SOCCER ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 6, 2025





2025 GIRLS SOCCER POSTSEASON

- Regional assignments, postseason brackets, state site information, and current team standings may all be
 accessed via links located under GIRLS on the right side of the KSHSAA SOCCER HOMEPAGE.
- There are no postseason play-in games. The top 16 teams are seeded in the East and West for all three classifications (6A, 5A, & 4-1A). Postseason brackets will be posted Saturday, May 17.
- Higher seeds host regional & state quarterfinal/semifinal contests and are the home teams for uniform purposes.
- Ticket Prices for Regional Contests: Adults = \$8.00 and Students K-12 = \$6.00
- Ticket Prices for State Contests: Adults = \$10.00 and Students K-12 = \$10.00
- Section 05 of the KSHSAA SOCCER MANUAL provides more postseason information including Seeding Criteria.



POSTSEASON SCHEDULE

May 19-24 = Regionals (1st Round = May 19/20 & Finals = May 22)

May 26 (Monday) = State Quarterfinals

May 28 (Wednesday) = State Semifinals

May 31 (Saturday) = State Consolation & Championship Finals

10:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
1:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m.
4-1A Championship Final
5A Consolation Final
5A Championship Final
6A Consolation Final
6A Consolation Final
6A Championship Final
6A Championship Final

May 31 will be a *SUPER SOCCER SATURDAY* in which a \$10 admission fee will allow spectators access to all six state final contests being played on two fields at the Wichita-SCHEELS Stryker Sports Complex!

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, handheld 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.

NFHS SOCCER RULES CHANGES FOR 2025-26 (NEXT SCHOOL YEAR)

The NFHS Soccer Rules Committee announced this spring rules changes for next school year. To read more about the rules changes, visit the NFHS Website at https://www.nfhs.org/activities-sports/soccer/.

GUIDANCE FOR COACHES & ATHLETES

If you ever have questions about what coaches and 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**.

SUMMER MORATORIUM = JUNE 30 - JULY 6, 2025

There shall be NO school related athletic activities. During this time coaches (licensed teacher coaches and coach aides employed by member schools) shall be prohibited from engaging in any type of activity involving student athletes whether it be practice, training, weightlifting, conditioning, competition or travel. All member school athletic facilities will be closed during this period to school personnel and students grades 7-12. If member school athletic facilities also serve as non-school community recreation facilities, these facilities may remain open during the moratorium so long as no school teams are playing, and no school coaches are coaching the teams/individuals. During this one-week dead period, students may attend camps or competitions but may not do so with their school coaches. Click HERE for more info and interpretations.

SUMMER GUIDELINES FOR COACHES

<u>KSHSAA Rule 10-1-8</u>: Beginning Sunday of SCW #5 (August 3) through and including Sunday of SCW #7 (August 17) only voluntary weight training and conditioning is permitted for all school athletic teams. No school team practices shall be permitted until Monday of SCW #7 (August 18).

The purpose for two weeks with no coach contact for sports specific instruction is to allow families (coaches and athletes) to have time for vacations and to have some free time prior to the start of the season. Weight training and conditioning are permitted to continue, on a voluntary basis, so students retain their physical conditioning.

Coaches in volleyball, football, boys soccer, girls tennis, girls golf, cross country, and gymnastics may not have team gatherings (ex: soccer kick arounds, tennis hitting, etc.) where these sports are being played. Coaches can only have contact with their potential players for voluntary weight training and conditioning. No balls should be present, or school sport specific equipment may be used during the time between August 3 and August 17.

OFFICIALS - POSTSEASON APPLICATION

To be eligible for postseason, an official must have completed an online rules meeting and scored a 90% or higher on the NFHS rules exam. All officials meeting these two criteria are encouraged to complete a postseason application. **Applications are due May 14.** The online application is accessible at the official's page on the KSHSAA website. Officials can enter their schedule and save and add dates to it through May 14.

SCHOOLS – POSTSEASON OFFICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Schools, please submit recommendations for officials online May 7-14 for the KSHSAA Girls Soccer State Championships. To submit recommendations, login to the KSHSAA Website with your administrator password. In the Entry Forms section click on May. Only schools participating in soccer should submit recommendations. Please select officials you have observed over the past two years that you feel should be considered for a postseason assignment. Only officials who have met all the requirements and are eligible for a postseason assignment will be available for you to choose from. For Cooperative Teams, only one school should submit the recommendations (the school who provides the coach who took the online rules meeting and exam). There is a \$50 penalty fee for schools not submitting postseason soccer official recommendations.

KSHSAA COACHING SCHOOL & SUMMER SOCCER SYMPOSIUM

The KSHSAA Coaching School is back in Salina August 4-5. There will be an in-person KSHSAA Soccer Rules Meeting offered there at 4:00 on August 4; however, there will not be any soccer specific learning sessions. Soccer coaches and officials, mark your calendars though for **July 26** and plan to attend the first ever **Summer Soccer Symposium** at Olathe Northwest High School. More details to come. There will be a KSHSAA Rules Meeting at the symposium.