

## GHSA



### 2015 Soccer Rules Clinic



## GHSA

### POLICIES PROCEDURES BY-LAW CHANGES



## GHSA WEB SITE

- Important information at [www.ghsa.net](http://www.ghsa.net)
- The “White Book” is on line
  - \* Constitution and By-laws
  - \* Sports Specific Procedures
  - \* Appendix B – Contest Brackets
  - \* Appendix F – Fine Schedule



## GHSA WEB SITE

- Important information at [www.ghsa.net](http://www.ghsa.net)
- Soccer Season Dates:
  - First Practice – January 19<sup>th</sup>
  - First Contest – February 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Last Play Date – April 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Area/Region Qualifiers – April 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - State Playoffs – April 28<sup>th</sup> thru May 1<sup>st</sup>



## POLICY & PROCEDURE

- **POST-SEASON COACHES/REFEREES MEETING** – They will be conducted as an “on-line” meeting and are mandatory for all schools competing in the State Tournament. Failure to complete this “on-line” meeting will result in a \$100.00 fine to the guilty school(s). “Team Instructions” for school advancing to the State Tournament will be posted on the GHSA web site.
- If a referee does not complete the “on-line” meeting, they will be ineligible to referee any post-season games.



## POLICY & PROCEDURE

- **EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN** – Each school shall have a written plan for practices and games.(natural disasters, serious injuries, terroristic acts, etc.)
- **STATE TOURNAMENT GAMES** – All rounds through the semi-finals will be played at the “higher seed”, or designated “H” in the bracket. All championship finals will be played at a neutral site. Sites will be designated by the GHSA Executive Director.

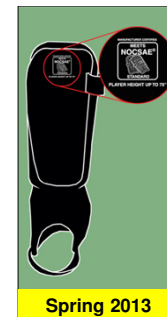


## POLICY & PROCEDURE

- **EJECTIONS** - GHSA By-Law 2.72 (a) – Ejections are based on judgment calls by an official and are NOT reviewable or reversible. As such, once a player or coach has been ejected from a contest the ejection CANNOT be rescinded after the fact. Incidents that happen following the completion of the contest are the responsibility of “Game Management”, but should be reported to the GHSA Office on a “Game Report”.
- **COACHING** – An individual who is an active official, or officials’ assignor at the high school level, may not be a coach in the same sport.



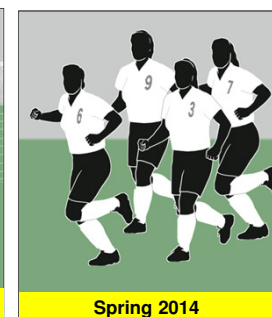
## POLICY & PROCEDURE



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Goalkeeper jerseys must have numbers



All-white jersey and socks



# POLICY & PROCEDURE

- APPROPRIATE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL – Officials may ask is an AHCP is at the site prior to the contest, but if an AHCP is not on-site a player may NOT return to the contest if sent off for concussion-like symptoms. An AHCP may include; licensed physician (MD/OD), nurse practitioner, physicians assistant, or certified athletic trainer.
- RULES INTERPRETATION – Tom Frazee is the GHSA Soccer Rules Interpreter, and represents the GHSA with the National Federation. For rules questions you may contact him at ([tmfrazee43@gmail.com](mailto:tmfrazee43@gmail.com))




# STATE TOURNAMENT DOUBLE HEADERS

When a school is hosting both boys' and girls' games. . .


- The host school must clear the double-headers through the tournament director (Michael Tomlich) and officials' scheduling coordinator (Kay Argo).
- A revised financial agreement is in effect for a double header, and the form is available is the "Forms Book" or GHSA web site



