3 inches.
3. By state association adoption, commemorative or memorial patches placed on the jersey may not exceed 4 square inches.
4. Armbands shall be worn on the upper arm by the team captain.
5. Substitutes should wear distinguishing pinnies when warming up outside the team area.
Message from Ken Hehir, President, HSSO

High School Soccer Officials (HSSO) is the CHSAA-sponsored organization which recruits, trains, evaluates, and when necessary, disciplines high-school soccer officials in Colorado.

It has been a long time since any of us were on a high school soccer field and, like all of you, the referees are looking forward to returning.

Fall 2019 was the first season where we returned to the diagonal system of control and it was mostly well received by coaches and referees. It will still be relatively new to some referees and we will continue to work on education and improvement.

We have been successful in recruiting some younger USSF referees and fast-tracked them to be able to officiate varsity level games – this will continue to be a focus for us.

I welcome any advice and feedback as we go through the season – please do not hesitate to reach out….and if you know any referees who would like to try high school officiating, please send them my way.

Cheers

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SOCCER OFFICIALS’ REMINDERS

OFFICIALS’ FEES

Officials’ game fees for the 2020-2021 season:

$61.18/55.69 – 3-Officials Diagonal (1 Ref/2 AR’s) Varsity Game *Diagonal system expected for Varsity
$57.12 – 2-Officials Varsity Game
$44.37 – 2-Officials Sub-Varsity Game

Mileage - $.40 cents per mile or a $6.00 stipend within the Denver-Metro area.

For regular season contests, the most an official should receive for mileage reimbursement is 75 miles. This does not apply to post season contests where officials are assigned by CHSAA. Please refer to the current Officials’ Report in the Legislative Council Minutes for more information.

EVALUATE YOUR OFFICIALS

Coaches are asked to evaluate the crew of officials after each game. The CHSAA and the Colorado High School Soccer Officials Association value your input on the officiating in our state. Under http://www2.chsaa.org/coaches/rate-contest-official.asp click on Rate Your Contest Officials link. Depending on the browser used, your coach may print the completed document in a pdf form and send to Tom Robinson at trobinson@chsaa.org. It is important that coaches approach this with the mindset that constructive criticism is the best way to improve officiating in Colorado.

VOTING FOR POSTSEASON OFFICIALS

The High School Soccer Official’s (HSSO) Organization will work to continue to bring you the best officials from the HSSO organization. To work postseason games, officials must submit an application by April 9 to be considered. Official postseason selection is based on the votes of Coaches, Athletic Directors, Assigners, and Area Directors that will be conducted April 12-16. Coaches and Athletic Directors - it is imperative that you participate in the voting which is done online through a link that will be provided in early April to you from the CHSAA office.

HSSO and the CHSAA office urge you, as coaches and Athletic Directors, to participate in the postseason officials’ selection process! Please contact the CHSAA office with any questions or concerns.
1. All regular season games will be played according to the NFHS and be completed by **Saturday, April 17, 2021 for all schools.**

2. **Student/Parent Information** – Parents and students are required to review the Competitor’s Brochure and acknowledge their understanding of the CHSAA Bylaws by signing at the end and submitting to their school’s Athletic Director. As part of the Competitor’s Brochure, parents and students acknowledge the inherent risks of participating in athletics and activities including the risk of COVID-19. Serious, catastrophic and fatal accidents may occur.

3. **Physical Exam/Parent Consent** - No student shall represent his/her schools in interscholastic athletics (practice or contest) until there is on file with the school administration a statement signed by his parent or legal guardian and a practicing physician certifying he/she has passed an adequate physical examination within the past year (12 calendar months) and is physically fit to participate in high school athletics and has the consent of his parents or legal guardian to participate.

4. **Trainer’s Kit** - The CHSAA recommends that a trainer's kit, with all the necessary medical supplies needed for your sport, be available at all practices and contests.

5. **Language** - Coaches are reminded that the CHSAA focuses on exemplary behavior. The use of bad language may be penalized by disqualification. Work with your athletes at the beginning of the season to understand that whenever the uniform is worn, they represent their school and the philosophies of the CHSAA.

6. **Taunting** - Taunting is considered any action(s) or comments by coaches, players, or spectators which are intended to bait, anger, embarrass, ridicule or demean others, whether or not the deeds or words are vulgar or racist. Game officials shall, in all sports, follow the rules set forth by the National Federation for each sport. Penalties under these rules may include ejection or other penalties for flagrant unsporting-like behavior-like offenses. Taunting in all sports and/or activities is an unsporting-like behavior-like offense that may result in a game ejection with penalties as outlined in the student ejection policy in the CHSAA Handbook.

