



PARTICIPATING SCHOOL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION 2016-17 MHSAA BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER

1. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The MHSAA LP Boys & Girls Soccer tournaments are conducted in four equal Divisions. Each school is assigned to one of 16 District tournaments in each Division as determined by MHSAA staff based on geography and travel considerations. The District assignment will be in the fall "Tournament Notification Form" sent to all member schools and also posted on the MHSAA Web site.

Each District winner advances to one of four Regional tournaments in Each Division. District and Regional host schools are determined by MHSAA staff based on hosting requests, rotation, facility specifications and hosting ability. Regional champions advance to Semifinal games at two locations in each Division. Championship games are played at two sites TBA.

Boys Dates

Districts – October 17-22
Regionals – October 25-29
Semifinals – November 2
Finals – November 5

Girls Dates

Districts – May 30-June 3
Regionals – June 6-10
Semifinals – June 13-14
Finals – June 16-17

2. TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

Individuals or teams shall be accompanied to the event by the coach, administrator or appointee of the school in order to participate in a MHSAA event.

Practice at tournament site - During the weeks of District, Regional or Semifinal games, teams may not practice on the respective game fields (except the host school on its home field). If the MHSAA Final is played on artificial turf, a team in the Final who has not played on artificial turf that season may practice on the Finals field if host management can make arrangements to do so.

School Administrator - A school administrator or faculty designee (not the coach) **MUST** be present at all MHSAA tournament series games. First round District games, though played at different sites are considered a part of the MHSAA tournament series. The start of the game **will not be delayed**; however, schools not complying will face MHSAA administrative disciplinary action.

Pep Bands – Pep bands are allowed at soccer games as long as they do not interfere with the officials' adjudication of the game. Instruments which could potentially be confused with the official's whistle or the scoreboard horn should not be used.

3. OPT OUT POLICIES, ELIGIBILITY LISTS, ROSTERS

Schools must see that tournament managers receive an accurate Master Eligibility List and Team Roster by the Opt-Out Due Date. These forms are available at mhsaa.com. Failure to fulfill the above obligations by the specified Opt-Out Due Date will result in MHSAA penalties as stipulated in the MHSAA Handbook. For Boys Soccer, the Opt-Out Due Date is September 21. For Girls Soccer, the Opt-Out Due Date is May 10 Schools must notify the tournament

managers by the Opt-Out Due Date if they **DO NOT** intend to participate in a previously assigned MHSAA tournament.

The maximum player roster size is 25. An exception can be made for teams which have carried more than 25 for the entire season. The roster can change from game to game. In addition, a maximum of 6 additional coaches and/or team personnel are allowed be in the team area.

Additions or updates to the Master Eligibility list (except transfer students who enroll after the dates in Regulation I, Section 9 [F]) may be accepted by the Tournament Manager if submitted and received prior to the start of competition for ANY team in the first level of that tournament to which the school is assigned.

To be eligible to compete in the MHSAA tournament for Soccer, a student must have actually competed in that sport in at least four games with his/her school team against other MHSAA member school teams. Visit the Soccer PSTI to view the waiver procedure.

Waiver Procedure for Individuals – If a student has been a member of the MHSAA school sponsored high school soccer team (Sub-varsity or Varsity) since the earliest date of practice within the MHSAA season and been present, dressed and on the bench for most games that season and not been a member of a non-school team during the same season, but has not played in four regular season high school games due to the customary selection of players being entered into a contest by the coach, no waiver request is necessary. The student is eligible for the MHSAA tournament.

An administrator of a school may make a written request to the MHSAA for an otherwise eligible student who has not participated in four contests during the regular season to participate in the MHSAA tournament.

Consideration will only be given if the student did not meet the four game minimum due to cancellation of games caused by weather conditions, or due to the student's injury, illness, family tragedy or other reason deemed appropriate by the MHSAA (not ineligibility under MHSAA rules or school action for academic, disqualification or discipline reasons).

The request must describe the student's involvement with the school team, departure from the non-school team (if applicable) and the reason the student has not participated in four games.

