



# KANSAS STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

## 2020-21 SOCCER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Important Soccer Dates for Coaches, Officials & School Administrators

August 4	Registration Late Fees Begin (Officials)
August 17	First Practice Date for Boys
August 19	Online Official Registration Ends – <i>May still register at an In-Person Rules Meeting</i>
August 20	ADM-1 Fall Sports Entry Fee Form (Boys Regional Soccer Entry Form) Due <i>See School Administrator Regarding this KSHSAA Form.</i>
August 28	Earliest Possible Boys Competition Date
September 7-12	Early Season Boys Tournaments
October 12-17	Mid-Season Boys Tournaments
October 14-21	Boys Postseason Official Recommendations from Schools
October 23	Boys Season Win-Loss-Tie Record Form Due
October 24	Boys Regional Seeding Meetings <i>(EAST at OP-Blue Valley Southwest HS and WEST at Wichita-Northwest HS)</i>
October 26	Boys Regional Tournament Roster Due to Tournament Manager
October 26-31	Boys Regional Tournaments
November 3	Boys State Tournament Quarterfinals / Roster Due
November 4	Boys State Tournament Roster & Team Photo Due to the KSHSAA
November 6-7	Boys State Tournament Semifinals & Finals
January 15	Registration Late Fees Begin (Girls Only Officials)
January 22	ADM-8 Spring Sports Entry Fee Form (Girls Regional Soccer Entry Form) Due <i>See School Administrator Regarding this KSHSAA Form.</i>
March 1	First Practice Date for Girls
March 2	Online Official Registration Ends (Girls Season Only) <i>May still register at an In-Person Rules Meeting</i>
March 18	Earliest Possible Girls Competition Date
March 29 - April 3	Early Season Girls Tournaments
May 3-8	Mid-Season Girls Tournaments
May 5-12	Girls Postseason Official Recommendations from Schools
May 14	Girls Season Win-Loss-Tie Record Form Due
May 15	Girls Regional Seeding Meetings <i>(EAST at OP-Blue Valley Southwest HS and WEST at Wichita-Northwest HS)</i>
May 17	Girls Regional Tournament Roster Due to Tournament Manager
May 17-22	Girls Regional Tournaments
May 25	Girls State Tournament Quarterfinals / Roster Due
May 26	Girls State Tournament Roster & Team Photo Due to the KSHSAA
May 28-29	Girls State Tournament Semifinals & Finals

### General Information

- Tobacco and Chemical Use is Prohibited** — The Executive Board's policy regarding tobacco products and other chemical use prohibits coaches, directors, sponsors, coaches aides and contest officials from using tobacco products including Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS), alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs while directly involved in interscholastic activities.
- Extreme heat conditions per **Rule 5-3-2e**: The referee should stop play for water breaks. **Rule 7-1-1** and **7-1-2** provide contingencies for games conducted under extremely hot conditions.
- All varsity contests, tournament or regular season, must be of regulation length in compliance with KSHSAA **Rule 1** and **Rule 7-1-1** of the National Federation Soccer Rules.
- Suspended game defined:**

**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, the game will restart from **the suspension of play according to state association adoption**. The KSHSAA Executive Board has the interpretation in all activities that the game will be **restarted from the suspension of play**. If games cannot be made up due to conflict in schedules, by mutual agreement, the game is canceled.

5. The KSHSAA has adopted a goal differential whereby at the end of the first half, if one team has **gained a 10-goal difference** or if it achieves such a differential during the second half, the game shall be terminated.
6. **Overtime procedure for regular-season play:** When the score is tied at the end of regulation the following procedure will be used: two sudden victory 10-minute, overtime periods; if tie remains, the game ends in a tie.
7. **Overtime procedure for postseason:** When the score is tied at the end of regulation the following procedure will be used: two 10-minute, sudden victory periods; if tie remains, two 5-minute sudden victory periods; if tie remains, penalty kicks.
8. The **KSHSAA REQUIRES** the use of a **scorer's table** and **scorebook** at all soccer matches to enhance proper game administration.
9. **Rule 1-6-1** requires spectator areas to be 10 feet from touchlines, team areas and goal lines. **No one shall be permitted directly behind either goal.**
10. A *2020-21 KSHSAA Soccer Manual* will be mailed to you in the near future. Study it carefully. For additional information, watch for articles/announcements in the *KSHSAA Activities Journal* and on the KSHSAA Soccer website.
11. **SOCCER QUESTIONNAIRE**  
NFHS Questionnaires are now done online. All coaches and officials will receive an email with the link.