7. **Sunday Contact** – In accordance with Bylaw 2310.5, no high school interscholastic contests, practices for interscholastic contests, camps, nor association between participants and coaches/directors of any CHSAA sanctioned sport from the student's school shall take place on Sundays during the school year. The Commissioner may, when deemed advisable, allow postponed state-level events to be played on Sunday. Teams playing on Monday in district, regional or in a state-culminating event will be exempt from this rule.

8. MaxPreps is the official site we use to collect data for regular season scores and statistics. Please report all game information to this site (www.maxpreps.com). More information and a user guide may be found on the CHSAA homepage: www.chsaanow.com. All scores must be posted in MaxPreps by the home team within 24 hours of the end of the game.

   NOTE: The out-of-state opponents and scores must be verified by the Colorado team and entered on the MaxPreps website.

9. **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 both
team areas 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.

a. Benches should not be used during games.
b. If social distancing can’t be achieved with both team benches on the same side, team benches may be set up on opposite sides of the field.
c. There must be minimum 10 feet distance between spectators and team benches.
d. Utilize stadium seating for team benches to promote greater social distancing when available.
e. **Coaches/administration should assess and determine appropriate sideline spacing for each individual site.** How can you best spread out bench personnel? What is best for your site?

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 World Cup competitions.

10. **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 NFHS rule book guidelines. A field diagram can be found in this bulletin as well as the NFHS rule books on the page following the table of contents. It includes the markings for team bench and officials’ areas for teams located on the same side of the field, as per NFHS 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 with the rules of the game.

Reminder to AD and coaches about soccer fields without fences or barriers for fans. There must be minimum 10 feet distance between spectators and team benches. 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 soccer rule book for directions to these markings and to NFHS soccer Rule 1-6.

11. 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 bench personnel, numbers and names of all team players, before the game begins (electronic roster is preferred and should be updated in MaxPreps).

12. 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.

13. 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).

14. Mandatory Mercy Rule: Refer to Mercy Rule information listed within the Colorado State Rule Adoptions in this bulletin.

15. 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 NFHS 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.

16. **Uniform Requirements** - consistent with NFHS 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 visiting team shall wear solid white jerseys and solid white socks, and the home 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 visiting team wearing solid white socks and the home 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)

17. **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. 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. Contests that are part of a CHSAA sanctioned tournament may use a shootout to advance a team in the bracket. The official game result, as it relates to record/standings, will still be entered as a tie in MaxPreps.

18. **NO Overtime for JV/Sub-Varsity:** If tied at the end of regulation, the game will end in a tie.

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

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

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 regardless of whether you have been notified by the CHSAA.** 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.

Any player ejected from a second match or contest during the same season shall be suspended from competition for the next two matches or contests of the same level. Any player ejected from a third match or contest during the same season shall be subject to a penalty to be determined by the Commissioner.

22. **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.**
A coach ejected from a contest for committing an unsportsmanlike act shall be suspended from coaching for 10% (1 game) of the season’s regularly scheduled matches or contests of the same level. He/she/they may not coach in any other contest at any level during this time. A coach ejected from a second contest during the same season shall be suspended from coaching for 20% (2 games) of the season’s contests of the same level (CHSAA Bylaw 2210.1 & 2210.2). If a coach ejection occurs, it is the responsibility of the coach and school to declare the individual ineligible for the next contest of that level regardless of whether you have been notified by the CHSAA.

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.

A coach ejected from two contests during a five-year period shall be required to appear at a hearing before the Commissioner or his/her/their designee and shall be subject to a penalty to be determined by the Commissioner (CHSAA Bylaw 2210.4). A coach ejected from three contests in a five-year period shall be placed on restriction (no playoffs) per CHSAA Bylaw 2210.5.

23. 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. Game officials will also report a coach’s red card for unsportsmanlike behavior to the CHSAA Assistant Commissioner in charge of soccer. CHSAA will notify schools of the reports; the coach/school is responsible for implementing the penalty regardless of notification from CHSAA.

24. Game officials will submit a game report for each game with all athlete yellow and red cards to notify CHSAA of any disqualified/ineligible students. CHSAA will notify schools of the reports; the coach/school is responsible for implementing the penalty regardless of notification from CHSAA.

25. 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 NFHS rules. Once a game has been declared as completed, the outcome is considered final and official. Coaches and Administrators are encouraged to use the official evaluation form available on the CHSAA.org website for evaluation of all contests.

