

# **SOCCER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**April 22, 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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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. 4-1A Consolation Final

**10:30 a.m. 4-1A Championship Final**

1:00 p.m. 5A Consolation Final

**1:30 p.m. 5A Championship Final**

4:00 p.m. 6A Consolation Final

**4:30 p.m. 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-SHEELS Stryker Sports Complex!

## **SUSPENSION OF REGULAR SEASON CONTESTS - NFHS 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 (according to KSHSAA adoption), the game will be restarted from the point of suspension when conditions allow."

It is critical for game details to be recorded accurately in the official scorebook onsite including Time of Game Suspension, Location and Situation of Play, Any Cards Given, and the Score.

### **KSHSAA GUIDELINES FOR LIGHTNING SAFETY**

First and foremost, schools should know and follow their facility's lightning procedures. Secondly, be familiar with the KSHSAA Guidelines for Lightning Safety, and follow these recommended protocols if there are no site-specific ones available.

## **NFHS SOCCER RULE 4-3-2 (NO JEWELRY)**

Jewelry shall not be worn except for religious or medical medals.

- a. A religious medal or other religious items must be taped to the body and worn under the uniform.
- b. A medical alert must be taped and may be visible.



## OFFICIAL BALL FOR KSHSAA POSTSEASON SOCCER

The KSHSAA is proud to partner with SELECT 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.**

## 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 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 2024-25 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 12-4-3: “An ejected player is shown the red card, shall leave the field, and may not return or be substituted for, and the player’s team shall play short (except as in 3-3-3c). An ejected player or substitute 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 12-4-4c: “A coach, or adult team personnel, who is ejected is shown the red card and 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 for the remainder of the contest.) Failure to comply shall result in termination of the game.”

## EJECTION POLICY FOR ALL KSHSAA ACTIVITIES

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.

## FORFEITURE POLICY FOR ALL KSHSAA ACTIVITIES

If a regular season game (including invitational tournaments) is not played due to a team/school not having enough players to field a legal team, and both schools agree that a make-up date cannot be determined, the game will count as a forfeit and a win in postseason seeding for the team who was willing and able to play. The game would count as a loss for postseason seeding for the team lacking players. (Refer to NFHS Soccer Rule 3-1-2)

The team forfeiting must pay officials fees unless officials are re-assigned.

After a school starts the season with a team but is unable to finish the season due to lack of players, all games scheduled will count as a forfeit win unless the school losing a contest can find another opponent. The school with a discontinued team must notify the KSHSAA that they are no longer participating and the KSHSAA will make updates to the win/loss record form.

### NFHS RULE 10-2 – FORFEITS

“The score of a forfeited game shall be 1-0 if the game is not started, the score is tied, or the offending team is ahead at that time. If the offending team is behind at the time of forfeit, the score at that time is the final score.”

## GAMES NOT PLAYED POLICY FOR ALL KSHSAA ACTIVITIES

Games not played because of weather or other unforeseen circumstances do not count as a win or a loss for either team when seeding postseason tournaments. Reasonable efforts should be made between school administrators to reschedule all contests, but if schools are unable to reschedule the game it does not count as a forfeit win or loss and will be recorded as “no game played”. When determining seeding for postseason tournaments the number of wins is divided by the number of games played to determine the winning percentage.

This policy applies to both regular season and invitational tournament games. If a tournament is played and a team does not participate due to weather or unforeseen circumstances, the tournament manager will advance a team in the bracket but neither the team advanced nor the team going to the back side of the bracket will count the game as a win or loss. It simply counts as no game played.

Only when the originally scheduled opponent agrees that no rescheduling is possible, a school may seek a different opponent to complete the schedule.

## 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](#).

## 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/rec 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 outside agencies **other than colleges** in a sport while he or she is a member of a school athletic team in that identical sport. *NEW THIS YEAR: Schools may allow athletes to attend college tryouts/ID camps hosted by colleges during the school soccer season.*

**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. Intr Squad scrimmages, games among teammates, even with score, time and/or officials used would not be considered a game.