



# ***Girls Soccer State Final Information***

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TO: Principal, Athletic Director and Head Coach

FROM: Beth Sauser, IHSA Asst. Executive Director

RE: **GIRLS SOCCER STATE FINAL INFORMATION PACKET**

## **Congratulations on qualifying for the 2025 Girls Soccer State Final!**

On Mon., June 2<sup>nd</sup> (1A) and Wed., June 4<sup>th</sup> (2-3A) there will be a virtual meeting at 2:00 p.m. with Beth for the head coach and an administrator from each qualifying team. A link to join the meeting will be emailed to you following the Super-Sectional game.

**\*\*Head Coaches are required to meet with Beth Sauser in the Press Box before warm-ups for their Semifinal game. Coaches will pick up their team packets at that time.**

Please review the following information to answer any questions that may arise regarding arrangements for your team, parents, and fans to attend the State Finals.

- State Final Tournament Schedule
- School Information Form
- Timeline for Participants and Fans
- State Final Information
- Team Awards
- Resolution of Tie Games
- State Final Media Form/Video Taping
- Hotel Information
- Terms and Conditions

An Administrator or Head Coach may pick up **Administrative** passes at the ticket booth upon arrival. Only an Administrator or Head Coach may sign for the packet of passes.

I look forward to seeing you North Central College. Good Luck!



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## SCHOOL

## INFORMATION FORM

Please fill out the following information and email or fax it to LeAnna Mutchler by 10:00 a.m.  
on Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Head Coach's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Head Coach's Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Director's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Director's Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**List below any additional bench personnel and their responsibility on the bench--  
that were not included in your Team Information pages, but will be included in your  
total of 30 on the bench: (do not include trainer—they will have their own pass)**

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_____	_____
_____	_____

# GIRLS SOCCER STATE TOURNAMENT

## NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE, NAPERVILLE THURSDAY, FRIDAY, and SATURDAY, June 5 - 7

### TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS:

#### Thursday, June 5– Class 1A Semifinals

Session 1      **GAME 1 Class 1A:**  
5:30 p.m.

#### **SUPER-SECTIONAL WINNERS FROM:**

Virden (North Mac) (H)  
Chillicothe (Illinois Valley Central) (V)

**GAME 2 Class 1A:**  
7:15 p.m.

Elmhurst (Timothy Christian) (H)  
River Forest (Dominican University) (V)

#### Friday, June 6

#### Class 1A Third Place Game

Session 2      **GAME 3**  
9:30 a.m.

Loser Game 1 (H)  
Loser Game 2 (V)

#### Class 2A Semifinals

Session 2      **GAME 4 Class 2A:**  
12:30 p.m.

#### **SUPER-SECTIONAL WINNERS FROM:**

Wheaton (St. Francis) (H)  
Chicago (De La Salle) (V)

**GAME 5 Class 2A:**  
2:30 p.m.

Washington (H)  
Troy (Triad) (V)

#### Class 3A Semifinals

Session 3      **GAME 6 Class 3A:**  
5:30 p.m.

#### **SUPER-SECTIONAL WINNERS FROM:**

River Forest (Dominican University) (H)  
Streamwood (V)

**GAME 7 Class 3A:**  
7:30 p.m.

Barrington (H)  
Bloomington (H.S.) (V)

#### Saturday, June 7

#### Third Place Games (2A-3A)

Session 4      **GAME 8 Class 2A:**  
9:30 a.m.

Loser Game 4 (H)  
Loser Game 5 (V)

**GAME 9 Class 3A:**  
11:30 a.m.

Loser Game 6 (H)  
Loser Game 7 (V)

**Championship Games (1A, 2A, 3A)**

Session 5

**GAME 10 Class 1A:**

2:30 p.m.

Winner Game 1

(H)

Winner Game 2

(V)

**GAME 11 Class 2A:**

4:45 p.m.

Winner Game 4

(H)

Winner Game 5

(V)

**GAME 12 Class 3A:**

7:00 p.m.

Winner Game 6

(H)

Winner Game 7

(V)

(H) = Home Team, wears dark jerseys and socks; (V) = Visitor Team, wears white jerseys and socks

## Timeline for Participants and Fans

### Thursday – June 5 - Session 1 Class 1A Semifinals

*Ticket Booths and Gates open for fans at 4:30 p.m.*

#### Game 1 5:30 pm

- 5:00 p.m. Clock starts for 20-minute team warm-up
- 5:20 p.m. Teams return to bench to line up for introductions  
Introduction of Non-Starters, Starters, and Coaches  
National anthem
- 5:30 p.m.  
Game begins

#### Game 2 7:30 pm

Follow same schedule for Game 1, except that the National anthem will not be performed.

20:00 min. warm up will begin after field and bench areas are cleared. After warmups, team introductions will begin.

### Friday – June 6 - Session 2 Class 1A Third Place Game

*Ticket Booths and Gates open for fans at 8:00 a.m.*

#### Game 3 9:30 a.m.

- 9:00 a.m. Clock starts for 20-minute team warm-up
- 9:20 a.m. Teams return to bench to line up for introductions  
Introductions of Non-Starters, Starters, and Coaches  
National anthem
- 9:30 p.m. Game begins

### Friday - Session 2 Class 2A Semifinals

*Ticket Booths and Gates open for fans at 11:30 a..m.*

#### Game 4 12:30 pm

- 12:00 p.m. Clock starts for 20-minute team warm-up
- 12:20 p.m. Teams return to bench to line up for introductions  
Introduction of Non-Starters, Starters, and Coaches
- 12:30 p.m. Game begins

## **Game 5      2:30 pm**

Follow same schedule for Game 4,

20:00 min. warm up will begin after field and bench areas are cleared. After warmups, team introductions will begin.

## **Friday - Session 3 Class 3A Semifinals**

*Ticket Booths and Gates open for fans at 4:30 p.m.*

## **Game 6      5:30 p.m.**

5:00 p.m.      Clock starts for 20-minute team warm-up

5:20 p.m.      Teams return to bench to line up for introductions  
Introductions of Starters, Coaches and Officials  
National anthem

5:30 p.m.      Game begins.

## **Game 7      7:30 p.m.**

Follow same schedule for Game 6, except that the National anthem will not be performed.

20:00 min. warm up will begin after field and bench area are cleared.  
After warmups, team introductions will begin

## **Saturday – June 1 - Session 4 Class 2A-3A Third Place Games**

*Ticket Booths and Gates open for fans at 8:30 a.m.*

## **Game 8      9:30 a.m.    2A Third Place**

9:00 a.m.      Clock starts for 20-minute team warm-up

9:20 a.m.      Teams return to bench to line up for introductions  
Introductions of Starters, Coaches and Officials  
National anthem

9:30 a.m.      Game begins.

## **Game 9      11:30 a.m.    3A Third Place**

Follow same schedule for Game 7, except that the National anthem will not be performed.

20:00 min. warm up will begin after field and bench areas are cleared.  
After warmups, team introductions will begin

## Saturday - Session 5 Class 1A, 2A, and 3A Championship Game

*Ticket Booths and Gates open for fans at 1:30 p.m.*

### **Game 10    2:30 pm    1A Championship**

- 2:00 p.m.      Clock starts for 20-minute team warm-up
- 2:20 p.m.      Teams return to bench to line up for introductions  
Introductions of Starters, Coaches and Officials  
National anthem
- 2:30 p.m.      Game begins.