26. ALL Registered Coaches - 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 registered by the school’s AD in accordance with CHSAA policy 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.

27. 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).
28. 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).

29. **CHSAA Drone Policy** - “The use of drones, also known as unmanned aerial vehicles, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at all CHSAA-sanctioned events, unless express written permission is obtained: 1) from the host school district during regular season contests, or 2) the CHSAA for any postseason/playoff contest. This policy includes not only the restricted playing area of the venue(s), but also the physical confines of the entire stadium/field/arena structure. For the purposes of this policy, a drone is any aircraft without a human pilot on board.”

30. **Maximum Contests** - A student may not participate in more than 24 halves (across all levels) exclusive of regional and state tournaments. Example: A player who played 12 JV halves and 13 Varsity halves would’ve violated this rule. No member school shall permit its soccer team to participate in more than 10 regular season soccer games. 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).

**OFFICIALS**

**Dressing Room** - Where possible the official’s dressing room should be located in an area with the most direct access to the playing field. The officials’ dressing room shall be used as a changing area for game officials only. The room should be stocked with water.

**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.

**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.
CHSAA Postseason Information

The following information is relative to the 2021 Boys’ Soccer Playoff Season. It is expected that coaches and Athletic Directors will review and become familiar with all information contained within.

For all classifications, the results of regular season play will determine automatic qualifiers and respective seeds in the postseason. Leagues may use the results of their regular season schedule or a system developed and approved by the league membership. This qualifying system must be submitted to the CHSAA office by the league prior to April 1, 2021.

If ties exist within the league, either the CHSAA qualifying point system or a tiebreaker developed by the league and submitted to the CHSAA office prior to April 1, 2021 or a regular season game or league Bylaws must be used to break the tie. The committee recommends that each league review their tie-breaking procedures prior to the beginning or the season. In the event a league does not file a tiebreaker system, or have it listed in the league Bylaws, 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 league. However, IN NO CASE MAY A SCHOOL EXCEED THE 10 MATCH SEASON LIMIT to break a tie in the standings.

Regular season matches must be completed and reported in MaxPreps by Saturday, April 17, 2021. All postseason qualifiers must be determined no later than Saturday, April 17, 2021, with the pairings being determined on Sunday, April 18, 2021. The CHSAA staff can approve alternate dates in extreme situations.

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 League Ties
Leagues that break ties in the standings without additional play, will do so by the leagues’ adopted tiebreaker system, a copy of which is to be on file with the CHSAA office for review. In the event a 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 league.
3. Record against the next highest common league opponent above tie.
4. Record against next lower common league opponent below the tie.
5. Goals given up against varsity teams within the 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, 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).

If you have questions, interpretations, or wish to offer suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact Assistant Commissioner Justin Saylor at the CHSAA office. Due to the possibility of extreme travel in the playoffs, any cooperation between schools to reduce cost would be appreciated.
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 postseason contest. Game fields must be legal size fields for high school soccer and be in safe and playable condition. The CHSAA reserves the right to make sure all playoff fields are legal fields, as per NFHS rules and recommendations for high school field size. This will allow both teams a fair opportunity to compete and ensure proper seating for spectators with a restricted area between participants and fans.

TEAM BENCH AREAS
In the postseason, 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.

a. Benches should not be used during games.

b. If social distancing can’t be achieved with both team benches on the same side, team benches may be set up on opposite sides of the field.

c. There must be minimum 10 feet distance between spectators and team benches.

d. Utilize stadium seating for team benches to promote greater social distancing when available.

e. Coaches/administration should assess and determine appropriate sideline spacing for each individual site. How can you best spread out bench personnel? What is best for your site?

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 may be separated on opposite sides of the field. It is the CHSAA’s intent in the semi-finals through finals that team benches will be on the same side of the field.

FIELD MARKINGS
Postseason 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. There must be minimum 10 feet distance between spectators and team benches. In addition, no one shall be permitted directly behind either goal unless seated in bleachers. Please locate the NFHS soccer field diagram for directions to these markings and to NFHS soccer Rule 1-6 for reference. Make sure your soccer field for postseason is marked correctly.

PRACTICE
Participating teams will not be allowed to practice at the state championship site the week of the state championships (April 26-May 1, 2021).

