

2008-09 SOCCER STATE ASSOCIATION ADOPTIONS

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.
 - a. All yellow cards must be reported by the official to the IHSA and the member school as currently practiced with all ejection reports. Schools are responsible to keep track of all yellow cards issued to their coaches and players. A yellow/red card form is available online through the IHSA Schools Center and the IHSA soccer webpage for schools to download during the season. Coaches are encouraged to complete the form and submit it to their Athletic Director after each game.
 - b. 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 fewer yellow cards during the regular season.
 - c. 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.
 - d. Officials who submit a yellow card report or an ejection report through the officials center do not need to send a separate report to the school. Schools are able to immediately see the yellow card or ejection report on their Schools Center.
 - f. Schools or coaches who do not receive a special report electronically or by fax within 48 hours of the contest must send the officials name and id number to the IHSA office for follow-up. Officials who do not submit yellow/red cards will be contacted by the IHSA and may face sanctions.
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 and State series games, 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.