



# Kansas State High School Activities Association

## 2017-18 SOCCER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### General Information

- Tobacco and Chemical Use is Prohibited**—The Executive Board's policy regarding tobacco products and other chemical use prohibits coaches, directors, sponsors, coaches aides and contest officials from using tobacco products, alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs while directly involved in interscholastic activities.
- Extreme heat conditions per **Rule 5-3-2e**. The referee should stop play for water breaks. **Rule 7-1-1** and **7-1-2** provide contingencies for games conducted under extremely hot conditions.
- All varsity contests, tournament or regular season, must be of regulation length in compliance with KSHSAA **Rule 1** and **Rule 7-1-1** of the National Federation Soccer Rules.
- Suspended game defined:**

**Rule 7-1-3:** In the event a game must be suspended because of conditions which make it impossible to continue play, the head referee shall declare it an **official game if one complete half or more of the game has been played**. If less than one-half of the game has been played, the game will restart from **the suspension of play according to state association adoption**. The KSHSAA Executive Board has the interpretation in all activities that the game will be **re-started from the suspension of play**. If games cannot be made up due to conflict in schedules, by mutual agreement, the game is cancelled.
- The KSHSAA has adopted a goal differential whereby at the end of the first half, if one team has **gained a 10-goal difference** or if it achieves such a differential during the second half, the game shall be terminated.
- Overtime procedure for regular-season play:** When the score is tied at the end of regulation the following procedure will be used: two sudden victory 10-minute, overtime periods; if tie remains, the game ends in a tie.

- Overtime procedure for postseason:** When the score is tied at the end of regulation the following procedure will be used: two 10-minute, sudden victory periods; if tie remains, two 5-minute sudden victory periods; if tie remains, penalty kicks.
- The **KSHSAA REQUIRES** the use of a **scorer's table** and **scorebook** at all soccer matches to enhance proper game administration.
- Rule 1-6-1** requires spectator areas to be 10 feet from touchlines, team areas and goal lines. **No one shall be permitted directly behind either goal.**
- A *2017-18 KSHSAA Soccer Manual* will be mailed to you in the near future. Study it carefully. For additional information, watch for articles in the *KSHSAA Activities Journal*.
- SOCCER QUESTIONNAIRE**  
NFHS Questionnaires are now done online. All coaches and officials will receive an email with the link.

### Sportsmanship

The KSHSAA places top priority on sportsmanship! It is imperative that soccer coaches and officials willingly accept the responsibility of being positive role models. The ethics, integrity and sportsmanship exhibited by these adults have profound affect on the young people who participate. **PLEASE BE POSITIVE and PROFESSIONAL!**



### Coaches Information

- COACHES**—All middle/junior and senior high varsity head coaches must successfully complete Soccer Test, Part I, and score 90% or better. Those coaches who do not receive a grade of 90% or better must take a KSHSAA Test 2. If they do not score 90% or better on the KSHSAA Test 2, their school's name will be published in the *Activities Journal*. **Any school whose coaches do not complete an online test by September 11 will pay a fine of \$25.**
- ATTENTION: COACHES** — If you have not joined the NFCA, you are encouraged to do so soon. The membership fee is \$35 which includes an informative monthly publication, liability insurance and other benefits. Questions, call 1-800-245-2744. By joining KCA, you are automatically a member of NFCA.
- The KSHSAA encourages schools and coaches to implement the use of preseason meetings for athletes, parents and coaches. These meetings are an opportune time to discuss mutual expectations with regard to training rules, nutrition, scheduling, **recruiting officials** and other administrative information.
- Coaches are ambassadors of high school activity programs in their communities. The KSHSAA encourages you to seek opportunities to promote the value of participation in these educational programs to the youth and patrons in your communities.
- School administrators or their designee (certified staff member other than the coach) must be in attendance for the entire contest for purposes of game administration and supervision.
- Schools' attention is called to the Guidelines for Supervision of Interscholastic Athletic Events as published in the *KSHSAA Soccer Manual*. Special note should be taken of page 9 which states the host school should