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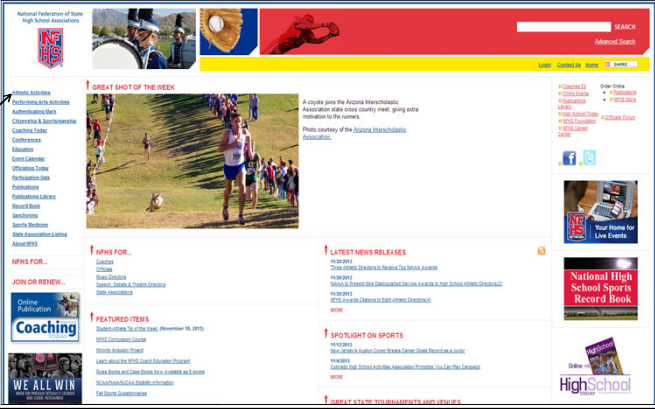
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•NFHS Web site - [www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org)



The screenshot shows the NFHS website homepage with various sections: 'Athletic Activities', 'GREAT SHOT OF THE WEEK', 'LATEST NEWS RELEASES', 'SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS', and 'GREAT STATE TOURNAMENTS AND EVENTS'. A callout box on the left points to the 'Athletic Activities' menu, stating: 'All Soccer information found under the "Athletic Activities" tab'.

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## NFHS Soccer Rules Changes







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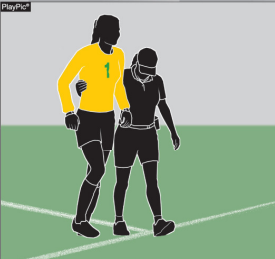
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## NFHS Interpretation Policy

- Each state high school association adopting these NFHS soccer rules is the sole and exclusive source of binding rules interpretations for contests involving its member schools. Any person having questions about the interpretation of NFHS soccer rules should contact the soccer rules interpreter designated by GHSA to be Tom Frazee at ([tmfrazee43@gmail.com](mailto:tmfrazee43@gmail.com)).

### Substitutions Rule 3-3-2b(2)





**RULE CHANGE**


If the referee stops the clock for an **apparent injury** to a field player or goalkeeper, the field player or goalkeeper will have to leave the field. The field player **may** be replaced and the goalkeeper **must** be replaced.

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### General Rule 5-1-2



**RULE CHANGE**


Time: 4:45  
Game Start Time: 5:00

The jurisdiction of the officials shall begin *on their arrival at the field of play and its immediate surroundings (to begin their official responsibilities)*, which shall be no later than 15 minutes prior to the start of the game.

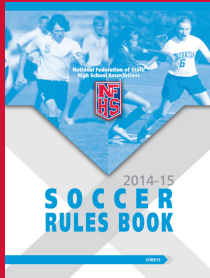
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## NFHS Soccer Points of Emphasis

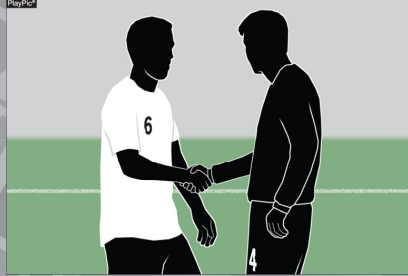


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## Sportsmanship



POINT OF EMPHASIS

PLAYERS, COACHES, GAME OFFICIALS AND SPECTATORS MUST USE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE AND REFRAIN FROM INSULTING, OFFENSIVE AND/OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE AND GESTURES. BEHAVIOR ON THE FIELD SHOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH ATHLETICS AS AN EXTENSION OF THE CLASSROOM.

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## Communication




POINT OF EMPHASIS

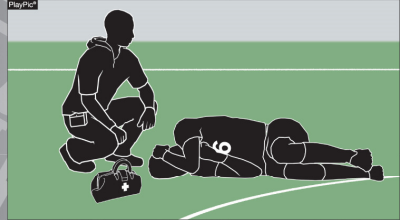
GAME OFFICIALS ARE ENCOURAGED TO EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE WITH ONE ANOTHER AS WELL AS WITH PLAYERS AND COACHES THROUGHOUT THE GAME.

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## Concussion Management




POINT OF EMPHASIS

THE NFHS SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT NO ATHLETE RETURN TO PLAY OR PRACTICE ON THE SAME DAY AFTER SUFFERING A CONCUSSION. NO ATHLETE SHOULD RETURN TO SPORT OR OTHER AT-RISK PARTICIPATION WHEN SYMPTOMS OF CONCUSSION ARE PRESENT AND RECOVERY IS ONGOING. PLEASE SEE THE "NFHS SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR MANAGEMENT OF CONCUSSION IN SPORTS" AT [WWW.NFHS.ORG](http://www.nfhs.org) FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. (SEE PAGE 111).