## NFHSLEARN.COM – Free Courses

Check out all the online courses available from NFHSLEARN.COM. Nearly 50 courses are FREE including all officiating courses through the end of July. There are two soccer officiating courses: Fouls & Misconduct and Offside Rule. Some of the other FREE course topics are **COVID-19 for Coaches & Administrators**, The Collapsed Athlete, ACL Injury Prevention, Student Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, Heat Illness Prevention, Social Media, Understanding Vaping & E-Cigarettes, Sports Nutrition, Concussion in Sports, Engaging Effectively with Parents, and Captains Course.

## Sportsmanship

The KSHSAA places top priority on sportsmanship! It is imperative that soccer coaches and officials willingly accept the responsibility of being positive role models. The ethics, integrity and sportsmanship exhibited by these adults have a profound effect on the young people who participate. **PLEASE BE POSITIVE and PROFESSIONAL!**

## Coaches/School Information

12. **COACHES**—All senior high varsity head coaches must successfully complete Soccer Test, Part I, and score 90% or better. Those coaches who do not receive a grade of 90% or better must take KSHSAA Test II. If they do not take and pass the KSHSAA Test II, their school's name will be published in the *Activities Journal*. **Any school whose boys head coach does not complete the online exam by August 27, 2020 will be assessed a \$100 penalty fee. It is also mandatory that all head coaches complete an online rules meeting during the indicated time frame. The penalty fee for not completing an online rules meeting by the due date will result in a \$100 fine as well!**  
  
**PLEASE NOTE: There will be an additional timeframe for girls coaches ONLY who were unable to complete the requirements in the fall. Any school whose girls head coach does not complete the online exam and complete the online rules meeting during the period of December 1, 2020 through March 16, 2021 will be assessed a penalty of \$100 for each missed requirement.**
13. The KSHSAA encourages schools and coaches to implement the use of preseason meetings for athletes, parents and coaches. These meetings are an opportune time to discuss mutual expectations with regard to training rules, nutrition, scheduling, **recruiting officials** and other administrative information. *NFHSLearn.com* offers two FREE brief but informative parent videos, "The Parent Seat" and "Beyond the Scoreboard."
14. Coaches are ambassadors of high school activity programs in their communities. The KSHSAA encourages you to seek opportunities to promote the value of participation in these educational programs to the youth and patrons in your communities.
15. **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. Please see the *Soccer Manual* for information about the KSHSAA Pre-Activity Timeout.**
16. Schools' attention is called to the Guidelines for Supervision of Interscholastic Athletic Events as published in the *KSHSAA Soccer Manual*. Special note should be taken of page 10 which states the host school should provide adult chaperons or security personnel to escort officials to and from their dressing facilities and from the field following the conclusion of the match.
17. Schools are to use their **Form S** to report to the KSHSAA office. We not only want to know about negative incidents involving players, coaches, officials and spectators, but we would also like to receive positive comments.
18. **Officials Recommendation Forms**, found on the KSHSAA website, should be submitted to the KSHSAA the week before the regional tournament. Please list at least five (5) to ten (10) officials. **Failure to submit officials' names will result in a \$50 fine to member schools.**

19. **KSHSAA Rule 52:** Citizenship/Sportsmanship — Interscholastic activities are an important aspect of the total educational process in Kansas secondary schools. Coaches, officials, administrators, participants and fans have an equal responsibility to model good sportsmanship and citizenship to all who play and watch the game of soccer. Special emphasis must be given to the National Federation **Soccer Rules 12-8-1** and **12-8-2** as they relate to conduct of players, coaches and bench personnel. Proper conduct at all soccer contests is the joint responsibility of coaches, players, officials and school administrators.
20. Prior to the first practice, coaches should be knowledgeable of **Rule 38** in the *KSHSAA Handbook*. This rule explains the **number of contests and halves per day in which a player may participate**.
21. Coaches are reminded it is your responsibility to enforce the **Bona Fide Student Rule 14** in the *KSHSAA Handbook*, which includes player ineligibility for using tobacco products including Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS), alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs at school events. **It is also your responsibility to make sure your athletes are eligible**. Check physical examination/parental consent records and review *KSHSAA Eligibility Checklists*.
22. Schools may not hold **interschool scrimmages** in soccer. Alumni scrimmages are permitted provided no score is kept and no clock used. If either of these elements is present, the activity counts as one of the school's allowed competitions. Officials can be used in alumni scrimmages. Intrasquad games among teammates do not count as scrimmages or games.
23. Coaches should be aware of the fact they may not be involved in any capacity with All-Star contests during the school year. Consult *KSHSAA Handbook Rule 24* and your athletic administrator for further information.
24. A member school may not film any school's contest if they are not a participant without written permission from the involved schools' principals in advance of the contest.
25. **KSHSAA Rule 10** — Only certified coaches (certified in compliance with standards established by the State Board of Education) or coaches aides (through application and approval from the KSHSAA) are allowed to work with teams. **No outsiders or volunteers may coach or assist** with any coaching duties. If your school district has employed coaches or coaches aides who are not members of your teaching staff, be sure to make them aware of KSHSAA rules and regulations.
26. Scholastic Achievement Award Certificates for academically qualified teams may be requested by contacting your athletic director.
27. Coaches cannot coach during the school year (Tuesday following Labor Day through Friday preceding Memorial Day) any student (9-12) who attends their high school except during the high school soccer season.
28. Coaches should familiarize themselves with the following *KSHSAA Handbook Rules* (found online at [www.kshsaa.org](http://www.kshsaa.org)) and their ramifications for the actions of their athletes and themselves:

**Rule 38** — Soccer

**Rule 28** — Music Festivals and Athletics

**Rule 26** — Anti-Tryout and Private Instruction

**Rule 30** — Seasons of Activities

**Rule 22** — Outside Competition

**Rule 21** — Amateur

**Rule 20** — Awards

**Rule 19** — Undue Influence

## Outside Competition Rule Updated To Reflect Calendar

At the Fall 2019 KSHSAA Board of Directors Meeting it was unanimously approved to modify Rule 22, Outside Competition, Section 1, Article 1 as follows: A student who is a member of a school athletic, scholars bowl or debate squad effective ~~Tuesday following Labor Day~~ 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 may begin Monday, August 17 this school year), the student may not play on an outside/club team. **This will be a change for boys soccer athletes who in the past could continue playing on an outside/club team through the Tuesday after Labor Day even though they may have begun practicing with their school team.**

## Officials Information

29. **OFFICIALS** — Officials' examinations may be "open-book" and worked in groups. All tests MUST be done online before **August 27** to avoid being placed on probation or suspension.
30. The **assignment of officials for the state tournament** will be based on the schools' recommendations of officials they have seen work this year, and:
  - a. scored 90% or above on the open-book examination; and
  - b. attended a KSHSAA soccer rules meeting; and
  - c. completed/submitted a postseason application.
31. **Only those officials registered with the KSHSAA may be used by member schools in varsity soccer competition.** It is recommended registered officials be used for non-varsity competition as well. Registration includes taking an "open-book" rules test and attending a KSHSAA soccer rules meeting. **In varsity contests, the KSHSAA requires the use of the three-person diagonal system of officiating insofar as possible.**

A two-person system is acceptable only under unique circumstances when three officials are unavailable for varsity competition.

32. **Game contracts** should be in writing, clearly setting forth the dates, financial arrangements and terms. Such businesslike procedures avoid misunderstandings and are appreciated by schools and officials. It is advisable to confirm dates at least one week prior to the game with the contest manager. **An official's word is his/her bond.** Once given, verbally or by formal contract, he/she will be present regardless of possible inconvenience or financial loss. He/she will never give up one contract to accept another better paying assignment. If contracts are broken by schools or officials, the KSHSAA should be notified.
33. Recruiting new officials and providing them with opportunities to gain experience is a responsibility shared by all of us. Please encourage young people with an interest in sports and youth to become registered as KSHSAA officials.
34. The KSHSAA strongly recommends communication between officials and schools prior to each contest. Schools should inform officials as to where to park, proper entrance, location of dressing facility, etc. Officials should confirm their arrival time, who is driving, etc. This type of communication acts as a reminder to officials and schools and eliminates possible problems.
35. The KSHSAA recommends officials give a 3 x 5 card to each coach prior to the first match. The card should list the date, the two schools participating and the names of each official. These cards will be helpful to coaches when it is time to make recommendations for postseason playoff officials.
36. **Officials are required to conduct a pregame conference prior to each contest.** (See official pregame conference format in *KSHSAA Soccer Manual*.)
37. Prior to each contest, when officials talk with coaches concerning game procedures, all conversations should be **in the presence of both coaches.** This same policy should be followed at halftime in the event there are any questions.
38. An official should always **have access to a rules book and manual** for reference and use in the dressing room. A pregame conference between all officials helps to minimize challenges during the game. Please see Pregame Discussion Guide.
39. **Officials shall dress** according to the code of dress outlined in the *Soccer Rules Book* and should have the *Soccer Rules Book* available for reference at the site. The official's uniform shall consist of:
  - a. Officials shirt (all the same color)
  - b. Black shorts
  - c. Black shoes and socks, or black stockings with white tops
  - d. Two whistles, yellow card, red card, stopwatch, flipping coin, pencil and score card
  - e. A solid black cap
  - f. In the event of a color conflict between the officials and either team, the officials must change to a jersey of a color distinct from both teams. Any color is approved as long as all officials are dressed alike.
40. Officials **must** report unsportsmanlike conduct by players, coaches or fans which distracts from an educational environment. Please report on positive or rewarding experiences as well. **The Official's Report of Unusual Situations may be accessed under "Forms" once logged in as an official on the KSHSAA website ([www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org)).**