### **Game 11    4:45 pm    2A Championship**

Follow same schedule for Game 10, except that the National anthem will not be performed.

20:00 min. warm up will begin after field and bench areas are cleared.  
After warmups, team introductions will begin

### **Game 12    7:00 pm    3A Championship**

Follow same schedule for Game 11, except that the National anthem will not be performed.

20:00 min. warm up will begin after field and bench areas are cleared.  
After warmups, team introductions will begin

- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Place medals and trophies will be awarded immediately after the Consolation games.
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place medals and trophies will be awarded immediately following the Championship games.



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## **Locker Rooms**

Locker rooms will be available upon arrival. A team host will greet and assist you and your team during your stay. Towels will not be provided. Bring locks to secure your valuables. Neither the IHSA nor North Central College can assume responsibility for lost or stolen property.

## **Coaches--Rosters**

Prior to the warm-ups for each game played, coaches should submit a roster sheet to the announcer in the press box denoting starters for the game, proper pronunciation of players' names, and any changes in the players' numbers.

## **Pre-Game Practice**

The field southeast of the stadium will be available for additional warm-ups.  
Each school must supply their own practice balls. Game balls will be the Wilson ball.

## **Half Time**

Half time is ten (10) minutes.

## **Introduction Procedures**

Warm-ups on the stadium field will be allowed for twenty minutes prior to the game (see previous schedule).

Teams will return to their respective benches immediately following warm-ups and prepare for introduction. The National Anthem will be played before the first game of every session.

Teams playing in the second game of each session will return to their respective benches following warm-ups before the start of introductions.

The officials will lead both teams out to midfield. Each team will line up with the Head Coaches next to the AR on their respective side of the field. The Assistant Coaches, Manager, Goalies and Players will line up in numerical order as listed in the program. When an individual's name is called, they should step forward towards the stands and then step back into the line.

Players <<<<<<<<<<<<< Coaches AR Referee 4<sup>th</sup> AR Coaches >>>>>>>>>>>>> Players

For all Semifinal games on Friday:

- The non-starters for the visiting team will be introduced first. Non-starters for the home team will be introduced second.
- Starters and Coaches for the visiting team and Starters and Coaches for the home team will be introduced on an alternating basis. The 4<sup>th</sup> Official, Assistant referees then the Head referee will all be introduced.
- The National Anthem will be played before the first game of every session.

For all Final games on Saturday:

- The same order of introductions will be used, but only the head coaches, starters and officials will be introduced. The National Anthem will be played before the Third-Place games.

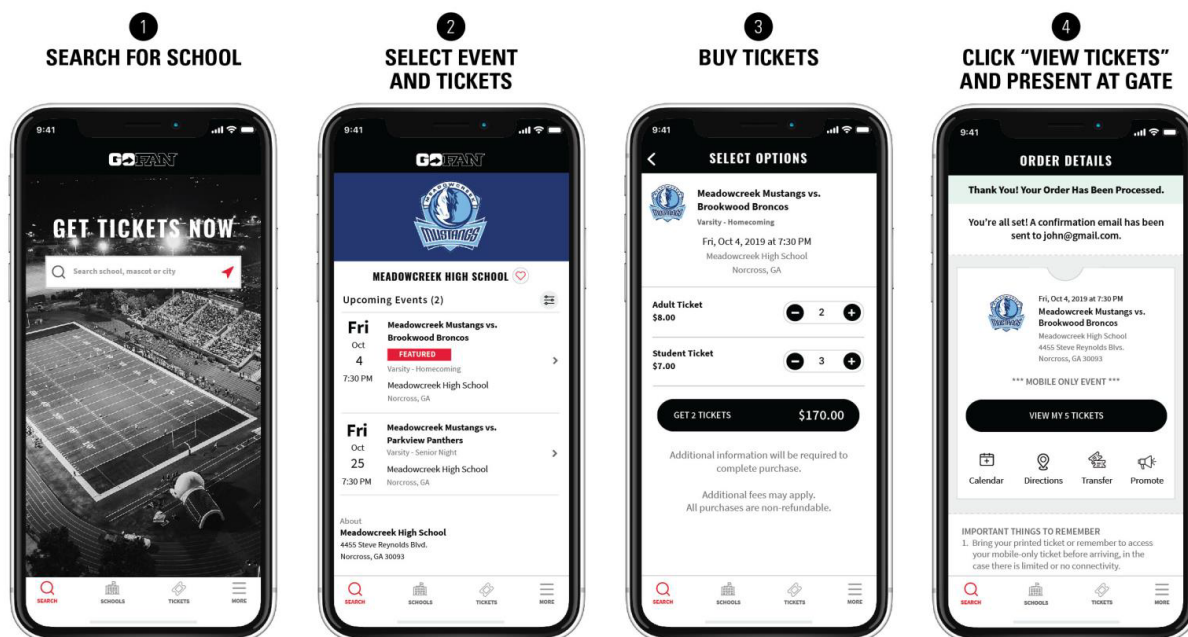


## **Ticket Sales**

**GoFan** is the official digital ticketing partner of the IHSA, and the **IHSA is exclusively using GoFan digital tickets at the IHSA State Finals.**

A digital ticket is a ticket that is purchased and redeemed directly on a smartphone. You can access the digital ticket using from the GoFan website (gofan.co) or the GoFan app on an iPhone.

**Tickets (Adult, Student, and Child) will be \$9.00 for each session, with the exception of Session 5 at \$12.00**



## **Parking**

A map to North Central College is included. Also included is a diagram of the facility so that you may familiarize yourself with the school, practice and competition fields and parking lots.

**Team Buses** Unload in between Merner Field House and Benedetti-Wehrli Stadium (450 South Brainard Street). You are asked to park in the north end zone area just outside of the stadium (signs and security will be there upon your arrival).

**Fan Buses** For the drop off and parking information please contact Kate Perry at 630-637-5568 (o) or 703-725-9085 (c). Please inform North Central College by 12:00 p.m. on Thursday prior to the start of the Semifinals how many buses you will be bringing.

**Fan Parking** fans are encouraged to park in lot E (the Parking Pavilion), or lots J or K. [IHSA State Soccer Map](#)

## **Administrative Passes**

Three Administrative passes for the Superintendent, Principal and Athletic Director from each qualifying team will be at the ticket booth in Will Call. These passes are for admittance to the stadium.

## **Participant Passes**

Each school advancing to the State Tournament will be issued up to 30 participant passes. Administrator or Head Coach may pick up the Coach's packet and participant passes in the press box. Only coaches or administrators may sign for the packet of passes. These passes will be honored at all four sessions. **There will be no pass gate list.** Distribution of the participant passes is decided by each competing school. No additional participant passes will be issued.

A school shall have a maximum of twenty-five (25) players in uniform on the team bench.

Up to two Athletic Trainer passes will be provided if two Athletic Trainer are accompanying the team and are named in the State Final Team information.

All members of the school's coaching staff, and members of the school's designated sideline personnel, must wear their Participant or Administrator pass to be admitted to the playing field area when their team is playing.

All team members and coaching staff will check in and enter the field through the *Home Team Gate* located at the *Southeast Corner* of the field.

Players and coaches must show their Participant pass to be admitted into the stadium and have it with them at all times. Persons not displaying a Participant pass will not be allowed on the field.