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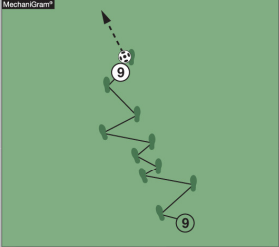
**POINT OF EMPHASIS**



## Penalty Kick



PENALTY KICK




CONTINUOUS FORWARD MOTION


Once the approach to the ball has started, the kicker's movement may not be interrupted. A continuous forward motion throughout the approach is necessary. If continuous forward motion does not occur, the restart is a retake of the penalty kick regardless of whether a goal is scored or not.

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**POINT OF EMPHASIS**




## Goalkeepers



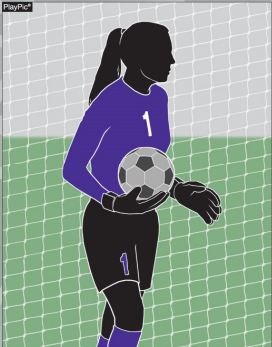
Goalkeepers can wear the same colored socks as their teammates but not their opponents.

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**POINT OF EMPHASIS**



## Goalkeepers



Goalkeepers must have a **4"** number on the front of their jerseys or shorts/pants and a **6"** number on the back of their jerseys.

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## NFHS Soccer Major Editorial Changes



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**Required Equipment**  
**Rule 4-1-1(a)**

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Dark is defined as any color which contrasts with white (hue, intensity, brightness, etc.).

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**Other Equipment**  
**Rule 4-2-7**

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Completely Clear      Completely White

Tooth and mouth protectors are permitted (required by some state associations), but they should be of a readily visible color. They may not be completely clear or completely white.

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**Penalty Kick**  
**Rule 14-1-3**

EDITORIAL CHANGE

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The opposing goalkeeper shall stand on the goal line, facing the kicker, between the goal posts, until the ball is kicked. Lateral movement is allowed, but the goalkeeper is not permitted to come off the line by stepping or lunging forward until the ball is in play.

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**Sample Fourth Official Duties**


EDITORIAL CHANGE

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Fourth Official Duties have been added to the NFHS Soccer Rules Book. Individual state high school associations may adopt this or other fourth official duties. Unless otherwise stated, the rules of the game apply.

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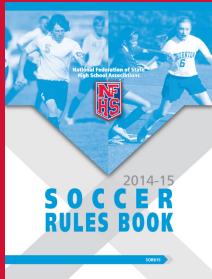
<b>NFHS Soccer Major Editorial Changes</b>	
<b>Sample Fourth Official Duties</b>	Fourth Official Duties have been added to the NFHS Soccer Rules Book
<b>Rules Comparison</b>	The 2014-15 rules book contains an updated comparison of the major differences among NFHS and NCAA rules and FIFA laws.
<b>NFHS Official Soccer Signals and Assistant Referee Signals</b>	The 2014-15 rules book contains updated pictures for each of the referee and assistant referee signals.



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## NFHS Soccer Rules Book Additional Items




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### NFHS Official Soccer Signals






**1**

Direct free kick  
(points in direction of kick)




**2**

Indirect free kick




**3a**

Play On




**3b**


Play On




**4**

Timeout









**5**

(Wind-up to start clock)




**6**

Penalty Kick  
(point to spot),  
Goal Kick  
(point to goal area)



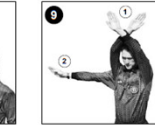
**7**

Caution/  
ejection




**8**


Corner Kick  
(point to corner)



**9**

Goal







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NFHS Official Soccer Signals

### NFHS Assistant Referee Signals







**Throw-in**  
The flag should not be brought across the body. Appropriately, the flag should be switched to the appropriate hand.




**Substitution**  
Hold flag above head as shown, until acknowledged by the referee. Then return the flag to the side.




**Foul**  
1. Hold flag vertically until acknowledged by the referee. 2. wave flag; and 3. point the flag in the direction where the free kick will take place.