- provide adult chaperons or security personnel to escort officials to and from their dressing facilities and from the field following the conclusion of the match.
18. Schools are to use their Form S to report to the KSHSAA office. We not only want to know about incompetent or unprofessional officials, but we would also like to receive positive comments.
  19. **Officials Recommendation Forms**, found on the KSHSAA website, should be faxed or mailed to the KSHSAA the week before the regional tournament. Please list at least ten (10) officials. **Failure to submit officials' names will result in a \$50 fine to member schools.**
  20. **KSHSAA Rule 52: Citizenship/Sportsmanship**—Interscholastic activities are an important aspect of the total educational process in Kansas secondary schools. Coaches, officials, administrators, participants and fans have an equal responsibility to model good sportsmanship and citizenship to all who play and watch the game of soccer. Special emphasis must be given to the National Federation **Soccer Rules 12-8-1 and 12-8-2** as they relate to conduct of players, coaches and bench personnel. Proper conduct at all soccer contests is the joint responsibility of coaches, players, officials and school administrators.
  21. Prior to the first practice, coaches should be knowledgeable of **Rule 38** in the *KSHSAA Handbook*. This rule explains the **number of contests and halves per day in which a player may participate**.
  22. Coaches are reminded it is your responsibility to enforce the **Bona Fide Student Rule 14** in the *KSHSAA Handbook*, which includes player ineligibility for using tobacco products, alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs at school events. **It is also your responsibility to make sure your athletes are eligible.** Check physical examination/parental consent records and review *KSHSAA Eligibility Checklists*.
  23. Schools may not hold **interschool scrimmages** in any activity. Alumni scrimmages are permitted provided no score is kept and no clock, but officials can be used. If either of these elements is present, the activity counts as one of the school's allowed competitions. Intrasquad games among teammates do not count as scrimmages or games.
  24. Coaches should be aware of the fact they may not be involved in any capacity with All-Star contests during the school year. Consult *KSHSAA Handbook Rule 24* and your athletic administrator for further information.
  25. A member school may not film any school's contest if they are not a participant without written permission from the involved schools' principals in advance of the contest.
  26. **KSHSAA Rule 10** — Only certified coaches (certified in compliance with standards established by the State Board of Education) or coaches aides (through application and approval from the KSHSAA) are allowed to work with teams. **No outsiders or volunteers may coach or assist** with any coaching duties. If your school district has employed coaches or coaches aides who are not members of your teaching staff, be sure to make them aware of KSHSAA rules and regulations.
  27. Scholastic Achievement Award Certificates for academically qualified teams may be requested by contacting your athletic director.
  28. Coaches should familiarize themselves with the following *KSHSAA Handbook Rules* (found online at [www.kshsaa.org](http://www.kshsaa.org)) and their ramifications for the actions of their athletes:
    - Rule 30** — Seasons of Activities
    - Rule 22** — Outside Competition
    - Rule 21** — Amateur
    - Rule 20** — Awards
    - Rule 19** — Undue Influence
  29. The host school's administration should make the **officials' checks** available prior to the contest or as soon thereafter as possible, depending on school district policy.
- ## Officials Information
30. **OFFICIALS** — Officials' examinations may be "open-book" and worked in groups. All tests **MUST** be done online before **September 11** to avoid being placed on probation or suspension.
  31. The **assignment of officials for the state tournament** will be based on the schools' recommendations of officials they have seen work this year, and:
    - a. Scored 90% or above on the open-book examination, and
    - b. Attended a KSHSAA Soccer Rules Meeting.
  32. **Only those officials registered with the KSHSAA may be used by member schools in varsity soccer competition.** It is recommended registered officials be used for non-varsity competition as well. Registration includes taking an "open-book" rules test and attending a KSHSAA soccer rules meeting. **In varsity contests, the KSHSAA requires the use of the three-person diagonal system of officiating insofar as possible.**

A two-person system is acceptable only under unique circumstances when three officials are unavailable for varsity competition.
  33. **Game contracts** should be in writing, clearly setting forth the dates, financial arrangements and terms. Such businesslike procedures avoid misunderstandings and are appreciated by schools and officials. It is advisable to confirm dates at least one week prior to the game by sending a postcard or note to the contest manager. **An official's word is his/her bond.** Once given, verbally or by formal contract, he/she will be present regardless of possible inconvenience or financial loss. He/she will never give up one contract to accept another better paying assignment. If contracts are broken by schools or officials, the KSHSAA should be notified.
  34. Recruiting new officials and providing them with opportunities to gain experience is a responsibility shared by all of us. Please encourage young people with an interest in sports and youth to become registered as KSHSAA officials.

