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MASSACHUSETTS SOCCER TOURNAMENT RULES

1. QUALIFICATIONS

- A. Independents - schools not in a soccer league - must have won 50% of a minimum eight (8) game varsity schedule. Scheduled games must be against MIAA member schools and out-of-state high schools in good standing with their state high school associations.
- B. Only the first three (3) games played between two (2) schools count towards qualification. League play-off games count.

2. SEEDING

In the North and South sections, teams are seeded by winning percentage.

Tie Breaking Procedure (Seeding)

- a. Head-to-head Competition
- b. Winning Percentage against Common Opponent
- c. League Champion
- d. Coin flip

In a tie breaker for tournament seeding every game played including exclusion games, but excluding endowment games are counted.

Note: If a tie involves multiple teams (more than 2) and a team is eliminated, the procedure starts over at step one with the remaining teams.

In the Central and West sections, seeding will be done by the modified Walker system.

3. RULES

National Federation Soccer Rules for Boys' & Girls' - Unless otherwise modified by MIAA.

4. REGULATION PLAYING TIME

Each team will be granted a minimum of 20-minutes on-field warm-up time. The time of the game will be two (2) 40-minute halves. There will be no stop time unless indicated by the officials. Half-time will be 10 minutes. Official time is kept on the field by the referee.

5. STARTING TIME

All tournament games on schools days will begin no earlier than 2:00 p.m. On Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays, the time will be set by the Tournament Director. Schools are asked to check evening preference should lights be available at their home site.

6. ADVERSE CONDITIONS

The officials have charge of the game from the opening whistle on, and will be guided by the National Federation rules for the year in determining whether or not the game should be stopped.

(Example: Playing conditions are unfair or dangerous for players, darkness, etc.)

- A. In the event a game must be suspended because of conditions which make it impossible to continue play, the referee shall declare it an official game if one (1) complete half or more of the game has been played. If less than one (1) half of the game has been played, the game will be replayed in its entirety the next day.
- B. If the game is tied when called in the 2nd half or the overtime periods, the two teams will return the next day to the same field and play two (2) 20-minute halves in their entirety switching ends at the end of the first 20 minute half. If after 40-minute play, the score is still tied, then the tie breaking procedure should be followed. (*ref. pages 4 & 5, 9B of format*)

7. POSTPONEMENT OF GAMES

Only the Tournament Director may decide to postpone a game. Postponed games are to be played the following day on the same field, if possible.



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8. SITES

A. SITE DETERMINATION INFORMATION:

1. Early round tournament games: will be hosted by the higher seeded team through the quarter finals providing the site meets the sport specific quality standards.
2. Sectional Semi-Final and Final rounds will be played at one of these potential sites (see [Tournament Sites](#)) to be procured by the Tournament Director before the season starts. The tournament director, in conjunction with the MIAA liaison will make every effort to ensure that a lower seed is not hosting a sectional semi-final or final game.
3. State Semi-Final and Final sites: will be played at predetermined sites. This means that a team may play on their home-field site if that site has been predetermined as the tournament host.
4. If possible, geographic consideration should be given to the sections participating in these games (vs. sectional rotation criteria focus)

- B. It is recommended that all fields for tournament play have a minimum of 5 yards of surface parallel to the touch lines

9. TIE BREAKING METHOD

- A. When the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the referee will instruct both teams to return to their respective team boxes. There will be a five-minute rest period where teams may confer with their coaches; and the head referee will instruct both teams as to the proper procedure.

B. Procedure

1. There will be a ten-minute sudden victory overtime period. **In the State Final ONLY, this overtime period will be fifteen (15) minutes.**
2. A coin toss shall be held as in National Federation Soccer Rule 5-2-2(d) (3).
3. If a tie still exists after the first ten-minute sudden victory period, a second ten-minute sudden victory period will be played and teams will change ends. **In the State Final ONLY, this second overtime period will be fifteen (15) minutes.**
4. If the score still remains tied all coaches, officials, and team captains shall assemble at the halfway line to review the procedure outlined below:
 - A. The referee(s) shall choose the goal at which all of the kicks from the penalty line shall be taken.
 - B. Each coach will select any 5 players from his/her final roster (excluding those who may have been disqualified) for the first round of kicks. These five selected players will **all** shoot in any order according to the coach's decision. The coach may substitute for any or all players in this original group, **prior to their turn.**
 - C. A coin toss shall be held as in rule 5-2-2(d)(3).. The team winning the toss shall have the choice of kicking first or second.
 - D. Teams will alternate kickers. There is no follow-up on the kick.
 - E. The defending team may change the goalkeeper prior to each penalty kick.
 - F. Following five kicks for each team, the team scoring on the greatest number of these kicks shall be declared the winner.
 - G. Add one goal to the winning team score and credit the team with a victory. An asterisk (*) may be placed by the team advancing to indicate the advancement was the result of a tie breaker system.
5. If the score remains tied after each team has had five kicks:
 - A. Each coach will select another five eligible players, who did not participate in the preceding round. This group may shoot in any order and be substituted for, prior to their turn, as determined by their coach. This round is in "Sudden Victory" mode, unlike the first round. The team with the most goals after an equal number of attempts is declared the winner.