## Tournament Information

41. **ENTRY FEES:** The soccer regional tournament entry fee will qualify a school to receive an assignment to the first level of post-season competition. It will also serve as the entry fee for that competition. Schools participating in postseason tournament competition must mail Fall and Spring Sports Entry Forms (from the online entry forms at [www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org)) along with the entry fee to the KSHSAA by the due date.
42. Regular season tournament games must be included in this year's win-loss-tie percentage provided they are full length varsity contests. Be sure the following information is complete and accurate:
  - a. Reporting team records to regional seeding meeting managers;
  - b. Win-Loss-Tie Record Form found on the KSHSAA website, plus, take a copy to the seeding meeting.
43. Regional seeding meetings will be held the Saturday before the week of regionals. Information for State Soccer Tournament seeding will be found in the *KSHSAA Soccer Manual*. **There is now an additional step (fewest goals allowed during the regular season) in the Seeding Criteria regarding breaking ties.**
44. There will be eight regional sites with winners advancing to the state quarterfinal matches. The four winners will advance to the state semifinals, with the championship and consolation matches contested the following day.

## NFHS Points of Emphasis

- 1. Correct Field Markings and Appropriate Uniform.** It is important that games are played on fields marked in a consistent manner, and players wear uniforms according to NFHS rules. If a field is improperly marked and/or if a team wears an illegal uniform the referee shall contact the state association, who will work with school administrators to make appropriate changes. In addition, during pregame communication with school administration, game officials are also encouraged to communicate these corrective actions directly to administrators.
- 2. Understanding the Difference Between Fair, Hard Play and a Foul.** Soccer is a contact sport and understanding the differences between fair and hard play and a foul that is either reckless or serious is important to ensuring fair play and the safety of the players. When a player acts with disregard of the danger to, or consequences for, the opponent, he/she should be cautioned for reckless play. When a player uses disproportionate and unnecessary force against an opponent, he/she could be disqualified for serious foul play. It is critical coaches teach players about their own safety and the safety of their opponents, and officials recognize the differences between reckless and serious and the corresponding penalties. Safety, fair play and sportsmanship should be emphasized in the pregame meeting. Communication between officials, coaches and captains should continue throughout a match, especially as the intensity increases. And when reckless or serious foul play occurs, officials should deal with the situation immediately – this kind of play should not be tolerated.
- 3. Education-Based Soccer.** High school athletics is education-based, and some mechanics of our game are intentionally different from other levels of soccer. The pregame meeting, for example, is a time for officials to communicate expectations to both coaches and captains. This REQUIRED meeting for both head coaches and captains should cover pertinent rules, sportsmanship, the coin toss, and properly and legally equipped players. This meeting is a purposeful start to an education-based interscholastic match.

### Required Pregame Officials Conference

Per National Federation Soccer Rule 5-2 and by recommendation of the KSHSAA, soccer officials shall be in uniform at the site of the game no less than 15 minutes prior to game time, and a formal pregame conference will be held at the location of the halfway line (the scorer's table). The pregame conference shall be conducted by the head referee and shall include the following items:

- Inspect and approve the game balls, field of play and nets; inquire about local ground rules and determine if a fair game may be started.
- Verify the line judges, ball holders, official scorer and timers.
- Review specific duties with scorer, timer and line judges.
- Examine the uniform and equipment of each player to see if it complies with the rules.
- Discuss the KSHSAA inclement weather policy for postponements of contests (*refer to KSHSAA Soccer Manual*).
- Review of proper signals to be used by soccer officials.
- Positioning of soccer officials throughout the contest.
- Proper communication among officials during the contest.
- Points of emphasis from state association rules.
- Exiting field and location to meet escort postgame (*officials exit field immediately*).
- Set plays (*wall, goal kicks, penalty kicks, corner kicks*).
- Conduct a pregame conference with each school's head coach and captain to:
  - Review pertinent rules.
  - Conduct a coin toss at least five minutes before the scheduled time of the game. The visiting team captain shall call the coin while it is in the air. The winner of the toss shall choose a goal to defend or kick off first. Loser of the toss shall be given the remaining choice.
- The referee or line judges shall:
  - Assist the head referee in inspecting the game balls, field of play, nets, players' uniforms and equipment.
  - Review duties and responsibilities with ball holders.
  - Assist with the pregame conference with team captains.

***The KSHSAA requires schools provide a scorer's table and an official soccer score book to facilitate proper administration of soccer contests.***