## **Stadium Seating & Concessions**

Spectator seating for all sessions will be on the East side, and team benches will be on the West side of the stadium. Concessions will be sold on the stadium concourse.

***State Final merchandise by Minerva may be purchased online!***

The advertisement features a light blue background. At the top left is the Minerva Promotions logo with the tagline "BRINGING YOUR BRAND TO LIFE". At the top right is the IHSA logo with the text "Illinois High School Association". Below the Minerva logo, it says "SCAN OR CLICK THIS CODE to view and order the official IHSA Girls Soccer State Finals Merchandise!". To the right of this text is a QR code. Below the QR code and text are several items of merchandise: a blue hoodie with "SOCCER State Finals" and IHSA logos, a green t-shirt with "Girls Soccer STATE FINALS" and IHSA logos, a pair of black pants with "IHSA STATE FINALS" printed vertically, a grey zip-up jacket with "IHSA" and "STATE FINALS" logos, a blue beanie with "STATE FINALS" and IHSA logos, and a small IHSA logo pin. At the bottom, a blue banner contains the text "IHSASTATE.COM" in white.

## Tournament Programs

State Final programs will not be printed for sale at the State Final tournament this year.

Below is the link to our website to **view or purchase** the program. From this link, you can click on the program cover to view the flip-book digital program or click on the link to order hard copies following the State Final tournament.

<https://www.ihsa.org/Resources/State-Programs>.

**PIP** MARKETING SIGNS PRINT

**IHSA Championship Program Order Site**

**GOLF Boys**  
Class 1A: Prairie Vista Golf Course, Bloomington  
Class 2A: Weebing Golf Club, Illinois State University / Normal / West ISU  
Class 3A: The Dots at Fox Creek Golf Course, Bloomington / West Normal Univ S

**Swimming**  
NORTH MACONDO HIGH SCHOOL / PLOPP SWIMMING

**FOOTBALL**  
ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS • MEMORIAL STADIUM • CHAMPION

**State Finals**  
ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

**IHSA**

QR Code: SCAN ME

*\*We encourage teams/schools to place one order together for print programs as price breaks are available for larger quantities.*

## Media Requirements

Local media must request credentials from Matt Troha at the IHSA office. Space for media will be available in the press box. Photographers need to pick up additional information from the press box before going to the field.

## Media Interviews

To avoid congestion and confusion after the games, all interviews will be conducted in the *Southeast corner between the Soccer stadium and Baseball stadium*. Head coaches and requested players are to go to the interview area immediately following their contest. This will clear the playing area and allow warm-up for the next game. Interviews will not be held on the field, except after Championship game.

## **School Reporter, Photographer and/or Video Operator**

Each school participating in the State Final may be represented by a total of three media representatives (photographer, video operators and reporters) for the school's newspaper, yearbook, and/or game films. Passes will allow bearer all game privileges of the news media including admittance to the stadium. Pass bearers will not be allowed to sit on the bench or in the team area. **A media pass list must be submitted to Matt Troha at the IHSA office by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> for Class 2A/3A.** Requested passes will be at the ticket booth for pickup. If asked, students may need to provide their school issued student ID.

## **Video Taping**

Participating schools are allowed to videotape their game from the press box. Schools will be able to set up their equipment twenty (20) minutes before game time. There is a maximum of two (2) people allowed in the press box to videotape their team's game. Person or persons videotaping need a press pass, or a participant pass for access.

## **Hospitality**

A hospitality room for participating coaches and administrators will be open in the press box. Please have your IHSA pass visible to gain admittance.

## **Hotel Information for State Final Teams and Fans**

For a list of area Hotels and telephone numbers, go to the IHSA website ([www.IHSA.org](http://www.IHSA.org)), click on the Girls Soccer page, then click on the link that says "Manual for Schools and Managers" page 20, to see the listings. There is also a smaller listing later in this document.

## **Medical Arrangements**

The athletic trainers from North Central College will be available to tend to your needs prior to each game and throughout the tournament.

## **Cheerleaders**

The number of cheerleaders permitted to cheer for the state finals shall be the same numbers that have cheered since the first game of the state series.

One adult cheerleading sponsor must accompany the squad at all times. The sponsor may sit on the sideline during the game. An escort will guide the cheerleaders and their sponsor to the sideline 20 minutes before their teams' game time. After the game is over the squad will be escorted back to the front of the stadium.

## **Bands**

Pep Bands may be approved by notifying Kate Perry at 630-637-5568 (o) or 703-725-9085 (c) at North Central College by Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. (noon). Bands may be permitted to play during games in the tournament provided an atmosphere of sportsman-like conduct. Pep bands will be directed where to sit for the game.

NCC Athletic Office phone #: 630-637-5500  
NCC Press Box phone #: 630-637-5535  
NCC Fax #: 630-637-5521

## **Girls Soccer Tournament Procedure for Presentation of Team Awards**

**30 medals** will be given to the Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Players on the field.

**3 medals** will be given to the Superintendent, Principal and Athletic Director on the field.

**1 medal** will be given to the Athletic Trainer (if applicable).

Please Note: Only individuals from your school who are listed on the official **Awards Ceremony Form** may participate in the awards ceremony at IHSA State Finals (no children, family members, etc.). IHSA staff members will strictly adhere to the awards limits outlined in the IHSA Terms and Conditions and on this form.

Extra medals may be purchased by Contacting Cheryl Mitchell in the IHSA office after the tournament.

The **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Place Award Ceremony** will occur immediately after the Consolation game.

Teams should line up in order on either side of the awards table facing the fans. When your name is called, step up on the awards box to receive your medallion. After you are done walk to the end of the line, the next person receives their medallion and walks to the end of the line then the next person etc. Keep the line moving during the ceremony. After the last player is called, you should be standing in line in the original order from the beginning of the ceremony.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Place:**

Members of the 4<sup>th</sup> place team will be called in the order that appears on the Award Script sheet beginning with Superintendent, Principal, Athletic Director, Head Coach, Assistant Coaches/Trainers/Managers, Goalies and Players.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Place:**

Members of the 3<sup>rd</sup> place team will be called in the order that appears on the Award Script sheet beginning with Superintendent, Principal, Athletic Director, Head Coach, Assistant Coaches/Trainers/Managers, Goalies and Players.

After both teams have received their medallions, the **4<sup>th</sup> place** trophy will be awarded to the Head Coach and Captains, followed by the **3<sup>rd</sup> place** trophy presentation to the Head Coach and Captains.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place teams are asked to walk to the South end to take a team picture in the goal under the scoreboard. Parents may take pictures from the stands, behind the railing.

**1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Award Ceremony** will occur immediately after the Championship game.

Teams should line up in order on either side of the awards table facing the fans. When your name is called, step up on the awards box to receive your medallion. After you are done walk to the end of the line, the next person receives their medallion and walks to the end of the line then the next person etc. Keep the line moving during the ceremony. After the last player is called, you should be standing in line in the original order from the beginning of the ceremony.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Place:**

Members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team will be called in the order that appears on the Award Script sheet beginning with Superintendent, Principal, Athletic Director, Head Coach, Assistant Coaches/Trainers/Managers, Goalies and Players.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Place:**

Members of the 1<sup>st</sup> place team will be called in the order that appears on the Award Script sheet beginning with Superintendent, Principal, Athletic Director, Head Coach, Assistant Coaches/Trainers/Managers, Goalies and Players.

