

Article VI **Soccer**

Section 1.

Program: The conference shall sponsor varsity and sub varsity soccer schedules.

Section 2.

Rules: The conference will follow the National Federation Rules and WIAA regulations.

Section 3.

Starting Times: Starting time is 4:00 p.m. unless the home team needs to schedule at another time.

Section 4.

Officials: (a) For conference varsity matches three Association officials will be used.
(b) For sub-varsity matches, one Association official is required.

Section 5.

Pre-match warm-up: A minimum of twenty minutes shall be allowed for warm-up prior to the scheduled starting time.

Section 6.

Length of Matches: Conference play matches will be two (2) halves of forty (40) minutes playing time. When time is kept on a scoreboard, the scoreboard will be stopped at two (2) minutes. The remaining time will be kept by the referee on the field. His/her clock will be the official clock. There will be a 10-minute half time.

Section 7.

Game Ball: An official leather NFHS ball is to be provided by the home team.

Section 8.

Tie Games: Play the regulation game, and if a tie exists, sudden death format with no more than two, five minute overtime periods. The first team to score wins. If a tie still exists after two overtime periods, the match will go to a shoot-out. If a sub-varsity game ends in a tie there will be no overtimes, only a shootout.

Section 9.

Yellow Cards: An accumulation of three yellow cards by an individual player will result in the player being immediately removed from the contest (cannot re-enter) at the point of the infraction and a one game suspension from the next scheduled contest. **Failure of the coach to immediately remove the player will result in a team forfeit and a sanction to be determined for the coach.** The player's yellow card count will return to zero after the one game suspension has been served.

- a. The coach will report to the building/district athletic director the name of each player receiving a yellow or red card for each contest by 9:00 a.m. the morning following the infraction. This includes post season contests.
- b. The coach will email a cumulative report of all yellow/red cards received by his/her team to the AD in charge of soccer (copy to building/district athletic director) at the request of the AD in charge of soccer twice per season. The AD in charge of soccer will request the cumulative report at midseason and again at the end of the season

- c. **Failure of the coach to email the mid and post season cumulative soccer report to the AD in charge of soccer, with a copy to the building/district AD, will result in a warning from the Conference for the first violation and a one contest suspension for the head coach for additional violations.**
- d. If a player completes three games without a yellow card one of the yellow cards can be removed.
- e. If a third yellow card is received during the final contest of the league season the one contest suspension will be served during the first round of the District Tournament (for those advancing to District) or during the first contest of the next soccer season (for those not advancing to District). Yellow cards received at the District Tournament will **not** be added to any previous cards earned during league play.