

## **BY-LAW ARTICLE XXVIII**

### **Soccer**

#### **Boys and Girls**

**Sect. 1:** Soccer shall be administered by the NHIAA Soccer Committee and the rules of the National Federation will govern the sport when applicable.

#### **Sect. 2: Scheduling Standards**

- A. Only games with NHIAA schools or with member schools of state associations may be counted.
- B. Only two games between the same schools may be counted unless unusual circumstances arise and the NHIAA Soccer Committee approves.
- C. All games are to be officiated by no less than two (2) NHIAA registered officials. Exceptions to this may be sought by contacting the NHIAA office prior to the game.
- D. Interscholastic games will not be permitted following the last date to play.
- E. Each team must play 60% of its games in its class or higher; 40% of its games may be played in a lower class.

#### **Sect. 3: Tournament Selection**

Tournament team selection will be determined in accordance with the present classification system.

The top sixteen (16) teams in Class L, I, and S, the top twelve (12) teams in Class M will qualify for the Girls' State Tournament.

The top sixteen (16) teams in Classes L, I, M and S will qualify for the Boys' State Tournament.

#### **Sect. 4: Site Selection**

The tournament sites for the preliminary and quarterfinal round will be determined by the seeding position of each team with the highest seeded teams playing at their *home* field. Selected sites will be determined by the Soccer Committee for all semifinal and final games.

#### **Sect. 5: Tournament Rosters**

All tournament teams will be limited to a maximum of twenty-five (25) dressed players, two managers, and two coaches.

#### **Sect. 6: Awards**

Official NHIAA championship and runner-up plaques, in addition to thirty (30) individual medals will be awarded to the respective champion and runner-up teams in each class for boys and girls.

#### **Sect. 7: Classification of Teams**

Girls Soccer will be placed in four (4) classes: Classes L, I, M and S.

Boys Soccer will be placed in four (4) classes: Classes L, I, M and S.

#### **Sect. 8: Official Time**

Time shall be kept on the field by the official nearest to the team benches. Official timer may be used with the mutual consent of the officials and both coaches prior to the game.

#### **Sect. 9: Diagonal Officiating System**

Schools may use the diagonal system of control (one referee and two linesman - NHSOA Certified) with mutual consent of both coaches prior to game day.

### **Sect. 10: Make-Up Games**

No make-up games may be scheduled during the last week of the regular season unless they are games that were regularly scheduled for that week. Teams must complete their *entire* schedule that has been submitted to the NHIAA. To be eligible for tournament seedings and play, the Soccer Committee will consider completed schedules only. Any scheduled game(s) not played will be forfeited by both teams unless the circumstances are made known to the NHIAA Executive Director *prior* to the pairings meeting date. Forfeit appeals will be conducted in compliance with NHIAA Policy By-Law Article VI.

### **Sect. 11: Overtime Procedures for Regular Season Play**

When the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the referee will instruct both teams to return to their respective team benches. There will be a five (5) minute intermission during which both teams may confer with their coaches and the head referee will instruct both teams as to how the overtime periods will be conducted. A coin toss shall be held in accordance with Rule 5-2-2 (e) of the National Federation Rules Book. The teams will play a ten (10) minute sudden victory overtime period. If the score is still tied, the teams will change ends without leaving the field of play (Substitutions are allowed). A second ten (10) minute sudden victory period will be played. The match will be considered a draw if the score is still tied after these two (2) periods.

### **Sect. 12: Tournament Tie-Breaking Procedures**

When the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the referee will instruct both teams to return to their respective team boxes. There will be five minutes during which both teams may confer with their coaches and the head referee will instruct both teams as to proper procedure. A coin toss shall be held as in Rule 5-2-2 (e) (3) of the National Federation Rules Book.

#### **A. Sudden Victory Overtime Procedure:**

1. For all tournament games there shall be a twenty-minute Sudden Victory overtime period.
2. If a tie still exists at the end of the twenty-minute Sudden Victory overtime period, the teams shall change ends.
3. A second twenty-minute Sudden Victory overtime period shall be played.
4. If the score still remains tied, all coaches, officials and team captains shall assemble at the halfway line to review the procedure for participating in the shoot-out as outlined below.

#### **B. Rules of the Shoot-Out:**

1. The officials shall determine which goal will be used for the shoot-out and will place the ball on the 35-yard line.
2. Each coach will select any five players, including the goalkeeper, on or off the field (except those who may have been disqualified) to participate in the shoot-out.
  - a. Players will alternate kicks in all situations.
  - b. Following all five (5) kicks for each team, the team scoring the greatest number of goals shall be declared the winner. One goal is added to the winning teams score to credit the team with a victory.
  - c. If the score remains tied after each team has had five (5) kicks, each coach will select five (5) different players than the first five who already have kicked, to take the kicks in a sudden victory situation. If one team scores and the other team does not score after taking an equal number of kicks, the game is ended without more kicks being taken.
  - d. If the score remains tied, continue the sudden victory kicks with the coach selecting any five (5) players to take the next set of alternating kicks.
  - e. Repeat(ed) until a champion is determined.

3. A coin toss shall be held. The team winning the toss shall have the choice of kicking first or second.
4. The lead official shall sound the whistle for start of play. The seven (7) second clock shall not start until the ball has moved its circumference. (Approximately 27")
5. The shooter has seven (7) seconds in which to score.
6. The shooter may replay any rebounds within the allotted seven (7) seconds.
7. The trail official timing shall sound his whistle upon expiration of seven (7) seconds.
8. A goal is scored when the whole of the ball passes over the end line, between the goal post and under the cross bar within the allotted seven (7) seconds.
9. At the start of each shoot-out the goalkeeper must have both feet on the goal line until the ball is legally played. Violation shall result in a re-kick.
10. The goalkeeper shall have the same privileges and responsibility as in regulation play.
11. Infractions by the goalkeeper (i.e. tripping, holding, etc.) shall result in penalty kick.
  - a. If goal is scored, the infraction is ignored. The penalty kick shall be taken by the shooter.
  - b. In the event of an injury to the shooter, that player may be replaced by any eligible player on the team other than the previously selected five (5) players.
12. Infractions by the shooter will negate the shooter's opportunity to score.
13. Delaying or unsportsmanlike tactic by any player shall result in a warning (yellow card). If unsportsmanlike tactics continue, the player shall be disqualified (red card).

C. Officials Duties for Overtime Shoot-Out:

1. Determine which goal will be used for shoot-out
2. The lead official shall sound whistle to start play. The lead official shall observe for penalties and infractions and goals.
3. The trail official shall start timepiece for seven (7) seconds allotted time when ball has moved its circumference. The trail official shall observe for penalties and infractions and sound whistle ending seven (7) second allotment of time.

**Sect. 13: Interrupted Games**

Whenever a game is interrupted in the first half because of events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authorities, it shall be continued from the point of interruption. Both officials should sign the official scorebook and note the time on the clock and the period when the game was interrupted.