After both teams have received their medallions, the **2<sup>nd</sup> place** trophy will be awarded to the Head Coach and Captains, followed by the **1<sup>st</sup> place** trophy presentation to the Head Coach and Captains.

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams will then go to their goal for team pictures. Parents may take pictures from the stands, behind the railing.



# ***Resolution of Tie Games***

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The overtime used in the Illinois High School Association tournament series shall be as follows:

Play the regulation game and if a tie exists:

5-minute break between regulation and 1<sup>st</sup> overtime

10 minutes-1st overtime period

2 minutes-between overtime period 1 and overtime period 2

10 minutes-2nd overtime period; and if a tie exists:

a) A coin toss occurs before: the overtime and the first 5 kicks. The visiting captain shall call the toss.

b) Each coach shall select five (5) players from the team roster to take tie-breaker kicks. The team winning the coin toss shall have the choice of shooting first or second. The goalkeeper for each team shall be any eligible team member determined by the coach. The teams will then each take five (5) tie-breaker kicks, alternating kickers. The team scoring on the greater number of these five (5) kicks shall be the winner.

c) If the score is still tied, a series of sudden victory tie-breaker kicks shall be taken. Each team shall designate five (5) different players to kick. Players shall kick alternately. If the first kicker from Team A scores and the first kicker from Team B does not score, the game is ended, and Team A is the winner. If both first kickers score, the second kickers from each team take tie-breaker kicks and, if one scores but the other does not, the game is ended, and the team of the scoring kicker is the winner. This process shall be repeated through as many as five (5) kickers for each team until there is a winner.

d) If the score is still tied, each team shall designate five (5) different players who did not kick under “c” above to take sudden victory tie-breaker kicks. Then the process of “c” is repeated. If the score is still tied, after these five (5) kickers from each team have taken their kicks, the process of “c” shall be repeated, with any eligible player from the roster permitted to kick. Note: In any sequence of either the regular or sudden victory tiebreaker kicks no player may kick more than once in each ten (10) kick series. However, a player may kick in each ten-kick series so, for example, a player may kick three times in a tie-breaker series which is not resolved until the twenty-fourth (24th) tie-breaker kick.

e) Kicking Procedure for tie-breaker kicks in the tie-breaking system: Kicks taken for tie-breaking purposes will be taken according to the following procedure:

- (1) The kicker and goalkeeper will take their positions in preparation for the kick without delay.
- (2) When ready, the referee will sound a whistle.
- (3) The goalkeeper shall stand with at least one foot on or in-line with the goal line, and can move laterally or forward, but not permitted to come off the line with both feet until the ball is in play.
- (4) The kicker will be permitted only one touch on the ball in taking the kick.

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## State Final Student Media/Video Taping



Contact: Matt Troha • [mtroha@ihsa.org](mailto:mtroha@ihsa.org) • Phone: 309-663-6377 • Fax: 309-663-7479

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### STUDENT MEDIA CREDENTIALS FOR PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Congratulations on qualifying for an IHSA state final in a team sport. In order to provide the best possible coverage of this event for your school newspaper, yearbook and AV club, etc. you are entitled to have up to three students receive credentials to cover this event as official media members. In the event that you have less than three students, an adult sponsor may be included on this list. To apply for student media credentials, please have your Athletic Director or an individual involved with the aforementioned programs email Matt Troha ([mtroha@ihsa.org](mailto:mtroha@ihsa.org)) at the IHSA with the following information:

- 1) The names of individuals attending
- 2) Whether they are students or adults
- 3) If the attending individuals will serve as reporters, photographers, videographers, etc.

Student media who are registering for credentials are expected to maintain a level of professionalism while covering this event. That includes no cheering while in the press box or game coverage area. Proper attire is also required. Wearing school shirts and colors is acceptable, but students wearing face paint, costumes, carrying props, etc. will be required to change before receiving credential clearance.

The individual applying for student media credentials will receive specific information on credential pick-up and media regulations at the event via email in the days leading up to the state final.

Please note that student media credentials are only available for state final events in team sports. Due to the sheer volume of schools who qualify in individual sports, our press facilities would be unable to accommodate student media from all participating schools in individual sports. Student media are also welcome to cover IHSA state final activities. Credentials are not required for these events, but please have your students check-in with state final personnel upon arrival for media coverage regulations.

### VIDEO TAPING STATE FINALS FOR COACH FILM BREAKDOWN

Each school will be eligible to receive a pass for an individual attending the state final event to shoot game film that is for the sole purpose of being used by the coaching staff for postgame breakdown. Passes for videographers shooting highlight videos, documentaries, etc. should be included in student media application reference above. Additional passes for videotaping purposes will need to come from the allotment of state final passes given to school/head coach at or prior to the state final event.

To apply for a credential to shoot video, please have your Athletic Director email Matt Troha ([mtroha@ihsa.org](mailto:mtroha@ihsa.org)) at the IHSA with the name of the individual who will be taping and whether they are an adult or a student.

*Please contact Matt Troha (309-663-6377) at the IHSA for any questions related to this document.*



## Girls Soccer

June 5 - 7

### \*\*\*TEAM HOTEL INFORMATION\*\*\*

If you would like housing for teams, families, or fans, the following is a list of local properties in the area. Or you may contact the Naperville CVB: [www.visitnaperville.com](http://www.visitnaperville.com)

Springhill Suites  
4305 Weaver Parkway  
Warrenville, IL 60555  
630-393-0400  
[Marriott.com](http://Marriott.com)

Fairfield Inn  
1820 Arbritter Ct.  
Naperville, IL 60563  
630-577-1820  
[Marriott.com](http://Marriott.com)

Hotel Indigo  
120 Water St.  
Naperville, IL 60510  
630-778-9676  
[ihg.com](http://ihg.com)

Hilton Garden Inn  
28351 Dodge Dr.  
Warrenville, IL 60555  
630-393-3223





# 2024-25 Girls Soccer Series

## Terms and Conditions

In accordance with Section 1.450 of the Constitution, the Terms and Conditions governing the 2024-25 IHSA Girls Soccer Tournament Series have been approved by the Board of Directors.

### I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

Classifications in the IHSA Girls Soccer State Series will be determined according to IHSA Policy 17 (Classification System).

### II. DATES AND SITES

#### CLASS 1A

**A.** Thirty-two Class 1A sites shall be selected by the IHSA Office to host the Semifinal and Final games for each Regional Tournament. Regional Quarterfinal games shall be played at the higher-seeded team unless the two competing schools mutually agree to change sites. Regional Quarterfinal games shall be scheduled on **Tuesday or Wednesday, May 13 or 14**. Regional Semifinal games will be played at designated sites on **Friday or Saturday, May 16 or 17**, and the Regional Finals will be held on **Tuesday or Wednesday, May 20 or 21**. All Regional dates and times shall be determined by the host school.

**B.** Eight Class 1A sites shall be selected by the IHSA Office to host the Semifinal and Final games for each Sectional Tournament. Sectional Semifinal games will be played at designated sites on **Friday or Saturday, May 23 or 24**, and the Sectional Finals will be played on **Tuesday or Wednesday, May 27 or 28**. Sectional dates and times shall be determined by the host school.