If the MHSAA administrator in charge of the sport and the executive director or his/her designate concur that this is a reasonable request, the school may allow this student to participate in the MHSAA tournament. The request must be received by noon of the last business day prior to the start of competition for ANY team in the first level of that tournament to which the school is assigned.

Use of ineligible - Individuals or teams which are defeated by an ineligible opponent or teams which allowed one or more ineligible students to participate do not advance in MHSAA tournaments. If placements in MHSAA tournaments are vacated as a result of an individual being ineligible or a team allowing one or more ineligible students to participate, other individuals or teams neither advance to those placements nor receive awards for those places.

4. DRAW PROCEDURES

Draws for district tournaments may take place during a nine-day period starting the day after the Opt-Out Due Date: Sept 22-30 in the fall, and May 11-19 in the spring. Contact your district host to find the time and place of the draw meeting. If five or more teams are entered, the draw will

be placed in an eight team bracket. If four or fewer teams are entered, the draw will be in a four team bracket.

When a school draws into the top line of a First Round District bracket (and thus would be the host) but does not have a field at least 60 yards wide and 110 yards long, the game will be held at the site of the school which drew to the bottom line of the bracket. If neither school has a field at least 60 x 110 yards, the game will be held at the field offered by the school on the top line of the bracket.

5. TIME SCHEDULE

All District, Regional, and Semifinal game times shall be determined by the Tournament Manager with consideration given to team travel and the opportunity for spectators to be present. It is to be understood that game time must be within the time limits at the host school facility.

Teams are encouraged to arrive one hour before game time. Failure to be ready for play by twenty-five minutes after scheduled starting time will result in forfeiture. In emergency situations and when a delay has been reported the manager may delay the start time more than 25 minutes.

6. AWARDS

The winning school in each division at each District and Regional Tournament will receive a trophy. The runner-up team and championship team in each division at the Final Tournament will receive a trophy.

Twenty-five medals will be awarded to members of winning teams at District, Regional, and Final Tournaments. The same number of medals will be awarded runner-up teams at the Final Tournament. By Representative Council action, only MHSAA approved awards may be presented. If additional medals are desired by winning schools, they may be ordered through the MHSAA at school expense using the form found at:

<http://www.mhsaa.com/Portals/0/Documents/AD%20Forms/medal%20form.pdf>.

7. LIMITS OF COMPETITION

Teams and individuals may have a maximum of 18 games during the regular season. MHSAA tournament dates do not count against season maximums. An athlete may not participate at more than one level on the same day. Individuals must have also played in four regular season games to be eligible for the postseason; a waiver procedure can be found in the Soccer PSTI.

Participation in College ID Camps is allowed during the season, but the Limited Team Membership does apply. Should the student-athlete compete in games or scrimmages while at camp, the student will face a minimum of three games of ineligibility.

8. FINANCES

Admission for spectators is \$5 at the Districts and Regional Tournaments, \$6 at the Semifinal games and \$8 at the Finals.

Teams assume all costs of participation at the District and Regional level. At the Semifinal and Final Tournament, competing teams who travel more than 75 miles to the tournament sites will be reimbursed for mileage, and all teams will be reimbursed for meals and per diem based on the MHSAA formula for soccer.

9. OFFICIALS SELECTION/ASSIGNMENTS

Managers will hire officials at the District level from the MHSAA approved list. For District games

hosted by the top line team, managers should make clear who is arranging game officials. At the Regional, Semifinal and Final games, officials will be assigned by the MHSAA.

10. PLAYING RULES/ADAPTATIONS

All National Federation soccer playing rules will be used with the MHSAA adaptations and points of emphasis listed in the 2016-17 Soccer Rules Supplement guide found on MHSAA.com.

Overtime Procedures - When the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the referee will instruct both teams to return to their respective team areas. There will be five minutes during which both teams may confer with their coaches and the referee will instruct both teams as to proper procedure.

