

May 26, 2012

Dear State Soccer Qualifiers:

Congratulations on your substate soccer victory. We are e-mailing this information to you today in order for you to be able to make plans for the state tournament. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. Our office will be closed Monday for Memorial Day.

In addition to this letter, we are e-mailing a copy of the pairings, a time schedule, a map directing you to the soccer complex and a copy of the athletic trainer's letter. Please read and adhere to the following information.

### **STATE TOURNAMENT PROGRAM PICTURE AND INFORMATION SHEET**

You have already been asked to **immediately** send our office a picture of your soccer team. **Please send along a sheet that identifies all of the people in the picture. If you have not already sent your picture and identification, you need to do so immediately.**

### **TEAM PICTURES**

Each member of your team who participates in the state tournament will receive a picture plaque. Pictures for these plaques will be taken at least one hour before game time. If at all possible, come early and get your picture out of the way. You will be given instructions as to where the picture will be taken. Please be on time for your picture.

### **TEAM ADMISSION**

Teams will enter through the regular admission gates. The entrance will be open at 10:00 am on Thursday and Friday and 8:00 am on Saturday. Only 22 players, three coaches, one manager, one trainer and eight cheerleaders will be admitted as part of the team. You should purchase tickets for others you choose to have travel with you. Team buses or vans should unload near the concession building. After unloading, you will be instructed where to park the bus. The bus driver will be admitted without charge.

### **WARMUP**

You will need to bring your own warmup balls. You will warm up on your assigned fields unless weather conditions require other arrangements. If you choose to warmup on another field, you will be expected to move to your assigned field when instructed to do so by tournament management.

### **LOCKER ROOM FACILITIES**

Locker room facilities are very limited. If you need to use a locker room, please contact Keith Ellingson at Des Moines Roosevelt High School no later than noon on Wednesday.

### **VIDEOTAPING OF GAMES**

**There will not be a videotape made of each game that will be available for purchase following the tournament.** Any videotaping done by your school must be done from the bleachers or spectator area. Please do not ask if a camera can be placed upstairs in the press box area. There is not enough space in this area for this purpose.

### **INFORMATION FOR SPECTATORS**

The gates will open one hour before game time. The admission fee is \$8.00 for each day of the tournament. This admission fee will allow your fans to attend all games played on that day. There will be a pass-out system if a fan wishes to leave the complex and return. **Please let your people know that coolers will not be allowed in the complex.**

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

**Travel in this area of Des Moines** can be very congested at times. If at all possible, we recommend you use the 65-5

Bypass and approach Cownie from the south.

Other information about the tournament can be found at our website [www.iahsaa.org](http://www.iahsaa.org). Please check the website next week as additional information will be posted.

Please review the “State Tournament Information” in the Soccer section of the 2012 IHSAA Spring Manual. Again, please contact us Tuesday if you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the James Cownie Soccer Complex in Des Moines on May 31st.

Sincerely,

Todd Tharp  
Soccer Coordinator

Keith Ellingson  
Tournament Manager