**C.** Four Class 1A sites shall be selected by the IHSA Office to host the Super-Sectional game. The Super-Sectional game will be played on **Saturday, May 31**. Super-Sectional start times shall be determined by the host school.

**D.** The Class 1A Semifinal and Final games of the State Final will be played on **June 5-7** at North Central College in Naperville.

#### CLASS 2A & 3A

**E.** Thirty-two Class 2A and thirty-two Class 3A sites shall be selected by the IHSA Office to host the Semifinal and Final games for each Regional Tournament. Regional Quarterfinal games shall be played at the higher-seeded team unless the two competing schools mutually agree to change sites.

Regional Quarterfinal games shall be scheduled on **Friday or Saturday, May 16 or 17**. Regional Semifinal games will be played at designated sites on **Tuesday or Wednesday, May 20 or 21**, and the Regional Finals will be held on **Friday or Saturday, May 23 or 24**. Regional dates and times shall be determined by the host school.

**F.** Eight Class 2A and eight Class 3A sites shall be selected by the IHSA Office to host the Semifinal and Final games for each Sectional Tournament. Sectional Semifinal games will be played at designated sites on **Tuesday or Wednesday, May 27 or 28**, and the Sectional Finals will be played on **Friday or Saturday, May 30 or 31**. Sectional dates and times shall be determined by the host school.

**G.** Four Class 2A and four Class 3A sites shall be selected by the IHSA Office to host the Super-Sectional games. Super-Sectional games will be played on **Tuesday, June 3**. Super-Sectional start times shall be determined by the host school.

**H.** The Class 2A and Class 3A Semifinal and Final games of the State Final will be played on **June 6-7** at North Central College in Naperville.

### III. ONLINE ENTRIES, WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES, ELIGIBILITY, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

The policy for Original Entry Deadlines, Late Entries, and Late Withdrawals shall be the policies and procedures regarding entry for all IHSA-sponsored sport/activities included in the 2024-25 Entry Policies and Procedures.

#### A. Online Entries

All member schools must enter their school into the state series competition through the IHSA Schools Center on the IHSA Website at [www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org). The deadline for entry is **February 1, 2025**. The 2024-25 Entry Policy and Procedures outlining the online entry procedures for all IHSA-sponsored tournaments can be found in the IHSA Schools Center.

#### B. Late Entries

Any attempt to enter a sport or activity online after the established deadlines will be denied. Schools that wish to enter after the deadline will be considered late. To be considered for late entry, the Official Representative/Athletic Director must contact the IHSA Administrator in charge of that sport or activity. The penalty for late entry shall be a payment of \$100.00 by the school for that sport/activity.

**C. Breach of Contract By-law 6.041 (Withdrawal Procedure)**

To withdraw without penalty, the Principal or Athletic Director must notify the IHSA Office, in writing, of the school's withdrawal from the respective sport prior to the seed meeting.

If a school withdraws **after the Season Summary deadline, but before the first competition, the school will be charged a \$500 penalty** and, if applicable, the cost of game officials and the host school guarantee provided for in the Terms & Conditions.

If a school does not officially withdraw prior to the first competition and/or does not show up for competition, the school will be charged a **\$500 penalty**, the cost of game officials, transportation costs, and the host school guarantee according to the Terms & Conditions for the respective sport.

**D. Eligibility**

All member schools in good standing may enter one team under the provisions of IHSA By-law 3.054. (By-law 4.071 for activities)

**E. Affirmative Action**

Only girls shall be permitted to participate in the state series except as provided in the IHSA Affirmative Action Policy.

**IV. HOST FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS****A. At Member School Sites:****1) Class 1A, 2A & 3A Regional Quarterfinal**

**Games:** The Quarterfinal games of the Regional tournament are financially independent. The host school shall pay all local expenses. If admission is charged, the host school will receive 100% of the gate receipts. Officials will be secured online by the host school and be paid directly by the IHSA through ArbiterPay.

**2) Class 1A, 2A & 3A Regional Semifinal and**

**Final Games:** The host school shall pay for all local expenses. Each host shall receive a flat fee of \$450.00 for hosting the semifinal and final games of Regionals. The host shall receive 20% of the net income and submit remainder to the IHSA. In the event of a negative balance, the host shall be reimbursed for the entire deficit. If admission is not charged, the host school shall forfeit the guarantee. Officials will be paid by the IHSA through ArbiterPay.

**3) Class 1A, 2A & 3A Sectional Semifinal and**

**Final Games:** The host school shall pay for all local expenses. Each host shall receive a flat fee of \$475.00 for hosting the Sectional games. The host shall receive 20% of the net income. If admission is not charged, the host school shall forfeit the guarantee. Officials will be paid by the IHSA through ArbiterPay.

**4) Class 1A, 2A & 3A Super-Sectional Games:** The host school shall pay for all local expenses. Each host shall receive a guarantee of \$250.00. The host shall receive 20% of the net income. If admission is not charged, the host school shall forfeit the guarantee. Officials will be paid by the IHSA through ArbiterPay.

**B. Sites Other Than Member Schools:**

When Sectional and Super-Sectional tournaments are held at sites other than IHSA member schools, the IHSA administrator in charge will determine the financial arrangements with the host using current financial arrangements as guidelines.

**C. Digital Tickets:**

Per IHSA Board Policy 22, GoFan Digital Tickets will be the exclusive ticket option available for this sport at the Sectional, Super-Sectional, and State Final levels of the State Series. The IHSA Office must approve any exceptions.

**D. Admission Prices:**

The following State Series ticket prices have been set by the IHSA Board of Directors. A baby in arms is free at all rounds of the State Series. Pricing for all other individuals is as follows:

**REGIONAL**

Quarterfinals: **\$6.00 per game**

Semifinals and Finals:

**Digital Ticket: \$6.00 per day**

**Cash Ticket: \$7.00 per day**

**SECTIONAL**

**Digital Ticket: \$8.00 per day**

**Cash Ticket: \$9.00 per day**

**SUPER-SECTIONAL**

**Digital Ticket: \$9.00 per day**

**Cash Ticket: \$10.00 per day**

**STATE FINAL**

Sessions 1-4	Digital Ticket: \$9.00 per session
	Cash Ticket: \$10.00 per session

Session 5	Digital Ticket: \$12.00
	Cash Ticket: \$13.00

**E. State Final Team Reimbursements:**

1) In the State Final Tournament, the teams participating in the tournament shall be allowed transportation expenses at the rate of \$2.00 per mile per team for one round trip to and from the site where the tournament will be played. In addition, each team that participates in the State Final Tournament shall receive a flat expense allowance under the following formula, based on the school's distance from the State Final site:

**Round Trip**

Mileage to State Final Site	Flat Rate Reimbursement
0-150 miles	\$500.00
151-300 miles	\$1,000.00
301-over miles	\$1,500.00

2) Neither the State Association nor the tournament management will assume responsibility for unusual or extraordinary expenses. Individual schools entering the



tournament series must be ready themselves to assume responsibility for unusual expenses due to accident, inclement weather, fire, theft, or any other extraordinary cause.

#### **F. Media Coverage & Rights Fees for Broadcasting Coverage**

1) State Series hosts should work to accommodate media members with space to cover State Series events whenever possible.

2) For State Series events, the IHSA Press Box Policy should be used as a guide for determining media press box access should space become an issue.

