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Dear Soccer AD's and Coaches:

Wow!! What a difference a year makes. Last year it was in the mid-60's at this time and we were excited about the start of the season only 6 days away. This year, despite it actually being the season of "Spring" we may be getting out our longjohns and hand warmers as we prepare for the season openers next Thursday, March 28th.

On-Line Rules Meeting- The on-line rules meeting will be available until 4 PM on Monday, April 1st. In order to be eligible to officiate during the post season, the on-line rules meeting needs to be viewed. AD's make sure your head coach has viewed this rules meeting. Our office will be contacting you if your coach has not viewed the meeting. The consequence for not viewing the rules meeting is the inability of your head coach to coach during the post season.

Rule Books- A reminder that rule books were mailed out to schools and officials this year.

Concussion Information- There is new concussion legislation that was covered in the rules meeting, but some important points:

A. If a student with signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion or brain injury is removed from participation by a contest official, the contest referee must receive written clearance from a licensed health care provider as defined in Iowa Code 280.13C before the student can return to participation in that contest/event.

B. If the contest is in progress, the written clearance to return shall be presented to the referee during an opportunity for a legal substitution. For those contests using a three-person crew, the center official shall be designated as the head referee. The center official will need to receive the written clearance for return to play. For those contests using a two-person crew, one official shall be required to be the head referee. The head referee in the two-person crew shall be responsible for receiving the written clearance.

C. For one day events when the head contest referee may change during the event (local high school Saturday tournaments), written clearance to return shall be presented to the head contest referee, or his his/her designee, before the student participates again that day. The designee may be the host administrator, head event

official, designated on-site licensed medical professional, etc. The student's coach, or other school-designated representative, is responsible for providing the written clearance to return to the head contest referee, or his/her designee. The head contest referee, or his/her designee, will then notify the other contest officials that written clearance to return has been received.

D. For multiple day events when the head contest referee may change during the event, for example the state soccer tournament, the head contest referee on the day the student was removed will make a verbal report about the injury to the tournament manager. The tournament manager will be responsible to report the incident to the referee(s) of the contest(s) in which the student may participate on the subsequent days of the event. The referee(s) of future contests during this event must receive written clearance from a licensed health care provider as defined in Iowa Code 280.13C before the student can return to participation.

2012-13 Soccer Rules Changes

12-8-1f(13) (new) and 12-8-2d(1): There is a change in the penalty for an intentional hand ball by a player – other than the goalkeeper in the penalty box – who attempts to prevent a goal from being scored. If the goal is prevented, the penalty remains a disqualification of the player; however, if the goal is scored, the penalty will now be a caution to the player who deliberately handled the ball.

12-8-2c: When a player receives a second caution in the same game, he/she will be disqualified with a red card and the team will now play the remainder of the game without replacing the disqualified player (play shorthanded). The yellow and red card that was previously given for the second caution has been eliminated.

14-1-7 (new): When, in the taking of a penalty kick, there is an unusual situation that causes a temporary suspension of play before the ball is played or touched by another player, or before the ball hits the goalpost or crossbar, the kick is retaken. Previously, this would have resulted in a drop ball.

2012-13 NFHS Soccer Rules Interpretations

SITUATION 1: A player who is not listed on the roster scores a goal. The goal is allowed. **RULING:** Legal. Since players may be added to the roster after the start of play, a goal by a player who is not on the roster should be allowed and the player's name and number should be added to the roster. (3.1.3 Situation A)

SITUATION 2: Goalkeeper A fouls Opponent B in the penalty area resulting in a penalty kick for Team B. Goalkeeper A is disqualified for committing serious foul play. Team A is permitted to substitute a goalkeeper from the bench but must have a field

player leave the field. **RULING:** Team A must play short due to the disqualification (12-8-2, 12-8-4), but must have a goalkeeper (3-1-1). (3.3.2 SITUATION B)

SITUATION 3: After a goal is scored, the coach for Team A sends substitute A2 directly into the game from the bench without reporting to the scorer for player A3.

