

# SOCCER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **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**.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

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With competitions beginning this week, please be sure to always be positive and professional. The KSHSAA places top priority on sportsmanship! It is imperative that coaches, officials and fans willingly accept the responsibility of being positive role models. The ethics, integrity and sportsmanship exhibited by adults have a profound effect on the young people who participate.

## **SOCCER CONTEST ADMINISTRATION "KEYS TO SUCCESS"**

*The 2024-25 KSHSAA Soccer Manual pages 19-21 provides more guidelines for host and visitor schools.*

1. Establish a communication plan in which you contact opposing schools and officials one week in advance of competition to share site specific instructions and expectations. This communication should be initiated by the host school and may be facilitated by use of KSHSAA FORM D.
2. 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.
3. "See something, say something." Please do not hesitate to address poor sportsmanship and disrespectful conduct within spectator and team areas including coaches. An immediate, kind reminder can de-escalate and prevent worse behavior and more serious consequences later.
4. "KSHSAA Pre-Activity Timeout" – Schools are expected to designate a time prior to the start of any interscholastic contest to share event critical information including Emergency Action Plan (EAP) items with the administration of all participating schools. Be sure to review information regarding this important proactive communication measure in the KSHSAA Soccer Manual.

**August 27** is the KSHSAA recommended date to rehearse Soccer facility EAPs.

## **HYDRATE . . . HYDRATE . . . HYDRATE & SUBSTITUTE . . . SUBSTITUTE . . . SUBSTITUTE**

Please be sure to provide ample opportunities for students to hydrate throughout practices and games. Clock stoppages for hydration breaks during games are allowed. To prevent athletes' muscle cramping, substitute regularly throughout contests as well allowing athletes to stretch and hydrate.

## **OFFICIAL SCOREBOOK & BALL HOLDERS REQUIRED AT ALL CONTESTS (NFHS RULE 6)**

It is **REQUIRED** that all schools provide a scorer's table, official soccer scorebook and at least two ball holders at all interscholastic soccer contests. This requirement includes all varsity and non-varsity contests.

## **OFFICIAL & TEAM AREAS (NFHS RULE 1-5)**

There shall be **marked areas** for each team's bench, separated by an official area for entering substitutes, scorer's table and timers. These **marked areas** shall be at least 10 feet from the touchline. **The state association shall be notified if team areas are not marked.** The official area shall extend 5 yards on each side of the halfway line. The team areas shall extend from 10 yards on each side of the halfway line for a distance of 20 yards, and each area shall be marked by a solid line. Coaches, bench personnel and team members shall be restricted to the team area.

*When teams are placed on the opposite sides of the field, each team area shall be marked as stated in Rule 1-5 and shall be placed **diagonally** across from each other.*

## **SPECTATORS' AREA (NFHS RULE 1-6)**

Spectators shall be confined to areas at least 10 feet from the touch line, team/official area and goal line. No one shall be permitted directly behind either goal unless in bleachers.

## **ARTIFICIAL NOISEMAKERS – KSHSAA Soccer Manual Page 22**

Artificial noisemakers (including megaphones, cow bells, thunder sticks, air horns, sirens, etc.) are not to be used and bands are not to play (including the beating of drums) while the game is in progress, indoors or outdoors. They may be played or used during pregame introductions, halftime after scored goals and after the conclusion of a contest. If the host school administration questions the safety or appropriateness of any noisemaker it shall not be permitted. By policy of the KSHSAA Executive Board, use of fireworks, cannons, air concussion cannons, hand-held explosives and other devices is not permitted at any KSHSAA postseason athletic event. Member schools have the authority to determine if they permit such devices at their regular season events.

## **TEAM ROSTERS (NFHS RULE 3-1-3)**

*Each team shall submit a team roster, containing the first and last names and numbers of all players, and substitutes, all bench personnel and all coaches, to the officials at least five minutes prior to the start of any contest. The game shall not begin until this is complete. Players, substitutes, numbers, bench personnel and coaches may be added to the roster after the start of play. Goalkeepers may have two numbers listed on the roster, a goalkeeper's number and a field player's number. It is vital for rosters to be accurate.*

## **CLOCK START & STOPPAGE (NFHS RULE 6-2-3a & 7-4-1)**

In NFHS/KSHSAA soccer contests, the clock should stop after every goal scored. Thus, there should be no reason for any player/s to rush the goal and attempt to retrieve the ball.

## **SUBSTITUTIONS (NFHS RULE 3-3-2b)**

*If the referee stops the clock and beckons a coach or appropriate health care professional onto the field for an apparent injury to any player, the player shall leave the field. If the referee signals the clock to be stopped and the appropriate health care professional or coach is not beckoned, the player does not have to leave the field.*

## **KSHSAA EJECTION POLICY**

*Any participant (player, coach, spectator) who is ejected for making contact with an official or who is ejected for unsporting behavior directed toward an official, shall be subject to a non-appealable suspension from the next contest at that level and for all contests at any level (in that activity) until the suspension has been served. Local school leadership may levy additional sanctions as they deem appropriate.*

Note: the requirement for all ejected students to complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course and the requirement for all ejected coaches to complete the NFHS Teaching and Modeling Behavior course prior to being reinstated remain in effect.