#### **Broadcasting**

1) Radio or audio-only internet broadcasts are not subject to a broadcast rights fee at the Regional, Sectional, or Super-Sectional levels. A \$100 fee exists at the State Final round, pending approval by the IHSA after completion of the IHSA's broadcast application form.

2) If a State Series contest/event is broadcast on the NFHS Network, then there are no rights fee due and no other video streaming/TV broadcasts will be allowed, pending special permission from the IHSA.

3) If a State Series contest/event is not broadcast on the NFHS Network, then the broadcast rights may be purchased to broadcast via video streaming/TV pending approval by the IHSA after completion of the IHSA's broadcast application form.

\* Broadcast application forms can be accessed by Googling "IHSA Broadcast Applications" or directly at [IHSA.org/News-Media/News-Media-Center/Broadcast-Applications](https://www.ihsa.org/News-Media/News-Media-Center/Broadcast-Applications)

### **V. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS AND SEEDING**

**A. Class 1A Assignments for Schools:** All Class 1A state series shall begin with Sub-Sectionals. A Sub-Sectional is a grouping of two geographic regionals.

**Note:** In grouping and seeding a Sub-Sectional, only the top four seeds shall be separated. Seeds #1 and #4 shall be assigned to the same Regional unless there is a hosting conflict, in which case seeds #1 and #3 shall be assigned to the same Regional. The remaining schools shall be assigned to the Regionals based on geographic proximity and paired according to their seeds.

**Class 2A and 3A Assignments for Schools:** All state series shall begin with Sectional Complexes. In Sectional groupings where excessive travel is a factor, geographic Sub-Sectionals may be used at the discretion of the IHSA Administrator.

**Note 1:** In grouping and seeding a Sectional Complex, true seeds shall be used to populate the brackets except in cases where a conflict arises with pre-determined Regional hosts. (For example, if the #1 and #8 seeds are both regional hosts, they cannot be assigned to the same Regional and an adjustment must be made.)

**Note 2:** In grouping and seeding a Sub-Sectional, only the top four seeds shall be separated. Seeds #1 and #4 shall be assigned to the same Regional unless there is a hosting conflict, in which case seeds #1 and #3 shall be assigned to the same Regional. The remaining schools shall be assigned to the Regionals based on geographic proximity and paired according to their seeds.

**B. Tournament Series:** The successive tournament series shall be designated respectively as Regional, Sectional, Super-Sectional and State Final. The IHSA Office will select all Regional, Sectional and Super-Sectional host sites. All schools entered in the state series will be assigned to a Sub-Sectional or Sectional Complex based on geography.

**C. Season Summary Form:** Schools entered in the Class 1A, 2A and 3A state series will be required to submit a *Season Summary Form* online in the IHSA Schools Center. Contest results shall be entered onto the MaxPreps website. The deadline to enter your scores and complete the Season Summary is **10:00 a.m. on Wed., April 30** for all classes.

**D. Seeding:** Seeding for Class 1A, 2A, and 3A will be conducted online through the IHSA Schools Center. Each school shall have one (1) vote in the seeding process. A school shall not vote for their own team. The link to seed the teams is located in the IHSA Schools Center and will be activated at 11:00 a.m. on **Wednesday, April 30**. The deadline to seed teams is 12:00 noon on **Thursday, May 1**. Seeding will only occur at the Regional tournament level. The Sectional, Super-Sectional and the State Final shall not be seeded.

**E. Sectional Pairings for a Sub-Sectional:** In pairing the Sectional semifinal round containing Sub-Sectionals, the Regional winner from Sub-Sectional A containing the #1 seed shall be paired with the Regional winner of Sub-Sectional B containing the #2 seed, and vice versa, except for the southernmost Sectional in Class 3A, where the two Regionals in each Sub-Sectional shall be paired with each other.

**F. Sectional Pairings for Sectional Complexes:** The tournament bracket for those Sectionals involving teams from Sectional Complexes will be based on the luck of the draw

**G. Announcement of Pairings:** The Class 1A, 2A, and 3A pairings will be made by the IHSA and posted on the IHSA website on **Friday, May 2**.

### **VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES**

#### **A. Names:**

The successive series shall be designated respectively, Regional, Sectional, Super-Sectional and State Final.

#### **B. Time Schedules:**

Prior to each game, the teams will walk out using the World Cup Formation. After the Officials meeting, the teams will walk to midfield, shake hands with their opponents, and wish each other good luck before flaring out to their team benches.

**1) Single-Game Session Time Schedule** (For example, if the game begins at 6:00 pm):

5:30-Warm-up clock will start for 20-minute warm-up.

5:50-When the warm-up clock strikes 0:00 teams return to benches.

5:51-In order: begin Equipment Check, Sportsmanship Meeting, Coaches and Captains Meeting, Coin Toss, Team Introductions and National Anthem.

6:00-Game begins.

**2) Two-Game Session Time Schedule** (For example, if the first game begins at 4:00 pm):



3:30-Warm-up clock will start for 20-minute warm-up.

3:50-When the warm-up clock strikes 0:00 teams return to benches.

3:51- In order: begin Equipment Check, Sportsmanship Meeting, Coaches and Captains Meeting, Coin Toss, Team Introductions and National Anthem.

4:00-Game begins.

5:30-Warm-up clock begins for second game, and host will follow same schedule, omitting National Anthem.

### **State Final Tournament-2025**

#### **Thursday, June 5**

##### **Session 1**

Game 1 **5:30 p.m.** - Class 1A Semifinals

Game 2 **7:30 p.m.** - Class 1A Semifinals

#### **Friday, June 6**

##### **Session 2**

Game 3 **9:30 a.m.** -- Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2 (1A Third Place)

Game 4 **12:30 p.m.** -- Class 2A Semifinals

Game 5 **2:30 p.m.** -- Class 2A Semifinals

##### **Session 3**

Game 6 **5:30 p.m.** -- Class 3A Semifinals

Game 7 **7:30 p.m.** -- Class 3A Semifinals

#### **Saturday, June 7**

##### **Session 4**

Game 8 **9:30 a.m.** -- Loser Game 4 vs. Loser Game 5 (2A Third Place)

Game 9 **11:30 a.m.** -- Loser Game 6 vs. Loser Game 7 (3A Third Place)

##### **Session 5**

Game 10 **2:30 p.m.** -- Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2 (1A Championship)

Game 11 **4:45 p.m.** -- Winner Game 4 vs. Winner Game 5 (2A Championship)

Game 12 **7:00 p.m.** -- Winner Game 6 vs. Winner Game 7 (3A Championship)

#### **C. Starting Times:**

Non-Lighted field - weekday games: Begin the first contest no earlier than 4:00 p.m. and no later than 4:30 p.m. Host manager determines if two games will be played on the same day or if one game each will be played on two days.

Lighted field - weekday games: Begin the first contest no earlier than 4:00 p.m. and the second contest no later than 7:00 p.m.

Saturday games: Begin the first contest no earlier than 10:00 a.m., and the last contest no later than 7:00 p.m.

For Regional Quarterfinal games, the host school shall determine the game schedule **and communicate the start time to the opponent. The game time and assigned officials must be entered into their IHSA Schools Center by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 9.**

Super-Sectional games: Begin no earlier than 4:00 p.m. and no later than 7:00 p.m.

