

Important Dates

- July 25th - In person NMAA Rules Clinic in Albuquerque
- August 1st- August 31st – NMAA Online rules clinic at www.nmact.org
- August 7th- 1st day of Soccer Season
- September 15th- Rosters, schedules and photos are due on MaxPreps
- October 22nd- Coaches input due by 8:00 AM. Soccer seeding and selection
- October 27th and 28th- First round of state at site of higher seed
- November 2nd- 4th – Quarterfinals, semi finals and finals at Bernalillo Soccer Complex

Scorebooks

- In 2014, it became mandatory for the home school to maintain a soccer scorebook at all levels (varsity and sub-varsity) throughout the regular season. This requirement: 1. Keeps us in compliance with NFHS rules (NFHS 6.3); 2. Allows for tracking the 3-halves rule for players competing in JV/Varsity back-to-back games; and 3. Provides for accuracy in the reporting of cards.
- Record all substitutions by halves played in.
- Record all scores
- Record the number and reason for all cautions and disqualifications
- Verify the scoring and cards issued with the center official following the match and obtain the officials signature in the book.
- Note: If you use an electronic scorebook you may utilize that as your permanent record for purposes of this rule. However you must have the center official provide an electronic signature following the match to indicate agreement with the official match record. The electronic record must include all essential information as indicated above. Either a paper scorebook or electronic record must be kept for all high school matches.

Regular Season Scoring

- Matches which end up tied after 80 minutes of regulation play and two ten-minute sudden victory overtime periods (varsity only), will be recorded as tie-games in the records.
- In regular season tournament matches the host school will determine how matches will be settled for advancement purposes beyond regulation and two overtimes. Regardless of advancement, the game will be recorded in MaxPreps as a tie.
- The state tournament format will be as in past years (NMAA 7.17.1k) with kicks from the mark following the sudden-victory overtime periods.
- Sub-varsity matches, if tied, will end at the conclusion of 80-minutes and be considered tie-matches.

Uniforms

- Home team socks must be all white, including any tape applied to the sock.
- Visiting team socks must have a dominant dark color. Tape applied to the sock must be the same color as the part of the sock that it is applied to.
- Goalkeepers should wear contrasting jerseys to both teams on the field and may wear the same colored socks as their teammates, but not their opponent. Shin-pad stays/straps that are visible must be the same color as the sock. The captains band, if worn, must be on the upper arm.

Coaches Evaluations of Officials

- Visit Arbiter after your game and conduct the post game evaluation of officials.
- This will help in selecting officials for the state tournament.
- Send email to Chris at chris@nmact.org

Misconduct progression Rule Bylaw 7.17.3

- Once a player has accumulated five yellow cards, they are suspended for the next game.
- Once the player accumulates three additional yellow cards (totaling eight yellow cards), they are suspended for the next two games and are required to attend a meeting with the NMAA Executive Director or his/her designee.
- If a player receives a red card, or a second yellow card resulting in disqualification, that individual is suspended for the next scheduled game.
- The NMAA Director of Soccer will report cards to head coaches on a weekly basis, starting with the last week in August for those that are approaching card sanctions.

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- Any team whose players and coaches, during the regular season, collectively receive a total of 24 or more yellow cards (including all second yellow/red cards and straight red cards) will be required to attend a meeting with the NMAA Executive Director or his/her designee.
- Any school receiving 32 or more yellow cards will be prohibited from participation in post-season. Any yellow/red cards received by the coach will count toward the 32 card total.

Ejections- Departures from NMAA 7.7.2 (Game ejection Policy)

- Yellow Card Misconduct (NFHS 12-8Art. 1) A player receiving two yellow cards in a contest will be subject to an additional game penalty under NMAA 7.7.2 **ONLY** if one or both of those cards is C2 (Dissent) or C5 (Incidental Vulgar/Profane language).
- Red Card Disqualification (NFHS 12-8, ART 2). All red card disqualifications will require an additional one game penalty under NMAA 7.7.2 Except: D8 (Second Caution) Except where one or both caution is a C2 (Dissent) or C5 (Language) and D7 (Dogso by Handling).

D9 Violent/Malicious Conduct—Fighting

- Misconduct Rule (NMAA 7.17.3.A.4). “A coach or player who is issued a red card for (D9) Violent/Malicious Conduct—Fighting may receive a three (3) match suspension, starting with the next scheduled match, and including any carryover to the state soccer tournament and/or following season. A second Violent/Malicious Conduct—Fighting red card received in the same season may result in an automatic suspension for the remainder of the season, including carryover to the state soccer tournament and/or the following season.
- By definition a player or coach would be guilty of Violent/Malicious Conduct—Fighting if he/she “act deliberately to strike or punch, or attempt to strike or punch, another player, coach, bench personnel or fan. These acts include, but are not limited to, kicking, head butting, hair pulling, or an open handed strike, if done deliberately and in a malicious manner, either on the field of play or outside its boundaries and whether the ball is in play or not. A player, coach or member of bench personnel shall be guilty of this misconduct if he/she leaves the coaching/bench area to participate in an altercation.

Dual Participation

- Participation Rule (NMAA 7.3.1) which addresses concurrent participation on school and club teams. It is the responsibility of the head coach to communicate the rule to parents and student-athletes and monitor student-athletes participation on non-school soccer teams during the interscholastic season, within the game-limitation rules (NMAA 7.1).

Post Match Handshake

- Not required
- Coaches need to monitor themselves and their athletes
- Cool off period

Heat Prevention

- The athletic trainer and/or head coach are responsible for checking the heat index prior to the beginning of practice daily.
- If heat index is above 104 practice is cancelled. If heat index is 100-104 modify practice to remove protective equipment and shorten practice.
- Heat index 95-99 use caution but may practice. Heat index under 95, risk of heat illness is present, but risk is greatly reduced. Water breaks should occur every 20-30 minutes.
- DO NOT restrict intake of fluids. Emersion in cold water is the treatment of choice for management of acute heat exhaustion and heat stroke while emergency units are on their way.

Concussion Protocol

- **Concussion Management (SB1).** Athletes, Parents and Coaches are required annually to complete the concussion management course and concussion fact sheet. Go to www.nmact.org and fulfill this important requirement of state law.

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