



# IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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Dear Soccer Officials:

Wow!! The weather the last 10 days has been absolutely wonderful. I hope that it continues through the entire spring season and we can enjoy great weather and great soccer as the first competition date is just around the corner on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**On-Line Rules Meeting-** The on-line rules meeting will be available until 4 PM on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. In order to be eligible to officiate during the post season, the on-line rules meeting needs to be viewed.

**On-Line Open Book Test- ( NEW REQUIREMENT BEGINNING IN 2012)** The on-line open book test is available until 4 PM on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. It is a 50 question test that needs to be answered and submitted on-line to our office. In order to be eligible to officiate during the post season, all officials need to pass the test at 76%, which is 38/50. All officials have three (3) opportunities to pass the test at 76%, 38/50. The test can be printed off and reviewed before it is submitted for evaluation. There will be no exceptions granted for officials who do not view the on-line rules meeting, or do not pass the on-line examination.

**Rule Books-** A reminder that rule books were not mailed out to schools and officials this year. All new officials registering to officiate soccer for the first time did receive a rule book.

**Rule Changes** – There are a handful of rule changes for this spring that need to be emphasized.

**Rule 3-1-3:** Each team shall submit a team roster, containing the first and last names and numbers of all players, all bench personnel and all coaches, to the officials at least five minutes prior to the start of the contest. The game shall not begin until this is completed. Players, bench personnel and coaches may be added to the roster after the start of play. Goalkeepers may have two numbers listed on the roster, a goalkeeper's number and a field player's number. **For the spring of 2012, goalkeepers do not need to have a number on their jersey. This rule does not go into effect until the spring of 2013.**

**Rule 4-1-3:** It is recommended that substitutes wear distinguishing pinnies when warming up outside the team area.

**Rule 4-3:** Each head coach shall be responsible for ensuring that each of his/her players is properly and legally equipped.

**PENALTY:** Illegally Equipped Players (18-1-1r)

The head coach shall receive the first caution issued (yellow card) for an illegally equipped player. All subsequent cautions (yellow cards) for illegally equipped player(s) shall be issued directly to the player(s) and not to the head coach.

Illegally equipped player(s) shall be instructed to leave the field of play when the ball next ceases to be in play. Play shall not be stopped for an infringement of this rule except where the referee may stop play immediately where there is a dangerous situation.

**Rule 12-8-1f(10, 11, 12) all new**

A player, coach or bench personnel shall be cautioned (yellow card) for:

Unsporting conduct, including but not limited to:

10: a player who displays reckless play; defined as (: Rule 18-1-1ff –A player has acted with complete disregard of the danger to, or consequences for, the opponent. A player who displays reckless play shall be cautioned.

11: illegally equipped player per Rule 4-3;

12: any delayed, excessive, or prolonged act(s) by which a player(s) attempts to focus attention upon himself/herself and/or prohibits a timely restart of the game.

**IHSAA Tournaments** – Here are the dates for the substate and state boys' soccer tournaments.

1). **Sub-state Dates** – Sub-state play will be on Monday, May 21; Wednesday, May 23; and Saturday, May 26. Please make note of these dates.

2.) **Sub-state Assignments** – As we did last year the IHSAA will use the Iowa High School Soccer Coaches Association rankings in the assignment and pairing process. Ranked teams will be seeded on the bracket and then unranked teams will be assigned using the alphabetical system. Actual pairings, sites and dates will not be posted until the week of May 7<sup>th</sup>. That is the first week we will be able to start making substate assignments.

3.) **State Tournament** – The state tournament will be played on May 31<sup>st</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Cownie Soccer Park in Des Moines. A full state tournament schedule will be posted on the website as soon as it has been finalized.

**Online Game Reports** – We are not requiring, but we have a high expectation that referees and assistant referees will complete the online game reports. This information has been used and a high level of participation is important to the success of these efforts. You should report after every boy's varsity game that you work. The links will be found on the IHSAA website on the officials' page under soccer. The reports require a username and password which is below. The username and password are case sensitive and should be entered in CAPITAL letters.

Referee -  
Assistant Referee-

Username - XXXXXX  
Username - XXXXXX

Password - XXXXXX  
Password - XXXXXX

**Ejection Reports** – Even though you complete a game report. Disqualifications (**Red Cards**) at any level must be reported to the I.H.S.A.A. Only the referee of the game should report the red cards. The reporting referee must login using his/her personal login at the IHSAA website ([www.iahsaa.org](http://www.iahsaa.org)). Please complete the online form as soon as possible following each match if you have an ejection.

I am hoping for a great 2012 soccer season. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd Tharp". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and "T".

Todd Tharp  
Assistant Executive Director