**Corner Kick**  
Assistant referee should point to the nearest corner.




**Goal Kick**  
Assistant referee should point to the goal area.




**Stop Play - Offside**  
Assistant referee should indicate he/she has seen an offside with the right arm.




**Outside Free Kick**  
When referee stops play, assistant referee indicates position on far side of the field.



**Outside Free Kick**  
When referee stops play, assistant referee indicates position near center of the field.



**Outside Free Kick**  
When referee stops play, assistant referee indicates position on near side of the field.

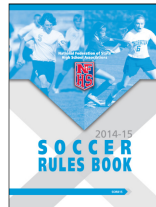


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## 2014-15 NFHS Soccer Rules Book as eBooks

- Electronic Versions of the NFHS Soccer Rules are now available for purchase as eBooks.
- Apple users can visit iTunes for available books.
- Apple, Android and Kindle users can buy eBooks from Amazon.com and view them through the Kindle app.
- Price: \$5.99/each
- Visit [www.nfhs.org/ebooks](http://www.nfhs.org/ebooks) for more information.



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## NFHS Coach and Officials Education

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### Free Courses

Concussion in Sports – What You Need to Know

1,369,704 courses ordered to date!

The Role of the Parent in Sports

Sportsmanship

A Guide to Acclimatization and Heat Illness Prevention



## Concussion in Sports – What You Need To Know

The screenshot shows the course interface with the following elements:

- Header:** "Concussion In Sports - What You Need To Know" with NFHS and CDC logos.
- Navigation:** A progress bar with numbers 1 through 6, and "PREVIOUS" and "NEXT" buttons.
- Table of Contents:**
  - Unit 1: Concussion Overview
    - Introduction
    - What is a concussion?
    - What happens to the brain?
  - Unit 2: The Problem
  - Unit 3: Your Responsibility
  - Unit 4: Review
  - Course Evaluation
- Main Content Area:** A video player showing a man in a suit speaking. Text overlay reads: "When in doubt, sit them out!"
- Transcript and Resources:** Below the video, there are sections for "TRANSCRIPT" and "RESOURCES".
- Text:** "Hi, I'm Dr. Mick Keester, Chair of the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and Director of the Stocum Sports Concussion in Eugene, Oregon." and "As you are well aware, concussions have become a huge topic of discussion over the past few years. Unfortunately, they are a common problem in sports and have the potential for serious complications if not recognized early and managed correctly." and "What may appear to be only a mild jolt or blow to the head or body can result in a concussion. While concussions occur at all levels of sports."

## The Role of the Parent in Sports

[www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com)

- Designed for parents
- Explains what interscholastic athletics are about
- Provides information and resources to ensure their child has a positive educational experience
- Includes units on:
  - What interscholastic athletics are about
  - What You and Your Child Want Out of School Sports
  - Having a Successful Educational Sport Experience
  - Making the Call
  - Plan for Improvement
  - Keeping Perspective



## Fundamentals of Coaching and First Aid...revised!



**NFHSLearn.com**

## Fundamentals of Coaching Soccer



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## NFHS Officials Association Central hub

<https://nfhs-soccer.arbitersports.com>

**Contains**

- Sport information
- Rules information
- Rules library
- Searchable rules book
- Video content on officiating sport, competition situations and interpretations



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## NFHS Injury Surveillance Soccer

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## NFHS Injury Surveillance 2012-13