1. There shall be two 10 minute complete overtime periods. (No Golden Goal)
 - a) A coin toss shall be held as in Rule 5-2-2(e).
 - b) At the end of the first 10 minute overtime period, teams shall change ends after a 2-minute interval.

2. If the score still remains tied after the second overtime period, all coaches, officials and team captains shall assemble at the halfway line to review the procedure as outlined below:
 - a) The referee shall choose the goal at which all shots from the penalty mark shall be taken. Only officials and players taking kicks shall be on the field.
 - b) Each coach will select any five players, including goalkeeper, on or off the field (except those who may have been disqualified) to take the shots.
 - c) A coin toss shall be held. The team winning the toss shall have the choice of kicking first or second.
 - d) Teams will alternate kickers. There is no follow-up on the kick.
 - e) The defending team may change the goal keeper prior to each/any penalty kick.
 - f) Following five kicks for each team, the team scoring on the greatest number of these kicks shall be declared the winner.
 - g) Add one goal to the winning team score and credit the team with a victory. An asterisk (*) may be placed by the team advancing to indicate the advancement was the result of a tie breaker system.

3. If score remains tied after each team has had five shots from the penalty mark:
 - a) Each coach will select five different players than the first five who already have kicked to take the shots in a sudden victory situation, wherein if one team scores and the other team does not score, the game is ended without more kicks being taken.
 - b) If the score remains tied, continue the sudden victory kicks with the coach selecting any five players (except disqualified players) to take the next set of alternating kicks. If a tie still remains, repeat 3a until a winner is determined.

11. MEDIA

Media credential requests for Regional meets are processed by local managers. Credential requests for the Finals meet will be handled by the MHSAA.

Videotaping- Competing schools may videotape games in which that school competes. The tape is not to be used to second-guess decisions made by game/meet officials. Schools wishing to videotape games at other sites may do so without securing advanced permission, but must tape from the stands unless press box space is available. Spectators may tape games from their normal seating area but are not to interfere with the view of other spectators or news media

personnel covering the activity. A manager is not required to provide electrical hook-ups or tripod space and may arrange spectator videotaping from a designated location(s). The tape may not be distributed, sold, rented, or loaned for commercial purposes.

Souvenir Program Policies

Teams winning Regional titles in selected sports must fill out and e-mail program information and a team photograph to the MHSAA office to be used in the souvenir program for the Semifinals and the Finals in the event the team qualifies for Final round play. Complete directions for filling out and submitting information and photographs is included with each kit. All program information and photographs must be submitted by e-mail.

Information For District/Regional/Semifinal Tournaments - Teams competing in MHSAA District, Regional and Semifinal tournaments shall provide, upon request, team rosters, photographs and other information as necessary, to local tournament managers so that a souvenir program may be assembled for the event.

Merchandising/Promotion Policies

Use of MHSAA logo – The MHSAA logo and acronym are registered trademarks. MHSAA tournament trophy designs are also copyrighted. Use of these legally protected marks requires written permission of the MHSAA. Contact the MHSAA Communications Director for additional information.

Multimedia Policies

Audio/Video/Still Photography Rights – The MHSAA owns the rights to all multimedia (audio-video-still images-Internet) at all levels of its tournaments. Still and video photography is allowed by individual spectators from the seating area of the venue unless the host school district or facility has a previously-existing policy which is more restrictive. The MHSAA has exclusive multimedia arrangements for its Final events.

MHSAA Handbook Regulation II, Section 14(A) reads as follows: “No school may sell or rent videos (DVD, tape or film) or sell still images of contests which are part of an MHSAA tournament without the permission of the MHSAA.”

If a school wishes to authorize an individual(s) to create multimedia content, the principal or athletic administrator must contact the tournament manager for passes and access. Refer to the publication, MHSAA Multimedia Regulations, for more information.

Post-Game Interviews -- Coaches should also be readily available to meet with the media shortly after the conclusion of a contest. It is recommended that approximately five minutes after the game, managers provide a location other than the team locker rooms for postgame interviews with coaches and/or players the coach may wish to designate for interviews. Locker room access should never be allowed to media. Inasmuch as many media outlets are often on deadline following contests, interviews should be granted before any lengthy team meetings occur.

