



Standing Regulations for Soccer

2024-2025

MSAA Important Dates

Soccer

Coaches Meeting	Tuesday August 27, 2024 @6pm Via Teams
Eligibility Sheets Due	Friday, August 30, 2024
First Week of Soccer Games	Wednesday, September 4, 2024
Boys play First	Wednesday, September 4 th – 20 th
Girls Play First	Tuesday, September 23 rd – Oct.4 th
Last Day for Soccer Drop/Add	Monday, September 23, 2024
Soccer Playoffs	Monday September 30 – October 4, 2024
Soccer Prelims	Monday, October 7, 2024 @ Pompano Beach High Tuesday, October 8, 2024 @ Western High
Soccer Championship	Tuesday October 15, 2024 @Pembroke Pines Charter

Boys will play first up to and including September 20, 2024, after that date the
Girls will play first starting September 23, 2024

All make up games played after September 23, 2024 will revert to the new
schedule **(meaning whatever gender playing first at this time, will continue)**

Girls will play first in playoff double headers.

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The National Federation Rules Book will be adhered to with the following additions if not included in the rules.

- 1) The typed eligibility form including name, grade, birth date, uniform number, conduct grades and the unweighted GPA of 2.0 or higher, **MUST** be submitted to the County Athletic Department (fax # 754-321-1205) by 4:30pm on **August 30, 2024**. Conduct grades and the GPA **MUST** be taken from the 4th quarter report card of the 2023-2024 school year. Incoming 6th grade students are not subject to this grade/conduct verification check for the soccer season only. An athlete not listed on the roster is ineligible to participate. Any additions/deletions to the team roster must be submitted to the County Athletic Office by 4:30pm on **September 23, 2024**. A forfeit will result for each contest that rosters are not submitted.
- 2) Parental permission and insurance forms must be on file for each student and copies brought to **each** competition in case of injury.
- 3) The principal of each school must sign the game contract for each contest. The home school should initiate the contract indicating date, arrival time, time of the contest, field location, **any time limit restrictions to length of game (see item #6)**, the cost of any admission fee, any specific stipulations, and **uniform colors**.
- 4) Home school must send contracts electronically to visiting school by August 26, 2024
Visitor schools must return contracts electronically to the home school by August 29, 2023. In both cases contracts are to be copied to the MSAA office.
- 5) The MSAA requires the home team to provide administrative supervision at an athletic contest. If your principal decides that an administrator is necessary for an away contest that is a school-based decision. The exception shall be at all playoff and championship games, both participating schools will be required to provide administrative supervision.
- 6) Coaches must submit a roster to the **officials AND coach of opposite team**, prior to the start of each game. Required information: Athlete, Name, and Uniform Number.

7) **LENGTH OF GAME:**

- a) A game will consist of two 30 minute halves and a 10 minute intermission.
- b) If the games are played at a facility (community park) that has time restrictions, the game will consist of two 25 minute halves and a 5 minute intermission.

HOME TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INCLUDING "LENGTH OF GAME" IN THE GAME CONTRACT. THE REFEREE WILL KEEP THE OFFICIAL TIME ON THE FIELD.

- 8) If a team is winning by eight (8) goals at the half, the game will be ended at this time.
- 9) **If a game is tied at the end of play, then PENALTY KICKS will be used to break the tie. Each team gets (5) kicks. If after 5 penalty kicks per team a tie still exists, then "sudden victory" penalty kicks (one kick per team with an alternating team format) will apply. Only athletes (including the goalkeeper) on the field at the end of regulation play are eligible for the "penalty kick tiebreaker". Right to kicks if needed. This will be used for Regular Season and Tournament Play.**
- 10) It is recommended that team benches be placed on the same side of the field with a table for the scorers in between.
- 11) Spectators should be confined to the opposite side of the field or bleacher areas when bleachers are available.
 - Only the following people are permitted on the sideline:**
 - a) **Head coach and one assistant coach**
 - b) **Principal, Assistant Principal and/or Athletic Director**
 - c) **Trainer**
 - d) **Team physician**
- 12) Playing fields should be properly lined, and be equipped with properly anchored goals and corner flags.

