

2016-17 SOCCER STATE ASSOCIATION ADOPTIONS

1. **Players wearing Caps:**

Soft and yielding caps during inclement weather. Caps must be alike in color.

2. **Players using tape/velcro to secure game socks:**

If anything (i.e. tape or VELCRO) is worn on the outside of the sock it must be clear or similar in color of the socks.

3. **Officials pre-game meeting with ball runners:**

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

4. **Official's Jurisdiction:**

Once an official arrives and enters the site of competition, their jurisdiction begins. Since officials are on the field during warm ups, their jurisdiction begins at that point, not solely 15 minutes prior to the game.

5. **Pre-Game Protocol:**

During regular 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. Following this protocol will allow athletes to warm up uninterrupted in preparation for the game.

6. **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 to the next available playing time; i.e., a delay may be called or a game suspended until rescheduled.

7. **Class 1A/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.

8. **Caution Count:**

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 8 total cards they are suspended for two games; 11 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.

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- 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.
- 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.

Notes:

1. 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.
2. All yellow cards received are included in the yellow card count, regardless of how many the players or coach receives in a single game.
For example: If a player receives a caution during the game and then receives a subsequent straight red during the same game, that player's yellow card count will be charged for one and the red card count shall be charged for one.
3. Team Caution Count
Any Varsity team during the regular season that receives a total of **25 or more** yellow cards will be prohibited from participating in the IHSA State Tournament series beginning with the 2014-15 State Tournaments.
The team count includes: Yellow cards issued to players, coaches and all bench personnel.

9. Straight Red Card Count:

Straight red cards received by a player or coach are to be tracked by the school and the IHSA. Recipients of a straight red card will have the following consequences:

- 1st straight red card = 1 game suspension (current practice);
- 2nd straight red card = 2 game suspension for recipient;
- 3rd straight red card = 3 game suspension for recipient etc.

The straight red card(s) count accumulated during the regular season will continue through the state series.

10. Goal Differential

During the regular season and State series games, if there is a seven (7) goal differential at the start of the second half or any time after the start of the second half, the clock shall be reduced by half of the remaining time. There are no other acceptable variations.

11. Coaches Box

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.

- First occurrence as a staff: Warning
- Second occurrence as a staff: Caution
- Third occurrence as a staff: Red Card and Ejection

12. Regular Season Overtime:

Once a regular season game begins, and overtime has not been discussed or agreed upon in the event of a tie score, there is no opportunity to play overtime or go to PK's to determine a winner. (Be cognizant of standing conference rules.)

Options to determine regular season games ending in a tie:

1. No OT – game ends in a tie
2. Up to 2 – 10 minute periods playing both OT's to the end. If still tied, the game is recorded as a tie.
3. Up to 2 – 10 minute periods playing with golden goal. If still tied, the game is recorded as a tie.
4. Up to 2 – 10 minute periods and PK's
5. Straight to PK's