12. SPORTSMANSHIP

When a student is disqualified during a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, that student shall be withheld by his/her school for the remainder of that day of competition and for at least the next day of competition for that team.

When a coach is disqualified during a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct, that coach shall be prohibited by his/her school from coaching for the remainder of that day of competition and from coaching at or attending at least the next day of competition for that coach's team.

Failure of the school for any reason to enforce this regulation will prohibit the school from entry in the next MHSAA tournament for that sport, or from the remainder of the current tournament if the disqualification occurs during an MHSAA tournament or during the last regular-season contest.

Disqualifications from one season carry over to the next season in that sport for undergraduates and coaches, or the next season in any sport for seniors. If the playing rules for a sport specify an additional penalty or more rapid progression, or use of such a progression for other violations, the playing rules apply.

Any coach who is disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct two or more times during a season, any player who is disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct three or more times during a season, and any coach or player who is ejected for spitting at, hitting, slapping, kicking, pushing or intentionally and aggressively physically contacting an official at any time during that season, is not eligible to participate in the MHSAA tournament for that sport that season. If the tournament disqualifying ejection for that individual occurs during the MHSAA tournament, that player or coach is ineligible for the remainder of that tournament.

If a team is removed from competition in protest, the contest is forfeited to the opponent and the coach and principal of the removed team must appear before the Executive Committee to indicate why additional action should not be taken. The Executive Committee may also require the appearance of personnel from other schools and game officials.

If the coach is ejected from the contest and an assistant coach, or an assigned school representative is not available to continue as the coach the event is terminated and forfeited to the opponent.

When a contest is interrupted or it ends prematurely because of breakdown of proper sportsmanship and whether or not the on-site officials forfeit the contest to one team, one or both schools may be subjected to any or all, but not limited to, the following: censure, probation with competition, probation without competition, forfeiture, loss of privilege of revenue sharing, expulsion. In addition, it may be required of one or both schools that their coaches and administrators appear before the Executive Committee to indicate why additional action should not be taken.

Team Spectator Sports Celebrations: During contests, officials will penalize under applicable sportsmanship or playing rules student-athletes or coaches who leave the field of play and contact or approach spectator areas for celebrations.

Each school shall assign an acceptable number of adult crowd control supervisors to be stationed in front of its student cheering sections. These individuals are to be admitted free into the contest, enforce this policy and include a school administrator. Each tournament manager or the MHSAA Staff will determine the acceptable number of crowd supervisors necessary for each school dependent on the situation.

At the conclusion of contests, prior to or after awards are presented, athletes shall not enter spectator areas or physically contact spectators in the stands. After awards are presented, athletes may approach their spectators (e.g. stand in front of their sections while on the field of play) but for safety reasons athletes are not to enter or physically contact spectators in the stands. Crowd supervisors are to ensure that spectators do not press the facility and possibly cause damage.

The cost for repair or replacement to facilities damaged as a result of celebrations shall be paid by the school involved directly to the host facility within 30 days of the bill being submitted to the school. MHSAA reimbursement or revenue sharing will be withheld until paid by the offending school. Future tournament hosting privileges or school reimbursements to offending schools may be withheld if payment is not made.

13. WEATHER POLICIES, SUSPENSIONS, POSTPONEMENTS

MHSAA Regulations regarding suspension of competition for thunder and lightning will apply as follows:

When lightning is observed or thunder is heard and the contest is suspended, contestants shall not return to the playing field until lightning has been absent from the local sky and thunder has not been heard for 30 minutes.

In addition the following suspension regulations apply:

The game is not official until the first half is completed. Any game stopped and not able to be resumed before the first half is completed is treated as a suspended game.

For MHSAA tournament games, if conditions make it impossible to finish any game, the referee shall declare it a completed game if one complete half or more of the game has been played and if a team is behind by more than one goal. The score at the time of the suspension of play will be the final score. If these conditions are not met, it is a suspended game.