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- B. If a tie exists after this round is complete, each coach will select ANY five shooters for Round #3. They may shoot in any order and be substituted for as in paragraph 5a. This round continues in “Sudden Victory” mode.
 - C. If a tie still exists, each coach will select five players for Round #4 who did not shoot in the preceding round. They, too, may shoot in any order and be substituted for by any eligible player who did not shoot in Round #3. “Sudden Victory” mode continues.
 - D. If a tie still exists, the sequence repeats as written in paragraph 5b above (the numbers of these “Rounds” are to be changed appropriately). A winner is declared when one team has more goals and an equal of fewer shooter attempts.
 - E. It is important to note that in every odd numbered round of kicks, ALL players on the roster, excluding those who have been disqualified, are eligible to participate. In every even numbered round, players who just participated in the preceding round are NOT eligible.
6. During the tie-breaker penalty kicks, the ball remains alive until its momentum is spent, it goes out of bounds, or it is retouched by the kicker.
7. MISCONDUCT PROCEDURES:
- A. Cautioned Players:
 - 1. One of the five players selected to take a kick is cautioned after he/she takes the kick. That player is not eligible to kick again until one complete set of five kicks, for which he/she would be otherwise eligible, has been completed beyond the set of kicks in which the caution was issued.
 - 2. One of the five players selected to take a kick is cautioned before he/she takes the kick. That player is not eligible to kick until the next set of five kicks. Another eligible player not listed in that set of kicks must take the cautioned player’s original turn.
 - 3. When a goalkeeper is issued a caution during any set of five kicks, he/she cannot re-enter until the next opponent completes his/her kick. A substitution is permitted for the cautioned goalkeeper.
 - B. Disqualified Players
 - 1. Any player, including the goalkeeper, who is disqualified, may not participate any further. If his/her kick is not already completed, a substitute is permitted.
Examples:
 - (1) Player “X” is one of the first five kickers, and is cautioned after taking his/her kick. Player “X” is not eligible to kick again until the set beginning with the 16th kick.
 - (2) Player “Y” is one of the second set of five kickers and is cautioned after taking his/her kick. **Player “Y” is not eligible to kick again until the set beginning is the set beginning with the 16th kick.**
 - (3) Player “X” is a kicker in any set of five kickers and is cautioned before taking his/her kick. Player “X” is not eligible to kick until the next set of five kicks. Player “X’s” kick in the set of five in which he/she was cautioned must be taken by another eligible player is not listed in that set of kicks.



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- 10. TIME OUT RULE (MIAA Handbook Rule 78.2.24):** “Each team will be allowed a one-minute timeout per half and each extended time period. The time out may be called by the coach or any player on the field during an offensive restart.” Interpretation: A team with the offensive restart may request, and be granted a timeout during each timed overtime period, BUT NOT DURING ANY SET of overtime penalty kicks. **Either team may request a timeout after goals, cautions, or disqualifications, after an injury timeout, and at the taking of a dropped ball.** Timeouts, if not used, are NOT cumulative and may not be carried over to the next period of play.
- Time out called during the dead ball time to attend to an injured player:
 - That injured player may reenter the game after the time out.
 - Time out called during the dead ball time to administer a caution to a player:
 - That player may NOT reenter the game after the time out, but must wait until the next legal sub opportunity after the game has been restarted
 - If the restart is a penalty kick, then the kicker MUST be someone who was on the field when the foul was called. Therefore, the referees should ask the team taking the PK to choose a kicker PRIOR to allowing the teams to have the time out. (NOTE: clock is still stopped during all of this).
- 11. GAME BALLS**
The Spalding soccer ball will be the official ball of the sectional semi-finals, sectional finals and state tournament. Each team must provide three (3) multi-paneled, hand stitched leather or other similar material soccer balls in good condition and of official size.
- 12. UNIFORMS**
The home team (higher seeded team) will wear dark jerseys, and the visiting team (lower seeded team) will wear white or light colored jerseys. Confirmation by schools to respective opponents is encouraged. Reminder, all Goalkeepers must have numbered jerseys, front and back (*NFHS Rule*).
- 13. NUMBER OF PLAYERS**
Maximum size of a tournament team shall be consistent with State Tournament requirements, which are 30 players per team. Extra players must be covered by liability insurance paid for by their school.
- 14. SPORTSMANSHIP RULES**
All athletes serving game suspension(s) as a result of infractions during the regular season will have the remainder of their suspension continued into Tournament play. However, both players and team card accumulation will begin at zero (0) in Tournament play. **Any player disqualified during tournament play, is to remain on the team bench under the direct supervision of the coach.**
- 15. GOALKEEPER HARASSMENT**
In the interest of good sportsmanship, spectators will not be allowed to stand behind the end lines during tournament games. Officials and police will be asked to enforce this ruling. It is suggested that participating schools have faculty members and/or principal attend the games their school is playing so as to assist in enforcing all rules. Administration should make themselves known to officials prior to the game.
- 16. MEDICAL COVERAGE**
A licensed athletic trainer, physician, physician’s assistant, certified EMT, or nurse practitioner will be available at all contests. This coverage will be provided and compensated by the Host School in tournament rounds at the site of the higher seeded team. The MIAA will compensate for this coverage at MIAA designated neutral sites.
- 17. BALL PERSONS** – At neutral sites, the site director will assign ball persons. In the early rounds the home team must supply ball persons.



