

SOCCER ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 29, 2023



CONGRATULATIONS 2023 BOYS SOCCER STATE CHAMPIONS

Championship Finals

6A = Olathe East def. Shawnee Mission West 1-0

5A = Maize South def. Overland Park-Blue Valley Southwest 3-2

4-1A = Shawnee Mission-Bishop Miege def. Kansas City-Bishop Ward 5-2

Consolation Finals

6A = Topeka-Washburn Rural def. Dodge City 2-1

5A = Salina-South def. Overland Park-St. Thomas Aquinas 3-2 (OT)

4-1A = Wichita-Trinity def. McPherson 2-0

2023-24 SOCCER RULES MEETING & EXAM

All KSHSAA head soccer coaches (high school and middle school) and registered officials are required to complete a rules meeting and a rules exam prior to the season. **For girls only high school coaches, middle school spring coaches and girls only officials, both these requirements are accessible online November 29 – March 13.**

Important information including the KSHSAA Soccer Manual and online passwords were mailed in July to school athletic directors. Information packets are mailed to officials once they register.

IMPORTANT SOCCER DATES – GIRLS 2024

Beginning Practice Date	February 26
EAP Rehearsal Date (recommended)	March 7
Earliest Possible Competition	March 14
Early Season Tournaments	March 25-30
Mid-Season Tournaments	April 29-May 4
Regional Tournaments	May 13-18
State Quarterfinals	May 21
State Semifinals & Finals	May 24-25



JAMBOREES APPROVED FOR HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

High schools may begin hosting Soccer Jamborees in 2023-24. The purpose for these controlled playing opportunities is to provide a meaningful, learning and training experience for players, coaches, and officials. Jamborees must take place prior to regular season competitions and include 3 or 4 KSHSAA member schools. Participating schools determine admission procedures (fee, donations, charities, etc.), and KSHSAA registered officials are required. It is strongly encouraged to use jamborees as training opportunities for officials. Also, time should be scheduled during a jamboree for officials to review rules changes, points of emphasis, and sportsmanship expectations with players and coaches. It is recommended this time be scheduled either prior to the start of jamboree play, during a break/intermission, or at the conclusion of play. To review all the requirements for a Soccer Jamboree, click [HERE](#).

GUIDANCE FOR COACHES & ATHLETES

If you ever have questions about what you or your athletes can or cannot do during the school year (outside the season of sport or during the season of sport) or during the summer, please click [HERE](#).

KSHSAA RULES REVIEW – Click [HERE](#) to access the KSHSAA Handbook.

KSHSAA RULE 22 – Once a student begins practice with a school team, the student may not play on an outside/club team in the same sport/activity during the school season.

KSHSAA RULE 26-1-4 – A student shall not participate in group training sessions or tryouts held by colleges or other outside agencies in a sport while he or she is a member of a school athletic team in that identical sport. AKA – NO COLLEGE ID CAMPS.

KSHSAA RULE 30-1-6a – Schools may not hold interschool **scrimmages** (practices) in athletics. Interschool is defined as middle/junior school with another middle/junior school and senior high school with another senior high school. This does not eliminate scrimmages between alumni and the school team. During a scrimmage there can be no score kept and no clock. Use of officials is permitted. Should one or more game elements (score or time) be involved, it would no longer be a scrimmage, but must count toward the number of contests allowed during the season. Intrasquad scrimmages, games among teammates, even with score, time and/or officials used would not be considered a game.

SPRING SOCCER PLAYERS NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE 9 DAYS OF PRACTICE

In September 2021, the KSHSAA Board of Directors approved a modification to Soccer Rule 38-1-2 making the nine-day practice requirement applicable only to the fall soccer season. Now, only fall activities have minimum practice requirements before competing primarily for heat acclimatization concerns.