## **VII. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS**

### **A. Class 1A, 2A & 3A:**

The winners of the thirty-two (32) Regional tournaments shall advance to eight (8) Sectional tournaments consisting of four teams each. The winners of the eight (8) Sectional tournaments shall advance to four (4) Super-Sectional games consisting of two teams each. The winners of the four (4) Super-Sectional tournaments shall advance to the State Final tournament.

## **VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES**

### **A. Rules of Play:**

The National Federation Soccer Rules are adopted as the official rules of play for the 2024-25 series of tournaments with the following provisions:

1) Each game in the tournament series will be played in two 40-minute halves.

2) During the State Tournament, 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.

3) During the State Tournament, if there is a nine (9) goal differential at the start of the second half or any time after the start of the second half, the game shall be terminated.

4) During Regional Quarterfinals, Semifinals, and Finals, and during Sectional Semifinals and Finals, if the first half has ended, and if play cannot be continued due to conditions such as darkness, weather, etc., the game shall be terminated unless tied. If the game is tied and cannot be continued, the game shall be considered suspended and must be continued from the point of interruption at the next available playing time (except Sunday). Once the game has begun, the game officials are solely responsible for the decision.

5) If a Super-Sectional 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 that the game may be considered final. If the game cannot be played or completed by the 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, then a coin toss shall determine which team will qualify for the State Finals.

6) During weekday state series contests (M-Th), if a game is delayed (inclement weather, power outage, etc.) the game must resume by 10 p.m. Games shall not start after 9 p.m. Local ordinances take precedence and will override the above.

7) No coach or other school official shall, during the progress of a game, be allowed on the field of play except by permission of the game officials.

8) The captain and the head coach shall be the official spokesmen and the sole representatives of their team in all communications with the officials.



**B. Resolution of Tie Games:**

**Note: If the Class 1A, 2A & 3A State Final Third place game is tied at the end of regulation, the tie is broken by proceeding straight to penalty kicks following the procedure below.**

The overtime used in the Illinois High School Association tournament series shall be as follows:

Play the regulation game and if a tie exists:

5-minute break between regulation and 1st overtime

10 minutes-1st overtime period

2 minutes-between overtime period 1 and overtime period 2

10 minutes-2nd overtime period; and if a tie exists:

a) A coin toss occurs before the overtime and the first 5 kicks. The visiting captain shall call the toss.

b) Each coach shall select five (5) players from the team roster to take tie-breaker kicks. The team winning the coin toss shall have the choice of shooting first or second. The goalkeeper for each team shall be any eligible team member determined by the coach. The teams will then each take five (5) tie-breaker kicks, alternating kickers. The team scoring on the greater number of these five (5) kicks shall be the winner.

c) If the score is still tied, a series of sudden victory tie-breaker kicks shall be taken. Each team shall designate five (5) different players to kick. Players shall kick alternately. If the first kicker from Team A scores and the first kicker from Team B does not score, the game is ended, and Team A is the winner. If both first kickers score, the second kickers from each team take tie-breaker kicks and, if one scores but the other does not, the game is ended, and the team of the scoring kicker is the winner. This process shall be repeated through as many as five (5) kickers for each team until there is a winner.

d) If the score is still tied, each team shall designate five (5) different players who did not kick under "c" above to take sudden victory tie-breaker kicks. Then the process of "c" is repeated. If the score is still tied, after these five (5) kickers from each team have taken their kicks, the process of "c" shall be repeated, with any eligible player from the roster permitted to kick. **Note:** In any sequence of either the regular or sudden victory tiebreaker kicks no player may kick more than once in each ten (10) kick series. However, a player may kick in each ten-kick series so, for example, a player may kick three times in a tie-breaker series which is not resolved until the twenty-fourth (24th) tie-breaker kick.

e) Kicking Procedure for tie-breaker kicks in the tie-breaking system: Kicks taken for tie-breaking purposes will be taken according to the following procedure:

(1) The kicker and goalkeeper will take their positions in preparation for the kick without delay.

(2) When ready, the referee will sound a whistle.

(3) The goalkeeper shall stand with at least one foot on or in line with the goal line, and can move laterally or forward, but not permitted to come off the line with both feet until the ball is in play.

(4) Once the kicker starts his approach toward the ball, he may not interrupt his movement. The kicker will be permitted only one touch on the ball in taking the kick.

**C. Tournament Officials**

1) **Officials for the Class 1A, 2A & 3A Regional Quarterfinal games must be assigned by the host school through their IHSA Schools Center.** All other tournament officials will be assigned through the IHSA Office.

**Note:** Official Information will be posted on the Schools Center no later than the Monday of the 1st round games.

2) In all tournaments, the decisions of the officials shall be final. The Board of Directors will not review decisions of officials, whether alleged errors are due to faulty judgment or misinterpretation of the rules.

**D. Team Roster:**

The coach of each competing school must indicate the names of up to twenty-five (25) players who will constitute the tournament squad prior to each game the team plays in the tournament series.

**E. Substitution:**

Schools may substitute persons on their team rosters for any reason and at any time between games throughout the state series provided all substitutes meet IHSA eligibility requirements.

**F. Players in Team Uniform:**

In each of the tournaments, a team shall have in uniform a maximum of twenty-five (25) players. The twenty-five (25) players shall be the ones designated in D above. A total of thirty (30) persons from a school may be on the field and/or team bench.

**G. Players Uniforms:**

1) All players shall wear regulation soccer uniforms. School approved uniforms must be worn during warm-ups and competition. Tournament management reserves the right to determine appropriateness of all warm-ups and uniforms.

2) The team listed on the top line of a single game-playing bracket, shall wear dark jerseys and dark socks, and will be considered the home team. The team listed on the bottom line shall wear solid white jerseys and solid white socks and will be considered the visiting team.

**H. Balls:**

Balls for all levels of the State Tournament Series are being provided by Wilson Sporting Goods Company and only Wilson balls may be used. The IHSA will provide three (3) Wilson game balls for each Regional, Sectional and Super-Sectional site designated by the IHSA office and seven (7) Wilson game balls for the State Final Tournament.

**I. Unsportsmanlike Conduct:**

1) Managers and officials have instructions to disqualify any player or coach guilty of profane or indecent language or gestures, or gross unsportsmanlike conduct, and shall be punishable under the provisions of By-laws 3.151, 6.011 and 6.012.

2) IHSA By-Law 2.040 gives the Board of Directors complete authority to penalize a school or individual(s) for any unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the principal, coach, players or any member of the faculty or Board of Education, or any other official representative of any participating school.

3) All cautions received during regular season or tournament competition are tracked by the member schools. Once a coach or player has accumulated five yellow cards,



they are suspended for the next game. If the coach or player accumulates three additional yellow cards, they are suspended for the next two games; three more, they are suspended three games. These are minimum penalties. All yellow cards must be reported by the official to the IHSA and the member school, as currently practiced with all ejection reports.

At the start of the IHSA tournament series, a coach and/or player will start with a clean slate if they have accumulated four or fewer yellow cards during the regular season. During the tournament series, once a coach or player accumulates five yellow cards, they are suspended for the next game; three more yellows, suspended for two games. If a coach or player enters the tournament series having accumulated five or more yellow cards during the season, their yellow card count continues.

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

1st straight red = 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.