### The National High School Sports Injury Surveillance Study: High School RIO™


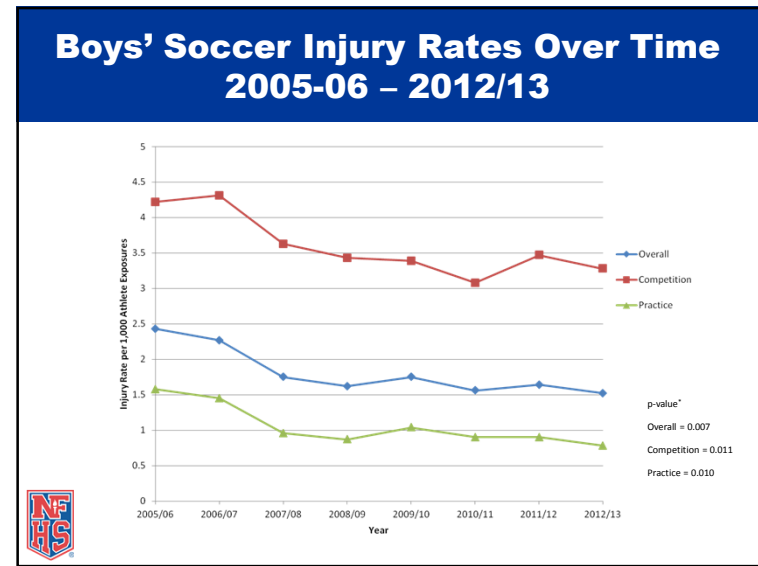
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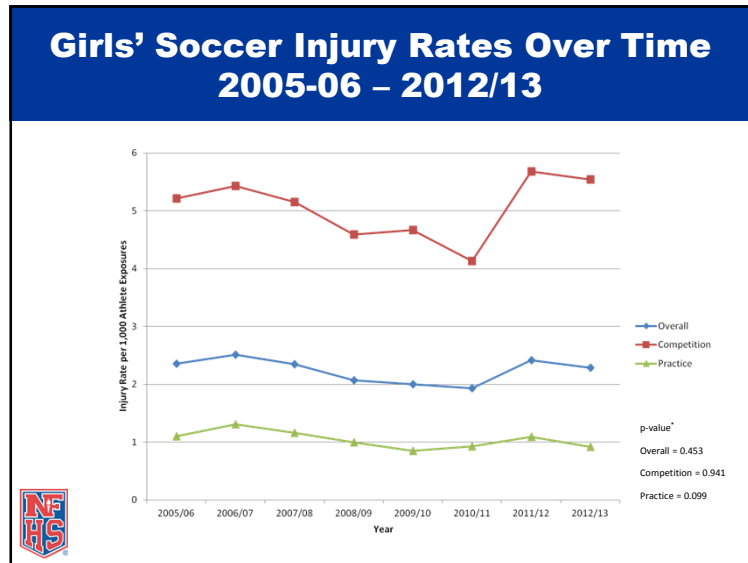



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## NFHS Injury Surveillance 2012-13

- High School RIO™ data shows that soccer has the highest injury rates among the gender comparable sports (soccer, basketball and baseball/softball) of the nine original study sports under surveillance.
- While boys' soccer injury rates have dropped significantly over the past eight years, girls' soccer injury rates have not changed significantly.
- The most common injury diagnosis for both boys' and girls' soccer during the 2012/13 academic year was sprain/strain (boys: 42.4%; girls: 45.6%) followed by concussion (boys: 20.2%; girls: 29.5%).



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## 2014-15 Soccer Rules Reminders

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### 2015-16 Soccer Rules Change Proposal Form

National Federation of State High School Associations  
Soccer Rule Change Proposal Form  
Deadline for Proposal: November 1, 2014  
E-mail to [mrock@nfhs.org](mailto:mrock@nfhs.org)

Proposal initiated by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions:

- Only one proposal per page.
- If a proposal is approved, it will be submitted as a Word document to the NFHS.
- State the proposal clearly and concisely.
- Word the proposal exactly as you want it to appear in the rules book.
- Provide your rationale (why the problem and why your proposal).
- If not on state association staff, e-mail this form directly to your State High School Association office.

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Suggested Change (underline shows additions, strike-through shows deletions)

Rationale: the clear and concise in your rationale to support rule change.

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For NFHS Association use only:  
 Select State Association: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  Executive Director  SOF Administrator  State Committee Member  
 This rule proposal has been reviewed and approved by the state chair/province official:  Yes  No  Ask for Committee Member  
 This rule proposal, if submitted by a committee member, does not require the review of the State Association Executive Director or his/her designee.

The deadline for submitting proposals is November 1

Electronic approval – no signature required!

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## Thank You!

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