OFFICIAL BALL FOR KSHSAA POSTSEASON SOCCER

The KSHSAA is proud to partner with SELECT for the next six years and have the SELECT Royale as the official postseason ball for KSHSAA soccer. Balls will be provided by the KSHSAA to host schools/sites for each postseason contest. For special school rates and discounts for SELECT items and a list of SELECT dealers in Kansas, click [HERE](#). **Balls used for regular season contests are at the discretion of the host school. They must have the NFHS authenticating mark.**



NFHSLEARN.COM (Be sure to check out all the offerings at www.nfhslearn.com.)

So many helpful courses and videos are available for coaches, officials, students, parents, administrators . . . Many FREE courses including *Name, Image & Likeness, Implicit Bias, Sportsmanship* and *The Collapsed Athlete*. [Officials](#) – take advantage of FREE officiating courses, *Pregame Conference, Fouls & Misconduct, & Offside Rule Coaches* – *The Parent Seat, Beyond the Scoreboard, & A Lasting Relationship* are FREE, brief 5-7 minute videos you can download and show at parent meetings or share electronically. Click [HERE](#) to access.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS (NFHS)

MISSION: The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) serves its members by providing leadership for the administration of **education-based** high school athletics and activities through the writing of playing rules that **emphasize health and safety**, educational programs that **develop leaders**, and administrative support to **increase participation opportunities** and **promote sportsmanship**.

2023-24 NFHS RULES & POINTS OF EMPHASIS

To access and review NFHS soccer rules changes and points of emphasis with rationale and explanation, please go to [NFHS.ORG – SOCCER](https://www.nfhs.org/soccer) or [KSHSAA.ORG – SOCCER](https://www.kshsaa.org/soccer). This year's points of emphasis are as follows:

1. Wearable Technology
2. Coaching and Team Area Decorum
3. Denying an Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity (DOGSO)
4. Substitutions

OTHER HELPFUL LINKS

- [NFHS SOCCER FIELD DIAGRAM](#)
- [NFHS SOCCER OFFICIAL SIGNALS](#)

UNIFORMS

The home team wears dark colored jerseys and socks (clear contrast to white), and the visiting team wears solid white jerseys (no colored piping, stripes, etc.) and solid white socks. Read carefully **Rule 4-1** in the 2023-24 NFHS Soccer Rules Book regarding uniforms including undergarments. You may also reference the [NFHS UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS DOCUMENT](#).

Socks (4-1-1b) – 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 or a similar material (stays/straps) is applied externally to the socks, it must be of similar color as that part of the sock to which it is applied. **Cut-off socks are allowed and must also be of similar color to the main sock.**

Schools do not need to contact KSHSAA regarding special jersey nights such as “Pink Out” Nights where the home team wears a different color jersey and/or socks as long as the jersey and/or socks are a clear contrast to white being worn by the visiting team. Common courtesy would be to notify both the officials and the visiting team of these special nights prior to the contest.

OFFICIALS’ UNIFORM/GEAR (NFHS RULE 5-1-3)

The officials shall be dressed alike in the uniforms primarily consisting of:

- a. a shirt approved by the state association; in the event of a color conflict between the officials and the field players of either team, the officials shall change to a jersey of a color distinct from the field players of both teams. *(The KSHSAA does not specify shirt color for officials. For new officials, the predominant shirt colors worn by KSHSAA soccer officials are yellow, green, red, blue, and black.)*
- b. black shorts or long trousers.
- c. predominantly black shoes and black knee socks with white horizontal stripes.
- d. two whistles, yellow card, red card, stopwatch/wristwatch, flipping coin, pencil, and paper/scorecard.
- e. a solid black cap, if worn.
- f. unless otherwise prohibited by the state association, electronic communication devices may be used by officials to communicate. *(The KSHSAA does not prohibit officials from using electronic communication devices.)*

BOYS SOCCER – FINAL RED CARD DATA

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL = PLAYERS + COACHES</u>
2018	108 = 98 + 10
2019	118 = 111 + 7
2020	84 = 79 + 5
2021	116 = 110 + 6
2022	111 = 97 + 14
2023	160 = 155 + 5

