

## **IGHSAU Soccer Officials:**

With the first competition date for girls' soccer this week (4/2/18), it is time to make sure things are in order for another great soccer season. Please take some time to review the following important rules and season information.

Before we get to the soccer information, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Lisa Brinkmeyer and I am the new IGHSAU Soccer Administrator. I have worked at the Girls' Union for 13 years and have served as the Golf and Volleyball Administrator. I look forward to visiting with all of you at some point during the season.

**UNDERGARMENTS:** For the 2018 soccer season, the color of the undergarment **DOES NOT** need to be the same color as the jersey. The home team is obviously wearing a white jersey, but they can wear a red mock turtle neck under the white jersey. The only requirement is that **ALL PLAYERS NEED TO WEAR THE SAME COLORED UNDERGARMENT AND THE SAME LENGTH OF UNDERGARMENT, WHETHER IT IS A SHIRT OR COMPRESSION SHORTS OR TIGHTS.** If one wears red, they all wear red. If a violation does occur, it is not illegal equipment, (improper equipment) and no yellow card is given to the head coach. Likewise, the home team can wear red tights under white shorts, but as the home team is still required to wear all white socks.

If you are wearing a white, home jersey, you can wear any color undergarment under the jersey, as long as all team members are wearing the same color and the same length. For example, if one team member is wearing red sleeves that are visible, then all teammates that want to wear visible sleeves, must wear red sleeves. If one team member wears red sleeves that go to the wrists, then all must wear red sleeves that go to the wrist.

Similar for the wearing of tights and compression shorts. If a team is wearing white shorts, they can wear any color tights or compression shorts, as long as all team members are wearing the same color and the same length. If one team member is wearing red compression shorts that are visible and stop at the knee, then all that want to wear visible compression shorts must wear red and have them stop at the knee. If one team member wears red tights that go all the way to the ankle, then all must wear red tights that go all the way to the ankle.

**OFFICIALS POSTGAME:** It is the expectation of the IHSAA, IGHSAU, and the IRC that the officiating crew leave the field **IMMEDIATELY** upon the conclusion of the match. There is no need to be on the field at the conclusion of the match to shake hands or "fist bump" the teams. Quickly gather all your supplies and head to your locker room or other area at the conclusion of the match. If it is the first match of a doubleheader, you can still gather your supplies and move to area away from the teams before beginning your pregame for the second game.

**ROLE OF THE ASSISTANT COACH:** The assistant coach is to be a silent partner regarding communication with officials. Soccer, similar to other NFHS sports, states that assistant coaches are not to question or challenge the calls of the officials during the match. Assistant

coaches are certainly able to communicate with the players on the field, but inappropriate communication with the officials will result in a yellow card. Rule 12-8 "A player, coach or bench personnel shall be cautioned (yellow card) for: objecting by word of mouth or action to any decision given by an official (dissent)."

### **RULE 8-1-2: 2018 RULES MODIFICATION (RULE 8-1-2)**

*The rule does not go into effect until 2019, however it will be used for the 2018 season.*

At the moment of the kickoff, all players, except the player taking the kickoff, shall be in their team's half of the field. Players opposing the kicker shall be at least 10 yards from the ball until it is kicked.

Rationale: This 2017 rule change allowing the kickoff to be taken in any direction has created difficulty for the player taking the kick to easily kickoff into her own half of the field without physically being in the opponent's half of the field. This addition to the rule would permit only the player taking the kickoff to be in the opponent's half of the field, in order to take the kickoff.

**FIELD MARKINGS:** ADs and coaches, please make sure you have properly marked the team box area on your field. The team box area is located 10 feet from the touch line and located 10 yards on either side of the halfway line. It is 20 yards long and really has no depth. Schools playing on grass field should use paint to mark this area unless permanent boundaries require the use of pylons or other visible marks.

Schools using artificial grass fields should use pylons or other clearly visible marks to distinguish the team and coaching area. Officials need to contact our office if these team boxes are not designated prior to game time. No penalty is provided to the home coach.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THE TEAM BOX AREA IS THE PROPER DISTANCE FROM THE TOUCHLINE. This is a safety issue for players, coaches and officials and an issue regarding sportsmanship for communication between coaches and officials. There needs to be a buffer area in which the coaching staff cannot be in the same spot as the AR1 during the game. They need to be 10 feet away and stay in that area.

**VISIBLE PRESENCE:** The IHSAA and the IGHSAA are emphasizing that home management have an administrator that is visibly present throughout the contest and can be contacted if situations arise. Administrators should provide referees with their approximate location throughout the match so that they can be easily contacted if needed. Officials need to contact our office if there is no home management at the facility.

**OVERTIME PROCEDURE:** During regular season individual games, the procedure of two (2) ten (10) minute sudden death overtimes is required to be played, if no goal is scored, then we move into penalty kicks. **NEW for 2018:** A game that has met the complete game requirements (played into the second half), but has ended due to weather/facility/injury may now be recognized as a complete game, even if it ends in a tie. *By NFHS rule: the head referee shall declare it an official game if one complete half or more of the game has been played. If less than one-half of the game has been played, the game may be rescheduled...from suspension of play according to state association adoption.*

**CAUTION (YELLOW CARD) RE-ENTRY:** Coaches are reminded when a player is removed for five minutes due to receiving a yellow card, the coach is not to send them in as a substitute to re-enter until the entire five minutes has elapsed. Several situations occurred last year where coaches were sending them up prior to the five minutes elapsing.

A coach who sends his player to re-enter as a substitute prior to the five-minute expiration is in violation of misconduct and subject to a yellow card (caution) for this game violation. Just a reminder that a player receiving a yellow card during the last five minutes of the second overtime is disqualified from participating in the penalty kick phase if it is needed.

**ON-LINE GAME REPORT:** The IGHSAU is implementing a soccer survey project to gather information from coaches and officials following each of their games. Please take a moment to fill out the 12-question form following each of your soccer games. The post-game soccer survey link is located in the Central Hub View of Arbiter under Soccer Information.

**OFFICIALS:** Please make sure that you are registered with the IGHSAU. Go to the Central Hub and log in. Then select the Registration tab. There will be a Completed Registration section showing your date of registration. If you missed the deadline (3/28) to register, view the on-line rules meeting and pass the on-line rules test and you are interested in working the post season, please contact Sherry at the IGHSAU at (515) 401-1839.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Lisa Brinkmeyer at [Lisa@ighsau.org](mailto:Lisa@ighsau.org) or 515-401-1835. Best of luck this season!

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