RULING: Legal. (3.4.1 SITUATION B)

SITUATION 4: Team A arrives wearing striped jerseys that have large, light blue-and-white alternating stripes. Two members of Team A are wearing visible light red T-shirts beneath their jerseys. **RULING:** Legal. Striped jerseys are permissible for the visiting team as long as the predominate color is dark. Jerseys with equal-sized stripes that have both dark and white stripes do not have a predominant dark color and would be illegal. Also, shirts may be worn under the jersey as long as the shirts are the same color and of similar length. (4.1.1 Situation D)

SITUATION 5: Prior to the game, the referee recognizes that Team A has two goalkeepers – one with a red jersey and the number 15 on the back and front, and one with a blue jersey with the number 15 on the back and front. **RULING:** Illegal. The jerseys must coordinate with the numbers on the roster. (4.1.1 Situation I)

SITUATION 6: Prior to the game, the referee recognizes that Team A (the home team) has (a) solid white jerseys with blue numbers on the front and red numbers on the back; (b) solid white jerseys with multiple-colored numbers on the front and back; (c) white jerseys with red-and-blue piping and blue numbers on the front and red numbers on the back. **RULING:** (a) Legal, if clearly visible; (b) Legal, if clearly visible; (c) Illegal, beginning with the fall 2013 season. (4.1.1 Situation M)

SITUATION 7: During a shot on goal, B2, in the penalty area, reaches out and deflects the ball. Just as B2 deflects the ball with the hands, A2 kicks the free ball and (a) it goes into the goal; (b) does not go into the goal. **RULING:** In (a), award a goal and caution B2; in (b), call handling, award a penalty kick and disqualify B2. (12-8-1-f6, 7), (12-8-2-d1), (14-1-1) (5.3.1 Situation A)

SITUATION 8: Near the end of the first half, the visiting coach is cautioned by a referee for unsportsmanlike conduct. The coach continues to indicate, by gestures, dissatisfaction with the referee's decision. **RULING:** The coach shall be disqualified and removed from the vicinity of the playing area. The coach shall be prohibited from further contact, direct or indirect, with the team members during the remainder of the game. Failure to comply shall result in termination of the game. The incident shall be reported in writing to the proper authorities by the head referee. (5-4-lb, 12-8-3) (5.3.1 Situation B)

SITUATION 9: Player A2 trips B2 but B2 maintains control of the ball. **RULING:** Foul. The referee may stop play and award a direct free kick or invoke the advantage clause. (12.1.2 Situation)

SITUATION 10: Player A2 is cautioned by the official and is leaving the field. Player B2 approaches Player A2 and applauds in Player A2's face and follows A2 off the field, continuing to applaud. **RULING:** Illegal. The official will disqualify B2 for taunting and not permit a substitution. (12.8.2 Situation A)

SITUATION 11: Player A2 dribbles along the goal line into the penalty area. The goalkeeper comes out of the goal mouth to challenge A2. A2 pushes the ball by the goalkeeper and steps off the field to go around the goalkeeper. The goalkeeper then steps off the field and violently fouls A2 to prevent A2 from completing the play. **RULING:** The referee must stop play, disqualify the goalkeeper and restart play with an indirect free kick from the location of the ball at the stoppage or the goal area line as appropriate. (12.8.2 Situation B)

SITUATION 12: A person within Team A's team area spits at the referee. **RULING:** The person, if identifiable, is disqualified. If not identifiable, the coach is disqualified (12-8-3b). The game is restarted with an indirect free kick to the opposing team from the point where the ball was when play was stopped. (12.8.2 Situation C)

SITUATION 13: Player A2 has the ball in Team B's penalty area. Team B's athletic trainer uses foul language to the referee. **RULING:** The referee should apply the advantage clause if there is a clear advantage to Team A. At the next stoppage, the referee should disqualify the athletic trainer. If the referee stops play for the disqualified athletic trainer, the game is restarted because of misconduct with an indirect free kick by Team A from the point where the ball was when the time was stopped. (12.8.2 Situation D)