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18. OFFICIALS

To be eligible to be assigned to an MIAA tournament game, an official must be background check approved by the MIAA and must have worked a minimum of ten (10) regular season varsity high school soccer games. League assignors shall submit recommended officials to MIAA Tournament Director. There shall be two (2) officials for all preliminary and quarter-final round games. In the Sectional and State Semi Finals and Finals (boys & girls) a three person diagonal officiating system will be utilized, with one designated as the official timekeeper. **The tournament assignor will assign officials from a neutral board for State Semi-Final and State Final matches.**

19. MIAA DRONE POLICY - Prohibiting the Use of Drones (Unmanned Aircraft Systems or UAS's)

Unless granted special permission by the MIAA Executive Director, the use of drones (UAS), for any purpose, is not permitted at any MIAA tournament event. This prohibition applies to all fields of play, courts, arena, mats, gym floor or pool, and covers a ban on the entire facility being used as part of the MIAA event, including the spectator stands and parking areas.

20. SAT/SAT SUBJECT TESTS:

1. Soccer Tournament Games may be scheduled for November 2nd, the same date of the SAT and SAT Subject Tests. Please tell all coaches & student-athletes now so alternative plans may be made. A listing of all dates and sports that may take place on schedule College Board exam dates can be found on the MIAA website.
2. The College Board offers a SATR Program Alternate Test Date Policy. As stated in their published material: "The SAT Program will consider granting an alternate test date when the following criteria are met:"
 - a. *The conflicting event must be unexpected. Regularly scheduled sporting events or previously scheduled school activities, such as a prom, are not considered unexpected. An event such as an academic or athletic competition, in which students have advanced through the competition or into post-regular season competition, can be considered an unexpected event.*
3. SAT School Day: Allows high schools to administer the SAT to students during the school day, thus avoiding weekend athletic conflicts. To date, the MA school districts that participate are Plymouth, Springfield, Revere, and most recently Fitchburg. SAT School Day is contracted through the College Board with participating districts. Contact Info: **Alan Bernstein, Senior District Director**, K-12 Services, New England Regional Office, The College Board, 1601 Trapelo Road, Suite 12, Waltham, MA 02451;



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BOYS & GIRLS MIAA Soccer Tournament Sportsmanship Responsibility of Competing Schools Compliance Policy & School Monitor Job Description

As part of MIAA continuing efforts to promote the concepts of sportsmanship and provide the on-site atmosphere that will keep interscholastic athletic events in an educational perspective, the Soccer Committee has adopted the following regulations relative to the participation in the MIAA Soccer Tournament.

These regulations specifically provide the requirement, that all member schools who elect to enter the MIAA Soccer Tournament, after meeting the necessary requirements, will provide for the presence of school personnel that will assist the efforts of on-site management in MAINTAINING CONTROL AND CONDUCT OF THEIR STUDENT SPECTATORS AT ALL GAMES IN THE TOURNAMENT IN WHICH THEIR TEAM IS A PARTICIPANT. THIS IS A REQUIREMENT FOR ENTRANCE INTO THE TOURNAMENT.

