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2020-21 OSAA ADOPTED SOCCER RULES INTERPRETATIONS

The 2020-21 NFHS Soccer Rules Book will be used in OSAA sanctioned competitions with the following clarifications:

1-1	If a field is, or appears to be, larger or smaller than the dimensions specified, the head referee will bring that to the attention of the game-site administrator and/or the home team's head coach and will include that information on the game report. The contest will still be played.
1-5-3	Both teams shall be on the same side of the field.
3-1	Teams cannot share players (e.g., a team playing shorthanded cannot use a player from the opposing school.)
3-1-3	Officials are not to interpret OSAA rules regarding participant eligibility, contest limitations, or ejection suspension periods. If a concern exists beyond the NFHS rules and OSAA adopted interpretations, the game shall be played with any participant listed by the teams and the officials shall include that information on the game report. (E.g., if a visiting coach complains that a home team player should not be allowed to play in the varsity game because they participated in both halves of the previous sub-varsity game, the referee is to allow the player to participate and include details of the issue on the game report.)
3-3-2-b-3	A player who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion following an observed or suspected blow to the head or body shall be removed from the game by either their coach or the referee. Any decision to return a player to the contest, after the player has been cleared by a Qualified Health Care Professional, is solely that of the school. Determination of who is a Qualified Health Care Professional shall be made by the school. The referee shall note any occurrence of a suspected concussion and whether the player returned to the game or not on the game report. See Executive Board Policies, "Concussion Management" for additional information.
4-1-1-f	Approval must be granted by the OSAA for any commemorative or memorial patch.
4-1-1-h-1	Only those names, patches, emblems, logos, or insignias referencing the school are permitted on players' masks. The player's name is also allowed on their mask. There are no color restrictions for masks. Knotted bandanas cannot be used as player masks (4-2-2) nor are players allowed to wear hard face coverings in lieu of a soft, cloth face mask (4-2-1).
4-2-1-h	EXCEPTION 2 - Players may wear soft and yielding caps during inclement weather. Caps must be alike in color.
4-2-7	A tooth and mouth protector is not required.
4-3	Players wearing their mask incorrectly or not wearing a mask are treated as improperly equipped. Cautions will not be issued for improperly equipped players. If not immediately correctable, an improperly equipped player shall be instructed by the referee to leave the field of play when the ball next ceases to be in play. That removed player may be replaced by a substitute. The removed player, if not replaced, may re-enter the game at the next dead ball only after reporting to an official, who shall be satisfied the player's equipment and uniform are in order. Play shall not be stopped for an infringement of this rule except that the referee may stop play immediately where, in their opinion, there is a dangerous situation.
5-1-1	Only the diagonal or dual systems of officiating may be used. Athletic districts may select one of these systems for regular season league contests. In the absence of an adoption by a district, the commissioner of officials will select the system to be used for a particular game.
5-1-2	The jurisdiction of the officials begins when they enter the field and its immediate surroundings (e.g., they enter a stadium where the game is to be held). The officials' jurisdiction ends when they leave the field and its immediate surroundings at the end of the game.

5-1-3-a	The shirt for officials shall be the same as that approved for officials by the United States Soccer Federation. Officials must match in jersey color, but do not need to match in sleeve length.
5-1-3-f	Officials may use electronic communication equipment (e.g., beeper flags, radio communication systems, electronic whistles, etc.).
5-1-3	Masks shall be worn at all times by officials. Officials' masks must be soft, cloth face coverings and should consist of a solid, neutral color with no designs or slogans.
5-2-2-d	Although the NFHS rule calls for a single meeting between officials, captains, and head coaches, such a meeting is not required in Oregon. Referees must obtain a complete roster and inquire of each head coach whether their players are properly and legally equipped before the game. This is done independently of meeting with the captains to discuss sportsmanship and conduct the coin toss as provided in 5-2-2-d-2 & 3. Referees must meet with the coaches separately, one team at a time, and limit attendees to one official and the head coach. When meeting with captains, limit attendees to the center referee, or head referee, and a single captain for each team.
5-4-1-a	Officials do not need to verify scores after the game (see OSAA adopted interpretation of 6-3). After the game, the officials should immediately leave the field and its immediate surroundings.
6-1	Ball holders are optional, but are highly recommended. If provided, there shall be at least two ball holders.
6-2	If a timer, clock operator, or visible timing device is not available, then time shall be kept by the head referee who shall continue to use the approved timing signals and no visible clock is to be used. (E.g., the home team wants to use the stadium clock without an operator and stop the clock in under five minutes left in each half. This would not be allowed. Time would be kept by the head referee and the stadium clock would not be used to display the game time at any point.)
6-3	The head referee shall be the official scorekeeper.
7-1-1	The duration of the game shall be two equal halves of 40 minutes each.
7-1-3	In the event a game must be suspended in the first half by the center referee, or head referee, because of conditions which make it impossible to continue play, the game shall be declared no contest and shall be completely replayed, unless the two teams mutually agree otherwise or there are athletic district rules that apply. See Executive Board Policies, "Interrupted Contests" and/or "Adverse Weather Conditions / Area-Wide Emergency Procedures" for additional information.
7-1-5	If an eight (8) goal differential occurs at halftime or anytime thereafter, the match shall be terminated and considered a completed match.
7-3-1	No overtime is allowed during pre-season or regular season matches. This also includes no kicks from the penalty mark. Matches that are tied at the end of regulation time will be considered a draw. NOTE: The OSAA State Championship tie-breaking procedures shall be used in all district playoffs, play-ins, OSAA playoffs, and championship matches.
12-8-1-d	Incidental use of vulgar or profane language is a caution (yellow card).
12-8-2-f	Use of derogatory or offensive terms targeted at race, ethnicity, gender, religion, or orientation is a disqualification (red card).
12-8-2	PENALTY - A disqualified player or coach (red card) shall be ejected for the remainder of the day and required to sit out through the next playing date at that level. Disqualified players may remain in the team area and fall under the responsibility of the head coach. Disqualified coaches must leave the visible confines of the field and its immediate surroundings and remain out of sight and sound. If a disqualified coach was the only adult on the roster, then the referee shall allow the removed coach to name a replacement to be added to the roster before leaving. Officials are not responsible for verifying the credentials of the replacement adult as that is the school's responsibility. The referee shall include the replacement coach's name on the game report. See Executive Board Policies, "Ejection Policies – Ejected Player or Coach" for additional information.