For MHSAA tournament games, a match is complete when 60 minutes of the allotted 80 have been played and one team is ahead in score. If fewer than 60 minutes have been played, and if one team is behind by only one goal, then it is a suspended game.

In all cases, whenever the suspended game is resumed it is done so from the exact point of suspension on the next available day.

14. INJUNCTION, RESTRAINING ORDER, PROTESTS

If an injunction or restraining order is served or presented at an MHSAA tournament site and such purports to require the eligibility of or participation by a student or team which a school and/or the MHSAA has ruled to be ineligible under MHSAA regulations, the on-site tournament manager is to suspend the entire competition (team competition) or events in which that student is intending to participate (individual competition). If the meet has begun, it shall be completed.

Protests will not be reviewed by the MHSAA. All disputes must be decided at the site before the game proceeds. The umpires will make the final decision regarding game events. The Tournament Manager will resolve all next game concerns.

15. TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL POLICY

Use of alcohol or tobacco, including e-cigarettes or other smoking devices, is prohibited at MHSAA tournament events by players, coaches and spectators. Managers should stress in coaches meetings that they are not to use tobacco at the tournament venue.

16. YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY: During the MHSAA Tournament events, the MHSAA expects all designated managers, volunteer or paid staff assisting in the event, officials or any other personnel to follow local school district policy and state statute regarding the mandatory reporting of child abuse, bullying, hazing and sexual harassment. A report of such activity shall be made to legal authorities and to the MHSAA Executive Director or his designee.

17. UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE (DRONE) POLICY: The use of unmanned aerial vehicles (“UAV”), also known as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at MHSAA tournament venues. Tournament management shall refuse admission or entry to anyone attempting to use a UAV; and if necessary, tournament management shall remove anyone attempting to use a UAV and/or confiscate the UAV until the event has been completed. For purposes of this policy, a UAV is any aircraft without a human pilot aboard the device.

An exception to this policy may be made in specific cases for MHSAA broadcast partners, provided the management of the tournament facility permits the presence of UAVs for broadcast purposes under the control of the MHSAA.

18. LOCKER ROOM PRIVACY POLICY: Using devices of any kind to capture or transmit images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms, dressing areas, training rooms, weigh-in rooms, showers, restrooms, or other areas where there is an expectation of privacy during MHSAA tournament events. Tournament managers or athletic directors that discover such use should move immediately to have the device removed and inform the head coach or athletic director of the identity and nature of the activity of the person involved.

19. SPECTATOR POLICIES

The following general policies apply to spectators at MHSAA Soccer Tournament events. Tournament managers may also have additional school, facility or institutional restrictions and/or policies.

- Banners are allowed with Meet Manager approval.
- Noisemakers must be approved by the Meet Manager. Air horns and whistles are not allowed.
- Body paint is not allowed.
- Smoking is not allowed at the tournament site.
- Tournament management may request that spectator sections not stand during play if standing will block the view of other spectators. If possible, policies which prohibit spectator sections from standing during play should be communicated to participating teams in advance of their arrival at the tournament site.
- Spectator Videotaping – Spectators may tape games from their normal seating area but are not to interfere with the view of other spectators or news media personnel covering the activity. A manager is not required to provide electrical hook-ups; or tripod space and may arrange spectator videotaping from a designated location(s).
- Service Animals - The policies of the local host site shall prevail with respect to pets/animals. In the absence of local host policy, animals or pets shall not be permitted to enter MHSAA tournament venues; including spectator and team areas. However, properly marked or documented service animals which are leashed or harnessed at all times may accompany spectators paying admission or attending with other approved team or school personnel. Individuals who bring service animals are asked to bring their own waste disposal bags and request special seating in advance of the event if this is needed.

20. RETURN TO ACTIVITY & POST-CONCUSSION CONSENT FORM -

<http://www.mhsaa.com/portals/0/documents/health%20safety/1617returntoplay.pdf>

