

# SOCCER ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 21, 2024



## IMPORTANT DATES

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| Beginning Practice Date                       | February 26     |
| Officials' Spring Clinics                     | March 2         |
| EAP Rehearsal Date (recommended)              | March 7         |
| Online Rules Meeting & Rules Exam             | Closes March 13 |
| Earliest Possible Competition                 | March 14        |
| Early Season Tournaments                      | March 25-30     |
| Mid-Season Tournaments                        | April 29-May 4  |
| Regional Tournaments                          | May 13-18       |
| State Quarterfinals                           | May 21          |
| <a href="#">STATE SEMIFINALS &amp; FINALS</a> | May 24-25       |
| KSHSAA Summer Moratorium                      | July 1-7        |



## TRUE BLUE KSHSAA SCHOLARSHIP

In partnership with Capital Federal Foundation, the KSHSAA will award True Blue Scholarships intended to support Kansas High School graduates in postsecondary efforts. This one-time scholarship is for students graduating during the 2023-24 school year. These funds will be made payable to a two-year or four-year accredited college, university, or technical school in the name of the selected student. Awards are non-renewable, one-time scholarships in the amount of \$2000 provided for a student in each activity administered by the KSHSAA **(INCLUDING BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER)**. Applications are due **March 1**. Funds for these scholarships are possible through the partnership between Capitol Federal Foundation and the Kansas State High School Activities Association. [CLICK HERE FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION](#)

## GUIDANCE FOR COACHES & 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](#).

## 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 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.

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

## **JAMBOREES APPROVED FOR HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER**

High schools may begin hosting Soccer Jamborees in 2023-24. The purpose for these controlled playing opportunities is to provide a meaningful, learning and training experience for players, coaches, and officials. Jamborees must take place prior to regular season competitions and include 3 or 4 KSHSAA member schools. Participating schools determine admission procedures (fee, donations, charities, etc.), and KSHSAA registered officials are required. It is strongly encouraged to use jamborees as training opportunities for officials. Also, time should be scheduled during a jamboree for officials to review rules changes, points of emphasis, and sportsmanship expectations with players and coaches. It is recommended this time be scheduled either prior to the start of jamboree play, during a break/intermission, or at the conclusion of play. To review all the requirements for a Soccer Jamboree, click [HERE](#).

## **SPRING SOCCER PLAYERS NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE 9 DAYS OF PRACTICE**

In September 2021, the KSHSAA Board of Directors approved a modification to Soccer Rule 38-1-2 making the nine-day practice requirement applicable only to the fall soccer season. Now, only fall activities have minimum practice requirements before competing primarily for heat acclimatization concerns.

## **SOCCER RULES MEETING & EXAM**

All KSHSAA head soccer coaches (high school and middle school) and registered officials are required to complete a rules meeting and a rules exam prior to the season. **For girls only high school coaches, middle school spring coaches and girls only officials, both these requirements are accessible online November 29 – March 13.** Important information including the KSHSAA Soccer Manual and online passwords were mailed in July to school athletic directors. Information packets are mailed to officials once they register.

## **ARE ALL YOUR STUDENT-ATHLETES ELIGIBLE?**

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

## **STUDENT SAFETY REMINDERS**

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS IN MINIMIZING RISK FOR KANSAS STUDENTS!*

### **· Have all coaches including assistants completed the CPR/AED training requirement?**

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this KSHSAA Requirement.

### **· Concussion Recognition and Management**

- Click [HERE](#) for information regarding concussion recognition and proper management.
- Know the state law and associated [KSHSAA GUIDELINES](#).
- Per Executive Board policy, all coaches, student participants and school administrators responsible for event coverage must complete a concussion education program.
- **ANY** concussion sustained while participating in a KSHSAA sponsored activity (practice or competition) is to be reported to the KSHSAA via the online [CONCUSSION REPORTING PORTAL](#).

### **· Coach/Sponsor Reference Guide**

- Click [HERE](#) to download a reference guide coaches can use for basic emergency management guidelines. This is an excellent tool for coaches to keep on hand and regularly review.

## **[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.

## EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN (EAP) – Recommended Rehearsal Date is March 7.

- An emergency action plan should be in place for every sport, team and venue.
- For assistance in developing an EAP or finding additional resources to improve your EAPs, click [HERE](#).  
You will find an EAP template you can download if needed.
- The emergency action plan should be rehearsed by EVERYONE involved, at least one time annually.
- **An automated external defibrillator (AED) should be readily available at any practice or competition.**
- **Review the PPE.** Be sure your coaches are aware of any pre-existing conditions in their student-athletes that were indicated on their PPE (e.g., allergies, asthma, diabetes, cardiac abnormalities, sickle cell trait, concussion history, required medications, etc.).

## OFFICIALS' SPRING CLINICS

Soccer officials are invited to participate in an upcoming clinic on March 2 co-sponsored by the Kansas State High School Activities Association and the Kansas Sports Officials Association to further develop their skills, make connections and prepare for the upcoming spring KSHSAA soccer season. There are 4 clinic sites across the state. You are invited to register using the link below and attend the clinic that best suits your location.

Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/fAvfY1jwozCwXbXB7>

There is no cost to participate in the clinic; please register in advance using the provided link.

Should you have questions, please reach out to:

KSHSAA Director of Officials Services – Scott Goodheart ([sgoodheart@kshsaa.org](mailto:sgoodheart@kshsaa.org))  
Shawnee Mission East Location Coordinator – Gordie Wetmore ([gwetmore3@gmail.com](mailto:gwetmore3@gmail.com))  
Topeka-Washburn Rural Location Coordinator – Ed Becker ([brutus1255@gmail.com](mailto:brutus1255@gmail.com))  
Wichita-South Location Coordinator – Troy Manzi ([troymanzi@gmail.com](mailto:troymanzi@gmail.com))  
Dodge City Location Coordinator – Larry Weigant ([lweigant@aol.com](mailto:lweigant@aol.com))



**KSHSAA/KSOA**  
SOCCER OFFICIAL CLINIC  
**March 2nd**

**DODGE CITY HS**  
9:00AM - 1:00PM

**SM EAST HS**  
9:00AM - 1:00PM

**WASHBURN RURAL HS**  
9:00AM - 1:00PM

**WICHITA SOUTH HS**  
9:00AM - 1:00PM

**REGISTER AT**  
[bit.ly/spring24clinic](http://bit.ly/spring24clinic)

No cost for attendees. Questions? Contact Scott Goodheart at [sgoodheart@kshsaa.org](mailto:sgoodheart@kshsaa.org).

## OFFICIALS' UNIFORM/GEAR (NFHS RULE 5-1-3)

The officials shall be dressed alike in the uniforms primarily consisting of:

- a. a shirt approved by the state association; in the event of a color conflict between the officials and the field players of either team, the officials shall change to a jersey of a color distinct from the field players of both teams. *(The KSHSAA does not specify shirt color for officials. For new officials, the predominant shirt colors worn by KSHSAA soccer officials are yellow, green, red, blue, and black.)*
- b. black shorts or long trousers.
- c. predominantly black shoes and black knee socks with white horizontal stripes.
- d. two whistles, yellow card, red card, stopwatch/wristwatch, flipping coin, pencil, and paper/scorecard.
- e. a solid black cap, if worn.
- f. unless otherwise prohibited by the state association, electronic communication devices may be used by officials to communicate. *(The KSHSAA does not prohibit officials from using electronic communication devices.)*



## 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.**

## 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**.

### NFHS RULES & POINTS OF EMPHASIS

To access and review NFHS soccer rules and points of emphasis with rationale and explanation, please go to [NFHS.ORG – SOCCER](https://www.nfhs.org) or [KSHSAA.ORG – SOCCER](https://www.kshsaa.org). This year's points of emphasis are as follows:

1. Wearable Technology
2. Coaching and Team Area Decorum
3. Denying an Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity (DOGSO)
4. Substitutions

#### OTHER HELPFUL LINKS

[NFHS SOCCER FIELD DIAGRAM](#)  
[NFHS SOCCER OFFICIAL SIGNALS](#)

### UNIFORMS

The home team wears dark colored jerseys and socks (clear contrast to white), and the visiting team wears solid white jerseys (no colored piping, stripes, etc.) and solid white socks. Read carefully **Rule 4-1** in the 2023-24 NFHS Soccer Rules Book regarding uniforms including undergarments. You may also reference the [NFHS UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS DOCUMENT](#).

**Socks (4-1-1b)** – Both socks shall be the same color, with the visiting team wearing solid white socks and the home team wearing socks of a single dominant color, but not necessarily the color of the jersey. If tape or a similar material (stays/straps) is applied externally to the socks, it must be of similar color as that part of the sock to which it is applied. **Cut-off socks are allowed and must also be of similar color to the main sock.**

*Schools do not 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.*

**NFHSLEARN.COM** (Be sure to check out all the offerings at [www.nfhslearn.com](https://www.nfhslearn.com).)

So many helpful courses and videos are available for coaches, officials, students, parents, administrators . . . Many FREE courses including *Name, Image & Likeness, Implicit Bias, Sportsmanship* and *The Collapsed Athlete*. Officials – take advantage of FREE officiating courses, *Pregame Conference, Fouls & Misconduct, & Offside Rule Coaches* – *The Parent Seat, Beyond the Scoreboard, & A Lasting Relationship* are FREE, brief 5-7 minute videos you can download and show at parent meetings or share electronically. Click [HERE](#) to access.

### KSHSAA COACHING SCHOOL (August 5-6 in Salina) – NO SOCCER SESSIONS THIS YEAR

The KSHSAA Coaching School is changing locations this year and will be held in Salina. There will not be any soccer sessions offered this year. Soccer sessions will be back in August 2025! Looking to future years, soccer sessions will be offered every other year at the KSHSAA Coaching School. So, not that soccer coaches are odd, but soccer will be featured at the KSHSAA Coaching School during odd years (2025, 2027, 2029). Looking forward to presenters being able to offer on-field demonstrations in the future as well. Stay tuned next school year for soccer specific information/sessions at the 2025 KSHSAA Coaching School.