13) **PLAYER EQUIPMENT:**

- a) Cleats must not have any sharp edges.
- b) All jerseys shall be numbered on the back, each with a different number at least 6 inches in height.
- c) All players must wear shin guards.
- d) Goalkeeper's jersey must be a different color than the regular team jersey.
Game jerseys and stockings of opposing teams shall be of contrasting

colors, and in the event of a similarity of color, the home team is responsible for making the necessary color change. A "scrimmage vest or pinnie" of contrasting color must be worn.

- e) Both stockings must be the same color with a single dominant color. No tie-dye, polka dots, or "bumble bee" socks permitted.
 - f) If both teams have the same color jersey, the home team must supply pennies for the visiting team to wear. The pennies are to be returned at the conclusion of the game.
- 14) Cast/splints must be covered with no less than 1/2 inch-thick, high density, closed-cell polyurethane, or alternate material of the same thickness to protect an injury. **A MEDICAL RELEASE FOR THE INJURED PLAYER, SIGNED BY A PHYSICIAN, SHALL BE AVAILABLE AT THE GAME SITE.**
- 15) **NO JEWELRY IS PERMITTED!** A player may not place tape over cosmetic jewelry. Religious medals and medical-alert medals are not considered jewelry but must be taped down during competition.
- 16) **NO** face or body paint, colored hair spray or metal hair accessories permitted.
- 17) Game results must be emailed to the Division Leader by **the Athletic Director of the home team** within 24 hours of the end of the games.. If game scores are not submitted within this time frame, the games will be considered losses for the home team.
- 18) Each school will play an eight game schedule. Each school will play the members of its division at least one time. In the event that a division does not have nine (9) teams, the County Athletic Office will complete your schedule with teams from another division. Division standings will be based on **contests** played against divisional opponents.
- 19) The two teams in each division with the best regular season record will qualify for the playoffs. In the case of a tie for either first or second place, the MSA "Tiebreaker" format will be followed. **(See Tiebreaker Policy)**. The County Athletic Department will create the playoff brackets and notify all qualifying schools of the playoff schedule.
- 20) The Soccer Commissioner will assign one (2) officials per regular season match based on the master schedule. Any changes in dates, time or location, etc. **REQUIRES** the approval of the County Athletic Department. The home school's athletic director must make the change request to MSA Athletic Director at the County Athletic Department (754-321-1201). The County Athletic Department will be responsible for notifying the Soccer Commissioner. Two (2) officials will be assigned for semi-final & final playoff matches.
- 21) Any **athlete** ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct must sit out, at least, the next scheduled contest that is played (ex: contest that is postponed due to weather still requires a contest to be missed by the ejected player.) The athlete is not permitted to ride the bus, suit up, or sit on team bench. If the ejection occurs during the last

game of the season, the athlete must sit out the first game of the next season for which he/she participates. In addition, the athlete must complete the Unsportsmanlike Learning Packet, signed by their parent or guardian, coach, and the school principal and submit the packet to the County Athletic Department, prior to being permitted to return to interscholastic competition. The athlete is not eligible to rejoin the team until the Athletic Department informs the school's Athletic Director that he/she may do so.

- 22) Any **coach** ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct must sit out, at least, the next game. It is the responsibility of the Principal and Athletic Director to assign a staff member to coach the next game played. In addition, the coach must meet with the school principal and athletic director, obtain their signatures and submit documentation of the meeting to the County Athletic Department prior to being permitted to return to coaching. The coach is not eligible to rejoin the team until the Athletic Department informs the school's Principal that he/she may do so.

AGE REQUIREMENT:

- 23) **AGE REQUIREMENT:** Any student who turns 15 years of age on or before **August 31, 2024 is ineligible** to compete in MSAA interscholastic athletic contests. Any student who turns 15 on or **after September 1, 2024** is eligible to compete for the entire 2023-2024 school year as long as his/her GPA and conduct grades meet MSAA Standards