



KANSAS STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

2021-22 SOCCER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Important Soccer Dates for Coaches, Officials & School Administrators

July 15	Registration Late Fees Begin (Officials)
August 16	First Practice Date for Boys
August 19	ADM-1 Fall Sports Entry Fee Form (Boys Regional Soccer Entry Form) Due <i>See school administrator regarding this KSHSAA form.</i>
August 22	Online Official Registration Ends – <i>may still register at an in-person rules meeting</i>
August 27	Earliest Possible Boys Competition Date
September 6-11	Early Season Boys Tournaments
October 11-16	Mid-Season Boys Tournaments
October 13-20	Boys Postseason Official Recommendations from Schools
October 22	Boys Season Win-Loss-Tie Record Form Due
October 23	Boys Regional Seeding Meetings <i>(EAST at OP-Blue Valley Southwest HS and WEST at Wichita-Northwest HS)</i>
October 25	Boys Regional Tournament Roster Due to Tournament Manager
October 25-30	Boys Regional Tournaments
November 2	Boys State Tournament Quarterfinals / Roster Due
November 3	Boys State Tournament Roster & Team Photo Due to the KSHSAA
November 5-6	Boys State Tournament Semifinals & Finals
January 15	Registration Late Fees Begin (Girls Only Officials)
January 21	ADM-8 Spring Sports Entry Fee Form (Girls Regional Soccer Entry Form) Due <i>See school administrator regarding this KSHSAA form.</i>
February 27	Online Official Registration Ends (Girls Season Only) - <i>may still register at an in-person rules meeting</i>
February 28	First Practice Date for Girls
March 17	Earliest Possible Girls Competition Date
March 28 - April 2	Early Season Girls Tournaments
May 2-7	Mid-Season Girls Tournaments
May 4-11	Girls Postseason Official Recommendations from Schools
May 13	Girls Season Win-Loss-Tie Record Form Due
May 14	Girls Regional Seeding Meetings <i>(EAST at OP-Blue Valley Southwest HS and WEST at Wichita-Northwest HS)</i>
May 16	Girls Regional Tournament Roster Due to Tournament Manager
May 16-21	Girls Regional Tournaments
May 24	Girls State Tournament Quarterfinals / Roster Due
May 25	Girls State Tournament Roster & Team Photo Due to the KSHSAA
May 27-28	Girls State Tournament Semifinals & Finals

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 including Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS), 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.

4. **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 **restarted from the suspension of play**. If games cannot be made up due to conflict in schedules, by mutual agreement, the game is canceled.

5. 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.
6. **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.
7. **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.
8. The **KSHSAA REQUIRES** the use of a **scorer's table** and **scorebook** at all soccer matches to enhance proper game administration.
9. Rule 1-5-1 requires marked areas for each team's bench, separated by an official area for entering substitutes, scores 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.
10. **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.**
11. A *2021-22 KSHSAA Soccer Manual* will be mailed to you in the near future. Study it carefully. For additional information, watch for articles/announcements in the *KSHSAA Activities Journal* and on the KSHSAA Soccer website.
12. **SOCCER QUESTIONNAIRE**
NFHS Questionnaires are now done online. All coaches and officials will receive an email with the link.

NFHSLEARN.COM – Free Courses

Check out all the online courses available from *NFHSLEARN.COM*. Over 50 courses are FREE including soccer officiating courses: Fouls & Misconduct, Offside Rule and Pregame Conference. Some of the other FREE course topics are Implicit Bias, The Collapsed Athlete, ACL Injury Prevention, Student Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, Heat Illness Prevention, Social Media, Understanding Vaping & E-Cigarettes, Sports Nutrition, Concussion in Sports, Engaging Effectively with Parents, and Captains Course.

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 a profound effect on the young people who participate. **PLEASE BE POSITIVE and PROFESSIONAL!**

Coaches/School Information

12. **COACHES**—All senior high varsity head coaches must successfully complete Soccer Test, Part I, and score 90% or better. Those coaches who do not receive a score of 90% or better must take KSHSAA Test II. If they do not take and pass the KSHSAA Test II, their school's name will be published in the *Activities Journal*. **Any school whose boys head coach does not complete the online exam by August 26, 2021 will be assessed a \$100 penalty fee. It is also mandatory that all head coaches complete an online or in-person rules meeting during the indicated timeframe. The penalty fee for not completing a rules meeting by the due date will result in a \$100 fine as well!**
PLEASE NOTE: There will be an additional timeframe for girls coaches **ONLY** who were unable to complete the requirements in the fall. **Any school whose girls head coach does not complete the online exam and complete the online rules meeting during the period of December 1, 2021 through March 15, 2022 will be assessed a penalty of \$100 for each missed requirement.**
13. 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. *NFHSLearn.com* offers two FREE brief but informative parent videos, "The Parent Seat" and "Beyond the Scoreboard."
14. 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.