35. The KSHSAA strongly recommends communication between officials and schools prior to each contest. Schools should inform officials as to where to park, proper entrance, location of dressing facility, etc. Officials should confirm their arrival time, who is driving, etc. This type of communication acts as a reminder to officials and schools and eliminates possible problems.
36. The KSHSAA recommends officials give a 3 x 5 card to each coach prior to the first match. The card should list the date, the two schools participating and the names of each official. These cards will be helpful to coaches when it is time to make recommendations for postseason playoff officials.
37. **Officials are required to conduct a pregame conference prior to each contest.** (See official pregame conference format in *KSHSAA Soccer Manual*.)
38. Prior to each contest, when officials talk with coaches concerning game procedures, all conversations should be **in the presence of both coaches**. This same policy should be followed at halftime in the event there are any questions.
39. An official should always **carry a rules book and manual** in his or her suitcase for reference and use in the dressing room. A pregame conference between all officials helps to minimize challenges during the game.
40. **Officials shall dress** according to the code of dress outlined in the *Soccer Rules Book* and should have the *Soccer Rules Book* available for reference at the site. The official's uniform shall consist of:
- Officials shirt, all the same color
  - Black shorts
  - Black shoes and socks or black stockings with white tops
  - Two whistles, yellow card, red card, stopwatch, flipping coin, pencil and score card
  - A solid black cap
  - In the event of a color conflict between the officials and either team, the officials must change to a jersey of a color distinct from both teams. Any color is approved as long as all officials are dressed alike.

41. Officials **must** report unsportsmanlike conduct by players, coaches or fans which distract from an educational environment. Please report on positive or rewarding experiences as well.

## Tournament Information

42. **ENTRY FEES:** The soccer regional tournament entry fee will qualify a school to receive an assignment to the first level of postseason competition. It will also serve as the entry fee for that competition. Schools participating in postseason tournament competition must mail Fall and Spring Sports Entry Forms (from the online entry forms at [www.kshsaa.org](http://www.kshsaa.org)) along with the entry fee to the KSHSAA by the due date.
43. Regular season tournament games must be included in this year's win-loss-tie percentage provided they are full length varsity contests. Be sure the following information is complete and accurate:
- Reporting team records to regional seeding meeting managers;
  - Win-Loss-Tie Record Form found on the KSHSAA website, plus, take a copy to the seeding meeting.
44. Regional seeding meetings will be held the Saturday before the week of regionals. Information for State Soccer Tournament seeding will be found in the *KSHSAA Soccer Manual*.
45. There will be eight regional sites with winners advancing to the state quarterfinal matches. The four winners will advance to the state semifinals with the championship and consolation matches contested the following day.



## Points of Emphasis

### 1. 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 proper fit, 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 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.

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The relevant ASTM standard can be found at [www.astm.org/Standards/F2439.htm](http://www.astm.org/Standards/F2439.htm).

## 2. 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 pregame 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.

## 3. 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.

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# Required Pregame Officials Conference

Per National Federation Soccer Rule 5-2-2 and by recommendation of the KSHSAA, soccer officials shall arrive at contests no less than 30 minutes prior to game time, and a formal pregame conference will be held at the location of the halfway line (the scorer's table). The pregame conference shall be conducted by the head referee and shall include the following items:

- A. Inspect and approve the game balls, field of play and nets; inquire about local ground rules and determine if a fair game may be started.
- B. Verify the line judges, ball holders, official scorer and timers.
- C. Review specific duties with scorer, timer and line judges.
- D. Examine the uniform and equipment of each player to see if it complies with the rules.
- E. Discuss the KSHSAA inclement weather policy for postponements of contests (*refer to KSHSAA Soccer Manual*).
- F. Review of proper signals to be used by soccer officials.
- G. Positioning of soccer officials throughout the contest.
- H. Proper communication among officials during the contest.
- I. Points of emphasis from state association rules.
- J. Exiting field and location to meet escort postgame (*officials exit field immediately*).
- K. Set plays (*wall, goal kicks, penalty kicks, corner kicks*).
- L. Conduct a pregame conference with team captains to:
  1. Review pertinent rules.
  2. Conduct a coin toss at least five minutes before the scheduled time of the game. The visiting team captain shall call the coin while it is in the air. The winner of the toss shall choose a goal to defend or kick off first. Loser of the toss shall be given the remaining choice.
- M. The referee or line judges shall:
  1. Assist the head referee in inspecting the game balls, field of play, nets, players' uniforms and equipment.
  2. Review duties and responsibilities with ball holders.
  3. Assist with the pregame conference with team captains.

***The KSHSAA requires schools provide a scorer's table and an official soccer score book to facilitate proper administration of soccer contests.***