#### **J. Practice:**

In Regional, Sectional, Super-Sectional and State Final tournaments the host school shall not make its field available to visiting teams for practice sessions

### **IX. TOURNAMENT POLICIES**

**A. AED:** Host schools must have an AED available and on site at all IHSA post season contests.

**B. Presale Tickets:** The IHSA will offer digital tickets (tickets redeemed on a smartphone) at Sectional, Super-Sectional, and State Final events via GoFan. Digital tickets can be purchased and downloaded to an iPhone using the GoFan app or at [gofan.co/IHSA](http://gofan.co/IHSA) with an Android or PC. Regional contests may use GoFan Ticketing or cash tickets. Search the GoFan app or website for availability.

#### **C. All-Star Teams:**

Officers of the tournament, game officials, nor anyone serving under the supervision of the IHSA may not participate in any way in the selection of an all-star tournament team.

#### **D. State Final Passes:**

For the State Final Tournament games, each Class 1A, Class 2A and 3A Super-Sectional winner will receive:

1) Up to thirty (30) passes for its players and other team personnel

2) Up to two (2) passes for properly licensed medical personnel. These individuals must be listed on the school's Team Data Form.

3) Three (3) administrative passes will be provided for the Superintendent, Principal and Athletic Director. These passes allow bearer access to the stadium.

#### **E. Bands:**

Bands from participating schools may be permitted to play during games in the tournament series provided they

maintain an atmosphere of sportsmanlike conduct. Halftime and pre-game performances by bands on the playing field shall be permitted provided:

1) The host school determines that field conditions will not negatively be affected by marching of the band.

2) The halftime interval is extended by mutual agreement of the opposing coaches (Rule 7-2-1) to permit a maximum 6-minute performances by each school's band. Band members playing during a tournament series game shall be admitted to that game at no charge.

#### **F. Artificial Noisemakers:**

All artificial and mechanical noise-making devices shall be excluded from all State Series events. Cheerleaders may use megaphones during the postseason at any site.

#### **G. Signs and Banners:**

The display of signs, banners, placards, or comparable items at IHSA state series events is permitted, provided:

1) They are in good taste and reflect good sportsmanship in their message and use

2) They reflect identification and encouragement to participants and their school/community

3) They are not displayed on the field of play or in a manner which interferes with play

4) They do not obstruct the view of participants or spectators

5) They are not safety hazards.

#### **H. Cheerleaders and Mascots:**

The number of cheerleaders permitted to cheer for the State Finals shall be the same number that has cheered since the first game of the state series.

#### **I. Damage to Property or Equipment:**

If contestants or people from any school entered in a state series are found guilty of carelessness or maliciously breaking, damaging, or destroying property or equipment belonging to the host school, such school shall be held responsible for costs incurred in replacing or repairing such property or equipment.

#### **J. Videotaping by Competing Schools or Spectators:**

Videotaping will be allowed provided the local manager has a comparable area for both competing schools to videotape. When one school requests the video space, then the local manager shall provide similar space to both competing schools. Non-competing schools and spectators will be allowed to videotape games in the stands, provided they do not obstruct the view of participants and spectators.

#### **K. Tobacco/Liquid Nicotine Products:**

The use of tobacco or liquid nicotine products in any competition area, either during a practice or while a contest is in progress, or affiliated property of any IHSA state series contest by any coach, player, any other person connected with a team, or fan shall be prohibited. State series hosts are required to make all state series contest sites and any affiliated property, including parking lots, fan accommodation areas, and other school or event venue property, tobacco/liquid nicotine free zones on the date or dates of any IHSA event being held at the site.

#### **L. Use of Inhalers:**

A student with asthma may possess and use his/her medication during an IHSA competition, while under the



supervision of school personnel, provided the school meets the outlined procedures of self-administration in the Illinois school code.

#### **M. Alcoholic Beverages and IHSA State Series:**

The possession, distribution, sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages are prohibited at the site and on any affiliated property of any IHSA state series contest. State series hosts are required to make all state series contest sites and any affiliated property, including parking lots, fan accommodation areas, and other school or event venue property, alcohol free zones on the date or dates of any IHSA event being held at the site. Violation of this policy by an event host will subject the host to a penalty for violation of IHSA Administrative Policy 21. Such penalty may include but not necessarily be limited to prohibition against subsequent event hosting assignments. Violation of this policy by a non-hosting member school will subject the school to penalty for violation of IHSA Administrative Policy 21. Patrons of any IHSA state series contest determined to be in violation of this policy will be removed from the premise, and law enforcement officials will be called as warranted. No ticket refunds will be granted in such cases.

#### **N. Prayer at IHSA State Series Contests:**

Prayer at an IHSA state series contest that takes place over the public address system is prohibited.

#### **O. Security:**

Postseason hosts must provide dedicated personnel to be onsite during the game, and to be available to escort officials to their vehicles or locker room after the contest has concluded.

per game. Officials will be paid by the IHSA through ArbiterPay.

3) **Sectional Tournaments:** Three (3) officials will be appointed by the IHSA Office for each Sectional Semifinal and Final game. Each official shall receive a fee of **\$95.00** per game. Officials will be paid by the IHSA through ArbiterPay.

4) **Super-Sectional** games: Three (3) officials will be appointed by the IHSA Office for each Super-Sectional game. Each official shall receive a fee of **\$129.00** per game. Officials will be paid by the IHSA through ArbiterPay.

5) **State Final Tournament:** Fourteen officials will be appointed by the IHSA Office for the State Final games. Officials will be paid **\$170.00** per game worked plus up to three nights lodging at a hotel designated by the IHSA Administrator. Two Head officials will be appointed by the IHSA Office for the State Final games. The Head Officials will be paid a **flat fee of \$350.00 each**, plus up to three nights lodging at a hotel designated by the IHSA Administrator. Two 4th officials will be appointed by the IHSA Office for the State Final games. The 4th Officials will be paid \$50.00 per game plus up to three nights lodging at a hotel designated by the IHSA Administrator. All State Final Officials will be paid by the IHSA through ArbiterPay.

#### **B. Mileage Reimbursement Policy:**

In the state series, to assist officials for out-of-pocket expenses, a voucher system will be used to compensate officials when they drive in excess of 70 miles round trip per contest. Payment will be made through the IHSA Office, after completion of the tournament series, at a rate of **\$.45 per mile** for all mileage in excess of 70 miles round trip. No compensation will be permitted for trips of less than 70 miles round trip.

## **X. AWARDS**

**A. Regional:** A plaque will be awarded to the winner in each Regional

**B. Sectional:** A plaque will be awarded to the winner in each Sectional

**C. Super-Sectional:** A plaque will be awarded to the winner in each Super-Sectional

**D. State Final:** A trophy will be awarded to teams finishing first, second, third and fourth places in the State Final Tournament. A total of up to thirty (30) individual medallions will be presented to the first, second, third and fourth placing teams at the State Final Tournament. In addition, the Superintendent, Principal, Athletic Director, and Athletic Trainer will be presented with a medallion.

## **XI. OFFICIALS**

#### **A. Appointment and Fees:**

1) **Regional Quarterfinal:** Two (2) or Three (3) officials must be secured by the host manager for the Regional Quarterfinal game. Officials will be paid the **\$76.50** fee by the IHSA through ArbiterPay.

2) **Regional Tournaments:** Three (3) officials will be appointed by the IHSA Office for each Regional Semifinal and Final game. Each official shall receive a fee of **\$76.50**