15. **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. Please see the *Soccer Manual* for information about the KSHSAA Pre-Activity Timeout.**
16. Schools' attention is called to the Guidelines for Supervision of Interscholastic Athletic Events as published in the *KSHSAA Soccer Manual*. 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.
17. Schools are to use their **Form S** to report to the KSHSAA office. We not only want to know about negative incidents involving players, coaches, officials and spectators, but we would also like to receive positive comments.
18. **Officials Recommendation Forms**, found on the KSHSAA website, should be submitted to the KSHSAA the week before the regional tournament. Please list at least five (5) to ten (10) officials. **Failure to submit officials' names will result in a \$50 fine to member schools.**
19. **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.
20. 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.**
21. 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 including Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS), 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*.
22. Schools may not hold **interschool scrimmages** in soccer. Alumni scrimmages are permitted provided no score is kept and no clock used. If either of these elements is present, the activity counts as one of the school's allowed competitions. Officials can be used in alumni scrimmages. Intrasquad games among teammates do not count as scrimmages or games.
23. 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.
24. 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.
25. **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.
26. Scholastic Achievement Award Certificates for academically qualified teams may be requested by contacting your athletic director.
27. Coaches should familiarize themselves with the following *KSHSAA Handbook Rules* (found online at www.kshsaa.org) and their ramifications for the actions of their athletes and themselves:

Rule 38 — Soccer	Rule 22 — Outside Competition
Rule 30 — Seasons of Activities	Rule 21 — Amateur
Rule 28 — Music Festivals and Athletics	Rule 20 — Awards
Rule 26 — Anti-Tryout and Private Instruction	Rule 19 — Undue Influence

Outside Competition Rule Updated To Reflect Calendar

At the Fall 2019 KSHSAA Board of Directors Meeting it was unanimously approved to modify Rule 22, Outside Competition, Section 1, Article 1 as follows: A student who is a member of a school athletic, scholars bowl or debate squad effective ~~Tuesday following Labor Day~~ **Monday SCW #7** through Friday preceding Memorial Day may not participate as a member of an outside team or as an independent competitor in the same sport, scholars bowl or debate activity. (Exception: See Rule 4, United States Olympic Committee-Sponsored National Trials and Competitions.) Therefore, once a student begins practice with a school team (fall practices may begin Monday, August 16 this school year), the student may not play on an outside/club team. **This is a change for boys soccer athletes who in the past could continue playing on an outside/club team through the Tuesday after Labor Day even though they may have begun practicing with their school team.**

Officials Information

29. **OFFICIALS** — Officials' examinations may be "open-book" and worked in groups. All tests **MUST** be done online before **August 26** to avoid being placed on probation or suspension.
30. 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; and
 - c. completed/submitted a postseason application.
31. **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.
32. **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 with 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.
33. 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.
34. 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.
35. The KSHSAA recommends officials give a 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. Card templates can be found under forms on the KSHSAA Officials webpage.
36. **Officials are required to conduct a pregame conference prior to each contest.** (See official pregame conference format in *KSHSAA Soccer Manual*.)
37. 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.
38. An official should always **have access to a rules book and manual** for reference and use in the dressing room. A pregame conference between all officials helps to minimize challenges during the game. Please see Pregame Discussion Guide.
39. **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:
 - a. Officials shirt (all the same color)
 - b. Black shorts or long trousers
 - c. Black shoes and socks, or black stockings with white tops
 - d. Two whistles, yellow card, red card, stopwatch, flipping coin, pencil and score card
 - e. A solid black cap, if worn
 - f. 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.
 - g. The KSHSAA does allow officials to use electronic communication devices.
40. Officials **must** report unsportsmanlike conduct by players, coaches or fans which distracts from an educational environment. Please report on positive or rewarding experiences as well. **The Official's Report of Unusual Situations may be accessed under "Forms" once logged in as an official on the KSHSAA website (www.khsaa.org).**

Required Pregame Officials Conference

Per National Federation Soccer Rule 5-2 and by recommendation of the KSHSAA, soccer officials shall be in uniform at the site of the game no less than 15 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 each school's head coach and captain to:
 1. Review pertinent rules.
 2. Address fair play and good sportsmanship. Clarify your expectations for competitive and fair play.
 3. 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.
 4. Inquire of each head coach whether each of his/her players will be properly and legally equipped at the kickoff. Any questions regarding legality of a player's equipment shall be determined by the head referee, or the center referee.
- 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 scorebook to facilitate proper administration of soccer contests.

