

SOCCER ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 22, 2023



KSHSAA COVERED – Click [HERE](#) to access Season Previews for Boys Soccer.

COACHES AND OFFICIALS – RULES EXAM & RULES MEETING REQUIREMENTS

The fall season deadline date to complete these two requirements is this **Thursday, August 24** for all head coaches and officials. Please review prior announcements for more information. Be sure to listen to the online rules meeting to ensure you are able to answer the questions throughout the presentation.

SOCCER CONTEST ADMINISTRATION "KEYS TO SUCCESS"

The 2023-24 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 22 is the KSHSAA recommended date to rehearse Soccer facility EAPs.

HYDRATE . . . HYDRATE . . . HYDRATE & SUBSITUTE . . . 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.

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



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 and officials 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.

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.

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.

REPORTING GAME SCORES

Please remember to report scores after each game during the season. To do so, log in as a coach or administrator on the KSHSAA Website. Click on "Activities". Under the Soccer Tab, click on the "Boys Win/Loss Report", and enter your game score. This information is required for postseason tournament seeding. Thank you for your timely reporting!

PREGAME CONFERENCE (NFHS RULE 5-2-2d)

The head/center referee shall conduct a pregame conference with the head coaches and team captains to:

- Review pertinent rules such as reckless and serious foul play, DOGSO, and substitutions.
- Address good sportsmanship and coaching and team decorum.
- Conduct a coin toss . . .
- Inquire of each head coach about players being properly and legally equipped. Any wearable technology?

The pregame conference is crucial for officials setting the tone and providing their expectations to the teams prior to the start of a contest and establishing communication protocols such as the officials will talk with head coaches only on the sideline.

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 the 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)

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."



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.**

UNUSUAL SITUATIONS REPORTS

Thank you, officials, for promptly completing and submitting Unusual Situations Reports following games. Reports should include information regarding Red Cards and may also include info about illegal field markings, clock issues, illegal/unsafe goal structures, uniform irregularities, positive comments about teams and school administration, and other items to do with safety and security of student-athletes. This report may be found on the KSHSAA Soccer Officials Webpage under "Forms". Click on "Unusual Situations".

FORM S – SCHOOL REPORT ON OFFICIALS

Please remember, schools may complete and submit a Form S – School Report on Officials any time to provide positive and/or negative information regarding an official/s. Form S is located within "Entry Forms" under "Yearly-Letter Forms" on the KSHSAA Website. Feedback is appreciated and documented.

RED CARDS/EJECTIONS – PLAYERS & COACHES

Any Red Card/Ejection is to be reported to the KSHSAA. Officials are to use the Unusual Situations Report Form (<http://www.kshsaa.org/Official/General/UnusualSituations.cfm>) to notify the KSHSAA of any ejection at any level of play. This online form is sent to the KSHSAA and member schools involved.

PLAYERS – As stated in the 2023-24 Soccer Manual, "**A player who is red carded** during a game is suspended for the remainder of the game, the following game and **all** other interscholastic soccer contests at any level in the interim. 'Following Game' is defined as the next game the red carded player would have been designated to play in at the same level of competition. **The suspended games shall count towards the player's allowed number of games.**"

KSHSAA Executive Board policy requires any player ejected from a contest at any level of play (grades 7-12), for unsporting conduct or behavior will be required to successfully complete the free "**NFHS Sportsmanship Course**" online (<https://nfhslearn.com/courses>) prior to the KSHSAA and school reinstating his/her eligibility privileges. The school principal or athletic director is responsible for overseeing compliance of this requirement. There is no cost for the course which takes approximately 20 minutes to complete. Schools are NOT required to submit the student's certificate of completion to the KSHSAA but should retain it on file.

NFHS Rule 12-9-2-PENALTY: "A disqualified player must leave the field and may not return or be substituted for, and the player's team must play short. The disqualified player is restricted to the team area."

COACHES – The KSHSAA Executive Board requires all coaches at all levels in all KSHSAA activities who are ejected from a contest to successfully complete the "**NFHS Teaching & Modeling Behavior Course**" online (<https://nfhslearn.com/courses>) prior to coaching in their next event. (Next event is defined as the next regularly scheduled day of competition. An ejected coach could complete a tournament in progress before completing the course requirement.) The course fee is \$20 and can be completed in one hour. The school administrator IS responsible for providing KSHSAA with a copy of the coach's certificate proving completion of the online course. (Coach may print this as the final step of the online course.) Recurring Red Cards/Ejections result in a requirement to repeat the course.

NFHS Rule 12-9-3c: “A coach who is disqualified shall leave the vicinity of the playing area immediately and is prohibited from any contact, direct or indirect, with the team during the remainder of the game. (Thus, the coach cannot be seen or heard the remainder of the contest.) Failure to comply shall result in termination of the game.”

KSHSAA EJECTION POLICY

On June 17, 2021, the KSHSAA Executive Board approved the following policy for all interscholastic activities designed to enhance sportsmanship and to support adjudicators:

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.

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

Rule 22-1-1 – “A student who is a member of a school athletic, scholars bowl or debate squad effective 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 begin August 14), the student may not play on an outside/club team.**

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.

Rule 30-1-5a – “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.”

FALL SOCCER PLAYERS REQUIRED TO HAVE NINE (9) DAYS OF PRACTICE

KSHSAA Rule 38 states a fall season soccer player must participate in nine days of practice with the team prior to participating in a contest. The primary reason is heat acclimatization and hydration awareness. Each sport has different conditioning and practice needs unique to that sport. Coaches are responsible for documenting these practices. **(Rule 38-1-2)**

NEW: Only 5 practices will be required for participation in fall soccer contests occurring on or after the Monday of SCW #13 (September 25, 2023) due to cooler temperatures and less need for heat acclimatization measures. This change to KSHSAA Rule 38-1-2 benefits injured players starting their fall season late or middle school seasons that begin in late fall. **Athletes playing contests prior to the Monday of SCW #13 are still required to have 9 practices.**