These school staff members, designated as school monitors shall be appropriately identified. **They are to report by name to the Site Manager and seat themselves near their school-student section.** Vests or other identifiable symbols will be supplied by the MIAA and worn by school staff members, designated as school monitors, for the sectional first round thru the conclusion of the tournament. It is the responsibility of the Site Manager to distribute vests to the designated school representatives. The competing schools must return vests to the Site Manager at the conclusion of the game. The Site Manager shall review the functions of school monitors as listed below:

- A. SIT WITH STUDENT POPULATION OF THEIR SCHOOL
- B. DISCOURAGE ALL UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR AND ACTIVITY THAT PROVOKES OR RESULTS IN UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR BY OTHERS OR IS RETALIATORY TO UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR OF OTHERS.
- C. KEEP STUDENT POPULATION IN THEIR OWN AREA.
- D. ASSIST IN ENFORCING TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS RELATED TO SIGNS, BANNERS, NOISEMAKERS, RADIOS, ETC.
- E. PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE SITE MANAGEMENT PERTAINING TO ENTRANCE AND EGRESS OF STUDENT SPECTATORS.

COMPLIANCE WITH THESE REGULATIONS IS MANDATORY:

Schools **WILL NOT** be permitted to enter the tournament if the Sportsmanship Responsibility of Competing Schools Compliance Policy is not confirmed as required on the tournament entry. **Tournament entries must be completed in “members only” by October 24, 2019.**

Schools not in compliance with the minimum school monitors for their scheduled game will have this action of noncompliance subject to review by the Soccer Committee. Noncompliance may lead to ineligibility for the Soccer Tournament the following year.

This requirement for participation in the Soccer Tournament has been approved by the Board of Directors in the interest of good sportsmanship and of conducting the tournament in an educational atmosphere.



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MIAA Soccer Tournament Sportsmanship Responsibility of Competing Schools Compliance Policy & School Monitor Job Description (Continued)

Specific Requirements

PRELIMINARY & SECTIONAL QUARTERFINAL GAMES: (MINIMUM STAFF REQUIRED: Schools supply staff identification)

- 1 - Principal or Assistant Principal or Athletic Director or his/her designee
- TBD - Other Staff/Personnel as determined by School Administration

SECTIONAL SEMIFINAL & FINAL GAMES: (MINIMUM STAFF REQUIRED: Identification supplied by MIAA and must be worn)

- 1 - Principal or Assistant Principal or Athletic Director or his/her designee
- 1 - Other School Staff Personnel
- TBD - Other Staff/Personnel as determined by School Administration

STATE SEMI-FINALS: (MINIMUM STAFF REQUIRED: Identification supplied by MIAA and must be worn)

- 1 - Principal or Assistant Principal or his/her designee
- 1 - Athletic Director or his/her designee
- 2 - Other School Staff Personnel
- TBD - Other Staff/Personnel as determined by School Administration

STATE FINALS - ALL DIVISIONS: (MINIMUM STAFF REQUIRED: Identification supplied by MIAA and must be worn)

- 1 - Principal or Assistant Principal or his/her designee
- 1 - Athletic Director or his/her designee
- 3 - Other School Staff Personnel
- TBD - Other Staff/Personnel as determined by School Administration

PLEASE NOTE: The above staffing is the responsibility of the competing schools. Any compensation to these individuals is the responsibility of the competing schools.

Each Athletic Director must contact the MIAA Tournament Site Manager to advise him/her of the name of the individual(s) who will represent the school. The coach **MAY NOT** be the representative. This representative must report to the MIAA Site Manager at least 30 minutes prior to game time.

A maximum of 10 (ten) has been established for HS Soccer school monitors at any level.



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Soccer Team Sportsmanship Award

The MIAA Tournament Management Committee has approved an Annual Sportsmanship Award to be presented to one school in every sport at the MIAA State Championship. We would like to encourage you to nominate a soccer team for consideration by the MIAA Soccer Committee for recognition at the MIAA Soccer Championships. Nominated teams do not have to be tournament teams but should exemplify the tenets of good sportsmanship to the highest degree. Criteria to include: Teamwork, Fair play/respect for opponents, Ethics and Citizenship. Self nominations are acceptable.

I would like to nominate the following team for consideration of the MIAA Soccer Sportsmanship Award:

School: _____ Girls: _____ Boys: _____ Division: _____

City/Town: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Principal: _____

Athletic Director: _____ School Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Coach: _____ Home Phone: _____

Captain(s) names: _____

Number of Games Played _____

Number of Game Red Cards _____

Number of Game Yellow Cards _____

Please provide a brief statement with regard to the reasons for this nomination below!

Your Name _____ Signature _____

Position _____ School _____

Date _____ Phone _____

Send to: MIAA, Attn: Soccer Committee
33 Forge Parkway
Franklin, MA 02038
Fax: 508-541-9838

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 1, 2019

Non-Discrimination Statement

MIAA does not discriminate in its educational programs or activities on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, ancestry, age, religion or religious creed, disability or handicap, sex or gender, gender identity and/or expression, sexual orientation, military or veteran status, genetic information, or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal, state or local law. Retaliation is also prohibited. MIAA - 10/11/18