

Coach Info. and Home Team Responsibilities 2022

Soccer Field Prep:

A 1-yard **Hash Mark** outside the field of play, 11yds from each corner, to assist enforcement of corner kick encroachment

Goals: securely anchored to the ground (**game will not start until goals are anchored**)

Substitution Area: 5-yards on either side of the halfway line (10yd box) **MUST BE MARKED**

Team Area: **Must be marked** by solid lines on each side of the Substitution Area at the Half-Way line

Turf Fields: may use cones to mark Substitution and Team Areas.

Varsity playing time:

2 x 40 min halves (tie game – max of 2 x 10 periods of **sudden victory**)

Caution Card: Yellow Card

5-minute playing time sit out following the issuance of a Yellow Card, with the opportunity for that player's Team to substitute for that player.

Five Minute Substitution Rule:

Should a team in the lead decide to substitute a player during the last 5 minutes of the second period, the clock will stop

Mercy Rule:

The Mercy Rule cannot go into effect until the second half. When one team gains a 6th goal differential over its opponent the Mercy Rule will be applied to the match, **second half only**. Upon scoring the 6th goal the officials should stop the clock to allow for any substitutions before taking the Kickoff. When the clock starts for the Kickoff, **AFTER** the 6th goal has been scored, it will be a running clock after goals. The officials will stop the clock for injuries, cautions, or any other time the officials deem appropriate. **ADDITION:** Once the Mercy Rule is applied during the second half, if the team in the lead decides to substitute during the last 5 minutes **THE CLOCK SHOULD NOT BE STOPPED**. The Mercy Rule takes priority over the new rule whereby the clock is stopped if the team in the lead decides to sub during the last 5 minutes of the second half (**All levels of competition**)

PIAA Appropriate Health Care Professional: MD or DO only!

Official Time:

Rules 6-2-1 and 6-3-1: The official time/score is to be kept by the scorer at the scoring table or on the scoreboard/clock. **PIAA modification: Official time is not to be kept by the on-field officials.**

Suspended Game: 7-1-3

Re-start at point of suspension if less than one half is played. If more than one-half is played and if a winner is determined, it is an official game and the result stands. If a winner can-not be determined, the game is resumed from the point of suspension. A resumed game: Requires all Cautions and Ejections to be brought forward into the resumed game.

Shinguard Standards:

NOCSAE Label must be affixed, outside, at the top one-third of the shinguard. Shinguards must be adequate for the player's height. Shinguards cannot be more than two inches above a player's ankle and are to be worn under the player's stockings. PENALTIES: undersized for the player's height, even if it is after the game has started, the referee must address the equipment violation. **FIRST** offense, referee to send player off the field of play to correct the violation. The referee must also issue a caution to the player's coach. **SECOND** offense the referee must caution the player.

Official Ball:

Wilson **VIVIDO** (March 2022) NOTE: Member schools are reminded that the adoption is for use during the PIAA District and PIAA State Championship play. Schools are NOT required to use these balls during their regular season contests.

Pre-game Communication Between the School Administration and Game

Officials: Game administrator shall greet the officials upon their arrival. Game administrator must indicate to the officials his/her location if a situation develops and assistance is needed during the contest. Contest coaches should not serve as game administrator. The expectation is that the game administrator will take positive action to maintain an atmosphere of good sportsmanship within the spectator seating area.

Officials Communicating Misconduct with Coaches: NFHS Rule 5-3 states that game officials shall communicate the nature of misconduct to coaches, the scorer and other officials when a player has been cautioned or disqualified (yellow/red card). *This communication is a notification and not an explanation.* It is not intended to be an opportunity for the coach to discuss or argue the call. *It is, however, an educational opportunity for the coach to address and/or correct the behavior of the individual.* It is important to note that **interscholastic athletics is an extension of the classroom**, and the behavior of all involved should reflect such. Coaches and officials are expected to model good sportsmanship and to uphold the honor and dignity of their profession.

Mandatory Disqualification: One Game Suspension (see PIAA Pre-Season Bulletin)

NEW-Supplemental Disqualification: Two Game Suspension (see PIAA Pre-Season Bulletin)