



2007 SOCCER STATE ASSOCIATION ADOPTIONS/INTERPRETATIONS

1. By State Association Adoption, players may wear soft and yielding caps during inclement weather. Caps must be alike in color. *Rule 4-2, article 1, exception (3)*
2. If tape is worn on the outside of the sock it must be clear or match the color of the socks.
3. Officials must meet with ball holders prior to the start of each game.
4. In the event a game is suspended due to conditions that make it impossible to 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 may be continued from the point of interruption at the next available playing time; that is, a delay may be called or a game suspended until rescheduled.
5. Yellow cards received during regular season or tournament competition must be counted. Once a coach or player has accumulated five yellow cards, they are suspended for the next game. Once the coach or player accumulates three additional yellow cards, they are suspended for the next two games, three more; they are suspended three games, etc. These are minimum penalties.

The official must report all yellow and red cards within 48 hours of the contest to the IHSA. Officials submitting a yellow card report or an ejection report through the Officials Center do not need to send a separate report to the school. Schools can immediately track a yellow card or ejection report through their Schools Center site.

Officials submitting a yellow card report or an ejection report via fax to the IHSA must also fax a copy of the report to the school.

If an official does not submit a special report electronically or by fax within 48 hours of the contest, schools must notify the IHSA of the official's name and ID number.

Schools are responsible to keep track of all yellow cards issued to their coaches and players. A yellow/red card form is available online for schools to download during the season on the Boys and Girls Soccer web page. Coaches are encouraged to complete the tracking report form and submit it to their Athletic Director after each game for accurate records.

At the start of the IHSA tournament series, a coach or player will begin the tournament with a clean slate if they have accumulated four or less cards during the regular season.

If a coach or player enters the tournament series having accumulated five or more yellow cards during the season, their yellow card count continues. Once the individual accumulates eight total cards (regular season and IHSA tournament series) they are suspended for two games, eleven yellows they are suspended for three games, etc.



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6. During regular and post season contests and per NFHS rules, a designated coach's box must be marked for each game. By State Association Adoption, if one box or both boxes are not designated then coaching staff from each team must remain seated throughout the game.

7. During the **regular season**, if there is a 7 goal differential at the start of the second half or anytime after the start of the second half, the clock shall be reduced by half of the remaining time. At this time there are no other acceptable "mercy rule" variations.

8. During regular and post season contests when the warm-up clock runs to 0:00 (5 minutes before start time), officials, coaches and players meet for the equipment check, sportsmanship talk and coin flip. If an announcer is present, introductions begin. If no announcer, game begins immediately.