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 sportsmanlike 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 sportsmanlike behavior.
OFFICIALS
In all postseason soccer games, officials will be assigned by the CHSAA office. Payments to the officials will be made by the host school during the first and quarterfinal rounds. Payments to officials in the semifinals and State Championship matches will be made by the CHSAA office. All the assignments will be listed on the Arbiter site.

To access the officials that CHSAA has assigned, Athletic Directors need to access “The Arbiter Sports” web site: www.arbitersports.com.

SITES
In all classifications the higher seeded team will be the home team throughout the playoff bracket and will host all rounds except for the semifinals and finals. The higher seed in all classifications will be designated as the home team in semifinal and final matches.

It is required by the CHSAA that quarterfinal postseason 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.

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.

SOCCER POSTSEASON VENUES
Enclosed fields with suitable seating and where an admission can be charged is the preferred venue for postseason games. Field conditions must meet minimum NFHS rules and recommendations regarding 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 NFHS 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.

BRACKET PLACEMENT
The New Seeding Formula (MaxPreps, Coaches Poll, RPI) will determine the At-Large qualifiers for each classification (bracket released Sunday, April 18). The state playoff bracket will not be seeded, and matchups will be determined by the Assistant Commissioner overseeing Boys Soccer based on geographic location of leagues (1st Rd league matchups are a possibility).

POSTSEASON 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 consider 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 postseason matches are to be played on a Saturday, 1:00 or 3:00 p.m. is the preferred scheduled time.
b. When postseason matches are to be played on a weekday, 3:30 or 4:00 p.m. are preferred times for non-lighted fields. The preferred time is 6:00 p.m. for lighted fields.
c. The Assistant 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 postseason calendar will be adhered to when match conditions permit. When available, host schools shall attempt locate an artificial turf site that will be an alternative to stay on schedule.

INCLEMENT WEATHER & SUSPENDED PLAY POLICY
In the event inclement weather prevents postseason matches from being held on the regularly scheduled date(s), the CHSAA office will work with the host site to select the next available date for competition. The game(s) will be rescheduled as quickly as possible and will be played close to the originally scheduled date depending on facility constraints. If play is suspended for any reason in a postseason game, the contest will be restarted at the point of interruption.

If a weather element affects the field condition or safety of the athletes, by NFHS 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.

AWARDS
Awards for the 2021 Boys’ Soccer Playoffs will be as follows in each classification: Championship team receives a trophy, and second place team receives a runner-up trophy.

AWARDS CEREMONY
The CHSAA will have an awards ceremony at the conclusion of the championship game in each classification. The award ceremony will be 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.

GATE LIST/ROSTER FORM
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: GATE LIST FOR BOYS SOCCER
DUE DATE FOR GATE LIST: Monday, April 19, 2021

TICKETING & TOURNAMENT FINANCES

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POSTSEASON GAME 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 (who have not been disqualified), including the goalkeeper – on or off the field – to take the kicks.
   d. Players shall remain at the halfway line until called forward by the referee. Coaches should also be at this line for consultation with officials.
   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 (who have not been disqualified) 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 (who have not been disqualified) 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 (who have not been disqualified) 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) shall be declared the winner.
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

**Boys 2A Soccer Regions (29 schools – 8 qualifiers)**

**Enrollment: 1-295**

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Each region is responsible for creating a plan to determine the region’s automatic qualifier. The plan for each region is due to CHSAA prior to start of season. 4 automatic qualifiers will be determined at the end of league play, with 4 at-large qualifiers determined by the new seeding formula.

Schools choosing to not play in the postseason – Denver Jewish Day School.

In order for a region to have an automatic qualifier, it must start and finish the season with at least three (3) teams.

Schools that are not member schools of state associations affiliated with the NFHS shall not be counted toward the RPI calculation. They shall be treated as no contest.
Class 2A Boys' Soccer Playoff Bracket

Quarterfinals
April 24
Home Sites

Semifinals
April 28
TBD

Championship
May 1
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Boys 3A Soccer (57 schools – 16 qualifiers)
Enrollment: 296-675

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Boys 4A Soccer (72 schools – 16 qualifiers)
Enrollment: 676-1379

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4A Boys' Soccer Playoff Bracket

Round 1
April 21
Home Sites

Quarterfinals
April 24
Home Sites

Semifinals
April 28
TBD

Championship
May 1
TBD

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Boys 5A Soccer (59 schools – 16 qualifiers)
Enrollment: 1380-up

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  - April 20
  - Home Sites

- **Quarterfinals**
  - April 23
  - Home Sites

- **Semifinals**
  - April 28
  - TBD

- **Championship**
  - May 1
  - TBD

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