2021-22 Rules Changes

4-2-10 NEW: Head coverings worn for religious reasons shall not be made of abrasive or hard materials; and must fit securely.

Rationale: This rule addition will allow student-athletes to express their religious beliefs through the wearing of headwear without the approval from the state.

4-2-11 NEW ARTICLE: In addition to the above permitted uses, state associations (or designee) may on an individual basis permit a player to participate while wearing a head covering for medical or cosmetic reasons if it is required by a licensed physician. A physician's statement is required before the state association can approve a covering which is not abrasive, hard or dangerous to any other player and which is attached in such a way it is highly unlikely that it will come off during play.

NFHS Points of Emphasis

Properly Worn Uniforms and Marked Fields.

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.

Reckless and Serious Foul Play.

Soccer is a contact sport and as such officials must be prepared to effectively manage the flow and intensity of the game. 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. Reckless play is defined as “a player has acted with disregard of the danger to, or consequences for, the opponent. A player who displays reckless play shall be cautioned.” Serious foul play is defined as “any play in which the player commits one of the offenses punishable with a direct free kick and uses disproportionate and unnecessary force against an opponent while playing for the ball.” It is critical that officials recognize the differences between the two and the corresponding penalty. Although officials cannot eliminate a player from engaging in reckless or serious foul play, there are preventive mechanics that can be used to control this type of play from occurring during the match by:

- Addressing fair play and good sportsmanship during the pregame meeting with the coaches and captains. Let them know your expectations for competitive and fair play.
- Talk to the players and captains during the match. When the intensity of play increases and fouls become more prevalent, remind the players of your expectations. Control the temperature of play by warning, whistle and when necessary cards.
- Deal with reckless or serious foul play immediately. Be sure to let the players and coaches know that you will not tolerate that level of play during the match. When warranted use cards to address these behaviors.
- Use of Headsets: Officials who have used headsets to communicate between and among the crew have found this to be an effective tool in helping to control play and deal immediately with unsporting and dangerous play.

High School Athletics is Education-Based.

High school athletics are education-based, and for this reason some mechanics of our game are intentionally different from other levels of soccer. Playing sports and participating in interscholastic activities is a privilege that students earn by maintaining academic standards and good conduct in and outside the classrooms.

As an extension of the classroom, the goal of education-based athletics, in addition to core academic subjects learned in the classroom, is that students experience additional educational opportunities through their participation in sports. Beyond the specific skills of a sport, these individuals have the opportunity to learn important principles that can guide them the rest of their lives. Learning the life skills of sportsmanship, playing by the rules, teamwork and perseverance will pay huge dividends throughout these students' lives. Certainly, improving skills and winning games is a part of the overall goal, but the quest to win games, events and championships cannot come at the expense of providing these educational opportunities.

The required pregame meeting is a time for officials to communicate expectations to both head coaches and captains. This meeting for both head coaches and captains should cover pertinent rules, sportsmanship, the coin toss and legally equipped players. This meeting is a purposeful start to an education-based interscholastic match.

Sportsmanship.

Interscholastic athletic programs must promote good character, enhance the integrity of education, and foster civility in society. Student-athletes, coaches and all others associated with interscholastic athletic programs, as well as those who attend interscholastic athletic events, should adhere to the fundamental values of honesty, integrity, respect, caring, cooperation, trustworthiness, leadership, tolerance and personal responsibility.

The message of good sportsmanship should be addressed by school administration with their students, coaches, parents and spectators alike, which includes a message which prohibits taunting and the use of profanity during games. Coaches and officials should model good sportsmanship during the pregame, game, and post-game. A short but firm statement by the official outlining the action that will be taken for unsporting conduct would be appropriate. Check with your state association. They may have provided a statement for use by officials in the pre-game meeting.

Professional Responsibilities for Officials.

Officials are an integral part of education-based athletics and for this reason it is important that officials conduct themselves in a professional manner that upholds the dignity of this vital role. For this reason, an official shall prepare themselves both physically and mentally, shall dress neatly and appropriately, shall master both the rules of the game and the mechanics necessary to enforce the rules, shall exercise impartial authority in a firm and controlled manner and shall stay up to date with game management and health and safety requirements. Additionally, officials shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession in all interactions with student-athletes, coaches, school administrators and spectators alike.

It is important that officials take steps to educate themselves with the NFHS Officials Code of Ethics in the soccer rules book as well as their state association's officials' handbooks.