

2021 GIRLS SOCCER

ANNOUNCEMENTS – March 1, 2021

IMPORTANT DATES – GIRLS SOCCER

Online Registration – Officials	Closes March 9 (girls only)
Online Rules Meeting & Rules Exam	Closes March 16 (girls only)
Beginning Practice Date	March 1
Earliest Possible Competition	March 18
Early Season Tournaments	March 29 – April 3
Mid-Season Tournaments	May 3 – 8
Regional Tournaments	May 17 – 22
State Tournament Quarterfinals	May 25
State Tournament Semifinals & Finals	May 28-29



COVID-19 RISK MITIGATION CONSIDERATIONS – PRACTICE & COMPETITION

COVID still exists! Be sure to implement risk-mitigation strategies for practices and competitions during the regular season. We all want to do our part to make sure we get to the state championships in May.

Each of the following links can be accessed on the KSHSAA Website at www.kshsaa.org.

[COVID-19 RESOURCES](#) – Includes [RETURN TO PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES](#).

[GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR ALL ACTIVITIES](#)

[ACTIVITY SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS \(GIRLS SOCCER\)](#)

SOCCKER PLAYERS REQUIRED TO HAVE NINE (9) DAYS OF PRACTICE

KSHSAA Rule 38 states a soccer player must participate in nine days of practice with the team prior to participating in a contest. The primary reason for this rule is concern about 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.a)**

For spring girls soccer season, the KSHSAA Executive Board put in the following EXCEPTION: **Girls participating in the state basketball tournament** may participate with fewer than nine days of practice.

COACHES AND OFFICIALS – RULES EXAM & RULES MEETING REQUIREMENTS

The majority of coaches and officials completed both requirements prior to the boys' season this past fall.

ALL senior high varsity girls head coaches as well as ALL girls registered soccer officials must complete Soccer Exam, Part I. Coaches who do not receive a score of 90% or better must take a KSHSAA Exam 2. If they do not score 90% or better on the KSHSAA Exam 2, their school's name will be published in the Activities Journal. Any school whose girls head coach does not complete the **online rules exam by March 16** will be assessed a fine of \$100. Those officials that do not score a 90% or better on the rules exam will not be eligible to officiate post-season matches.

It is also mandatory that **ALL girls head coaches and officials** complete an online rules meeting by **March 16**. The penalty for not completing the rules meeting requirement by the due date will result in a \$100 fine for coaches, and new officials are not allowed to officiate while returning officials are put on probation.

RULES MEETING REMINDERS

Coaches, be certain to get your username and password from your athletic director. Each coach at a school has a unique, individual password provided. You may change this password at any time. Officials, your username and password are mailed directly to you once you have registered with the KSHSAA. **Registration for officials closes March 9.**

You cannot login to this online meeting and then walk away from your computer. There are a series of questions periodically built into the slide presentation. These questions will "test" your memory and understanding of

information and rules just covered in the previous set of slides. You will not be able to progress through the rules meeting until you have viewed all slides and answered all the questions correctly.

If for some reason you cannot complete the entire meeting in one sitting, you may log back in at another time to complete the meeting. You will need to use the same username and password for the program to let you pick up where you left off and not require you to start again with the first slide.

ITEMS TO BE AWARE OF & REVIEW

Double-check and verify with your athletic director that all your athletes are eligible to compete (Physical Examination Parental Consent Rule #7 and Individual Eligibility Rules #12-26 in the KSHSAA Handbook). Click [HERE](#) to access the KSHSAA Handbook.

Make certain you and all your student-athletes complete the required [CONCUSSION/HEAD INJURY PRESEASON EDUCATION](#). Also, all coaches should have CPR/AED training every two years.

All member schools are to report to the KSHSAA any concussions sustained by student participants in a school sponsored practice or contest of a KSHSAA sanctioned activity. To learn more, click [HERE](#).

Uniform: Home team wears dark colored jerseys and socks (clear contrast to white), and the visiting team wears all-white jerseys and socks. Read carefully **Rule 4-1** in the 2020-21 Soccer Rules Book regarding uniforms including undergarments. You may also reference the [NFHS UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS DOCUMENT](#).

Schools no longer need to contact KSHSAA regarding special jersey nights such as "Pink Out" Nights where the home team wears a different color jersey and/or socks as long as the jersey and/or socks are a clear contrast to white being worn by the visiting team. Common courtesy would be to notify both the officials and the visiting team of these special nights prior to the contest.

OTHER HELPFUL LINKS (located on the KSHSAA Soccer Home Page)

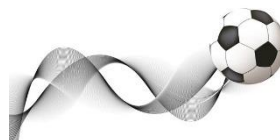
[2020-21 NFHS SOCCER RULES CHANGES & RATIONALE DOCUMENT](#)

[2020-21 NFHS SOCCER POINTS OF EMPHASIS](#)

[2020-21 NFHS & NISOA SOCCER RULES CHANGES VIDEO](#)

[NFHS SOCCER FIELD DIAGRAM](#)

[NFHS SOCCER OFFICIAL SIGNALS](#)



NFHSLEARN.COM – FREE COURSES

Check out all the online courses available from [NFHSLEARN.COM](#). Some FREE courses/topics include: **COVID-19 for Coaches**, Social Media, **Officiating Soccer – Fouls & Misconduct**, Engaging Effectively with Parents, **Sports Nutrition**, NCAA Eligibility, Concussions, **Officiating Soccer – Offside Rule**, Understanding Vaping & E-Cigarettes, **Captains Course**, Student Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, and **The Collapsed Athlete**. A couple FREE videos that are great to share with parents are **Beyond the Scoreboard** and **The Parent Seat**.

GUIDANCE FOR COACHES AND ATHLETES

If you ever have questions about what you or your 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](#). Once on this page ([www.kshsaa.org](#) – schools – coach/athlete), then click on “KSHSAA Regulations During the School Year” and/or “KSHSAA Regulations During the Summer”.