

2009-10 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. During regular and post season contests when the warm-up clock runs to 0:00 (5 minutes before posted 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.

Ball runner instructions:

1. Runners should be at least of Junior High age.
2. Be consistent, be active and pay attention.
3. Keep up with play.
4. Don't coach or cheer for your team, remain neutral.
5. Hand the ball to the player or place on ground then retrieve the other ball.

Warm-up should begin at a minimum 20 minutes prior to the scheduled game time. When the warm up clock runs to 0:00 there is enough time for officials to meet and conduct their pre game responsibilities. This allows all athletes to warm up uninterrupted to prepare for the game.

5. During Regular Season and State Series Contests:

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.

6. During Class 1A Sectional Final and Class 2A/3A Super-Sectionals Only:

In the event a game is suspended due to conditions that make it impossible to play the game will be rescheduled for the next day from point of suspension or if mutually agreed upon by both head coaches the game may be considered final.

If the game cannot be played or completed by the end of Thursday night prior to the State Semifinals, the team with the lead will be declared the winner.

If the teams are tied and the game cannot be completed on Thursday then a coin toss shall determine which team will qualify for the State Finals.

If less than one-half of the game has been played, the game will 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

e. Officials who submit a yellow card report or an ejection report via fax to the IHSA need to send a separate report to the school.

Note: Once the game restarts cards cannot be rescinded after being issued, therefore all yellow and red cards MUST be reported to the school and the IHSA.

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.

10. During the regular season, if any game ends in a tie and overtime or penalty kicks are not used to determine a winner then the game is marked as a tie. If any game ends in a tie and overtime and/or penalty kicks are used to determine a winner then a win or a loss is attributed to each team.