

GHSA



2017 Coaches
Soccer Rules Clinic

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POLICIES
PROCEDURES
BY-LAW CHANGES

GHSA WEB SITE

- Important information at 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
- Soccer Season Dates:
 - First Practice – January 16th
 - First Contest – February 6th
 - Complete Region/Area Soccer – April 20th
 - State Playoffs – April 25th thru May 13th

GHSA WEB SITE

- Recertification Dates – January 12th thru February 1st.
- Testing Dates – January 18th thru February 1st.

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 are Mercer-Macon campus and McEachern HS campus.

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 As such, once a player or coach has been ejected from a contest the ejection CANNOT be rescinded after the fact.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

- **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/DO), 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)

Sportsmanship

As NFHS has strongly recommended sportsmanship over the years, GHSA is requiring that sportsmanship be displayed throughout the contest, and recommends a formal acknowledgment of Sportsmanship at the beginning of the game to all players, coaches, and game officials.

After the game, the officials will leave the game site immediately and only the designated security should approach the game officials to escort them off the field. Any player, coach, or spectator approaching the officials after the game is not to be tolerated by GHSA.

Sportsmanship

Sportsmanship – Players, coaches, team officials and spectators **MUST** use appropriate language and refrain from insulting, offensive, and/or abusive language and gestures. These individuals shall be disqualified from the contest under NFHS Soccer Rule 12-8-2.

Sportsmanship

In the 2016 Playing season, this is the results of reports submitted against coaches. The number of infringements below are not reflective of the display of sportsmanship that GHSA is trying to get from soccer coaches. These numbers need to be reduced and the coaches are the only ones that can do that.

Coaches' Infringements =	227
Illegal Equipment =	57
Dissent =	144
Entering =	1
Unsporting Conduct =	7
Language =	7
2 Caution =	12
Taunting =	0

**Caution or
Yellow Card Offense**

Rule 12 - Section 8 - Article 1c

c. – objecting by word or mouth or action to any decision given by an official (dissent);

Rule 12 – Section 8 - Article 1d

d. – any incidental use of vulgar or profane language

**Disqualification or
Red Card Offenses**

Rule 12 - Section 8 - Article 2b

b. Taunting - use of word or act to incite or degrade an opposing player, coach, referee or any other individual.

Rule 12 – Section 8 - Article 2f

f. – using insulting, offensive, or abusive language or gestures

**Caution or Disqualification
Yellow or Red Card Offense**

Rule 12 - Section 8 - Article 3b...Coaches responsibility:

b. – The coach may be cautioned or disqualified for team misconduct or bench misconduct that cannot be attributed to a specific individual.





MINIMIZING THE RISK OF BEING STRUCK

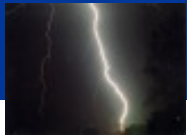
- Coaches **MUST** protect the safety of the participants by stopping the game sooner



WHAT THE REFEREE SHOULD DO

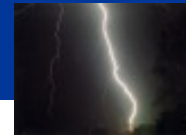
USE COMMON SENSE!

- All schools are required to have a working lightning detector at the field
- Resume play after 30 minutes since hearing the thunder or seeing flash of lightning



“30-30 RULE”

- When thunder is heard or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the leading edge of the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play for 30 minutes and take shelter immediately.
- Thirty-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.



“30-30 RULE”

- Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count will reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
- The 30-30 Rule will over rule the lightning detector if you see lightning and the detector is showing clear.

GHSA WHITEBOOK RULES

Games involving schools from different classifications:

- Up to two-hour cumulative delay may be used to complete the contest
- Contest cannot go past GHSA 11:30 p.m. curfew
- If the contest is terminated prior to the end of the 1st half, “no contest” is declared
- If the contest is terminated after the 1st half is completed, the score at that point is final

Games involving schools from the same classification:

- The two-hour time delay does not exist
- The 11:30 p.m. GHSA curfew is waived (**NOT** the local government curfew)
- School administrators may agree to terminate the game and resume play at the point of interruption
- The trailing team may choose not to resume play at a later date



“CORRECTION TO VIDEO”

A coach who is disqualified shall leave the vicinity of the playing area immediately and is prohibited from any contact, direct or indirect, with the team during the remainder of the game. Failure to comply shall result in termination of the game.

The video stated that a disqualified coach may remain in the stands and that is incorrect in Georgia.