SITUATION 14: Between periods or during the halftime interval, a team member directs offensive, insulting or abusive language at an official. The team member is disqualified. The team will be able to play with 11 players the next period. **RULING:** Legal. A team does not play short for a team member disqualified during an interval between periods. (12.8.2 Situation F)

SITUATION 15: With the game in progress, a fight breaks out between opposing players on the field. As the altercation expands to other field players, the assistant referee observes a substitute from the Team A bench entering into the fracas. After stoppage of the game and establishment of control by officials, the assistant referee informs the referee of his observance of the Team A substitute, also mentioning he did not see the substitute actually throw a punch. **RULING:** The Team A substitute

observed will be disqualified for leaving the team area to enter into the altercation on the field. (12.8.2 Situation G)

SITUATION 16: After entering the field of play, the referee finds two opposing players guilty of using abusive language and disqualifies them from the game before it begins. **RULING:** Legal. (12.8.2 Situation H)

SITUATION 17: Player A2, having been cautioned earlier in the game, commits a second cautionable offense. **RULING:** Stop play, show the yellow card, sequentially show the red card to disqualify A2 and do not permit a substitution for the disqualified player. (12.8.2 Situation I)

SITUATION 18: Player A2 takes a penalty kick, but before the ball touches another player, or before the ball hits the crossbar or goalpost; (a) a dog runs on the field and stops the ball; (b) the ball bursts; (c) a spectator throws an object that stops or deflects the ball. **RULING:** In (a), (b) and (c), retake the kick regardless of the outcome of the kick. (14.1.7 Situation)

Goalkeeper Jerseys- Goalkeeper jerseys **are required** to have numbers **this** season. The new uniform rule (requiring home teams to wear all white jerseys and solid white socks) does not go into effect until the **2014** season.

NOTE: The IHSAA and IGHSAA are both in agreement that flexibility regarding the goalkeeper having a number should be used below the varsity level. We will grandfather this rule in **at the lower levels** and require it for the 2015-2016 school year. It is not the expectation for schools to have to purchase new goalkeeper jerseys at the sub-varsity level.

Overtime Procedures- Different than the girls' rule, overtimes are not required for boys' soccer matches. This is coach or conference issue and is not to be determined by the game officials. Make sure that prior to the match it is determined if an overtime is to be played.

A couple of procedural items:

During a regular season match, if overtime is to be played, the overtime procedure adopted by the IHSAA is required to be used. Two (2) sudden death 10 minute periods and then penalty kicks if still tied.

During a regular season tournament to keep close to the schedule time frame, the tiebreaker may go immediately to penalty kicks to determine the winner. Please make sure that this or other criteria is explained to schools prior to the start of the tournament.

Suspension of Play: A reminder that a match becomes official once a half has been played (Rule 7.1.3, page 34). In the event a game is suspended due to weather, play will be restarted from the suspension of play.

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 20; Wednesday, May 22; and Saturday, May 25. 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 6th. That is the first week we will be able to start making substate assignments.

3.) **State Tournament** – The state tournament will be played on Thursday, May 30th, Friday, May 31st and Saturday, June 1st 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.

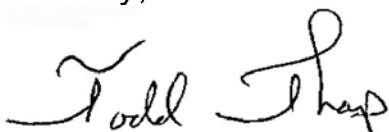
Online Game Reports – We are not requiring, but we have a high expectation that athletic directors and coaches will complete the online game reports. This information has been used and a high level of participation is important to the success of these efforts. The links will be found on the IHSAA website 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.

Athletic Director -	Username - XXXXX	Password - XXXXXX
Head Coach -	Username - XXXXX	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 Please complete the online form as soon as possible following each match if you have an ejection.

Here is to a great 2013 soccer season. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,



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