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Bulletin and Post Season
Information

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The 2008-09 Soccer Committees Meeting was held on Thursday, November 13, 2008 at the CHSAA office. Any suggestions for changes and/or ideas for the 2009 season can be directed to Harry Waterman - CHSAA, and/or Soccer Advisory Committee Chairperson, Mike Goyden, or committee members. You are always encouraged to attend the Soccer Committee meeting next fall.

ROUTING INSTRUCTIONS

A National Federation Rulebook has been mailed to your school and is for the use of the athletic department and soccer coaching staff. Getting a copy of this bulletin into the hands of the girls' soccer coach is very important for the smooth administration of the 2009 girls' season.

CHSAA highly recommends going to the CHSAA website (www.chsaa.org) and saving a copy of the bulletin to your hard drive so it is readily available to you through your personal computer or the schools computer in the athletic office.

In order to keep our lines of communication effective, it is extremely important that the Director of Athletics make sure this bulletin is readily available to the school's soccer coaching staff, whether they are on campus or off campus.

Thank you for your support of high school soccer and your cooperation in making soccer a key component of your school's athletic program.



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TO: Athletic Directors/Coaches of Girls' Soccer
FR: Harry Waterman, Assistant Commissioner
RE: 32nd Annual State High School Girls' Soccer Season

The 2009 Girls' Soccer Season is here and the scene is set for a great season of high school girls' soccer. Girls' soccer growth among the membership continues to climb. Coaches and AD's, read your bulletin carefully. Let's all have a great soccer season this spring.

MAJOR REMINDERS:

- Coaches and Directors of Athletics note the specific dates of post-season matches and plan the use of your soccer facilities for post season use. Please take into account your school's spring calendar as you project your participation in the post season. CHSAA's expectation is that post-season matches will be played as scheduled.
- An official scorebook is to be kept at all varsity games. The responsibility rests with the home school or designated home school.
- The post-season league poll in each classification will be a vote from only those teams that are assigned to that region. Teams that play in other leagues (regions) and then qualify through a different region must submit their vote with the league (region) in which they will qualify to the playoffs. When completing the league poll, teams may NOT vote for themselves.
- ALL **red** cards result in a game disqualification and suspension from the next contest.

Please do not hesitate to call or write the CHSAA office regarding this bulletin and girls' high school soccer in Colorado.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR the ARBITER

Go to "The Arbiter" website at www.thearbiter.net. Your school email address will be your username. You will need to click on "forgot password" unless you know the password you have used previously in the arbiter system. The Arbiter information was sent in an earlier email this school year. Once you receive your password and can log in, you can click on **schedule** to access your games and officials.

The game fee, per diem and travel will be listed, in most cases. The host school will be responsible for their payment.

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SOCCER COMMITTEE UPDATE



MAJOR CHANGES FROM BOARD OF CONTROL

- A. Established a playoff qualifying system for Mullen (boys), Jefferson (boys) and Rock Canyon (boys and girls).
- B. Established a new qualifying system for Pioneer League champion (4A) and the Southwestern (4A) and Western Slope (4A) schools. Also placed Pioneer League schools into 3A regions as necessary.
- C. 3A post-season seeding criteria changed to match that of 4A and 5A. (Effective Immediately)

**ETHICS STATEMENT OF THE
COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER COACHES ASSOCIATION
AND THE CHSAA SOCCER COMMITTEE**

The Colorado High School Soccer Coaches Association is concerned about the practice of excessive scoring by dominant teams over weaker opponents. We believe this is a matter of coaching ethics and would like to issue the following statement to address the situation. We are conveying this information to all the high school athletic directors and soccer coaches in Colorado.

CONCERN – Our concern is that Colorado high school soccer coaches who allow and/or encourage their team to an excessive goal differential against their opponents. These coaches disregard the effect of this practice on both the opponent’s morale and their own team’s perspective of sporting-like behavior and player development.

OBSERVATION – With the wide level of play among soccer programs in Colorado, many coaches are unsure of how to handle the excessive goal differential issue. The occasion to score freely against a weak opponent is seen by some coaches as an opportunity to build individual and team statistics, as well as egos. This is un-sportsmanlike behavior and shows disrespect for the individual athletes and for the spirit of competition. It has been noted by the Colorado Coaches Association that the practice of excessive scoring by soccer teams is an ethical issue that should be addressed through a cooperative effort by the coaches, rather than more sanctions such as mercy rules, shortened games, scoring caps, red cards, etc.

SOLUTION – The Colorado Coaches Association stresses the importance of ethical coaching practices. It is our intent to improve the ethical behavior of coaches by providing information and options to these games situations. We believe that awareness and coaching options will improve the situation. While there are valuable lessons to be learned from both winning and losing, the effect of being on the losing end of an excessive goal differential can be demoralizing, and the experience can be embarrassing to the players on both teams involved. The dominating team in this situation can give players of each team an opportunity to improve their individual and team play without goal scoring being a priority. We suggest leagues not use tie-breaking systems that involve unlimited goal differential to take away the incentive for coaches to run up the score to gain an advantage in league standing. Further, we would recommend the use of either a goal against system to encourage-defensive achievement or one similar to the NASI game scoring system of:

6 POINTS FOR A WIN
3 POINTS FOR A TIE
1 POINT PER GOAL UP TO AND INCLUDING 3 GOALS

(EXAMPLE – A 4-0 WIN = 9 POINTS or A 2-2 TIE = 5 POINTS FOR EACH TEAM)

One point for a shutout could also be included to encourage defensive play. The system could be used to show game results in the media and as a scoring system for league standings and polls.

An ethical coach will find creative ways to deal with their dominance in a game. When a team has a 5-goal differential it is time to initiate some changes. This gives the coach the opportunity to work on player development; it brings a challenge to the game that is not otherwise there, and it is fun for the players.

Some suggestions from our membership are as follows:

- PLAY NUMBERS DOWN (Bring one or two players off the field to balance the game. This can be done discreetly by advising the linesman you are bringing a player out without a replacement.)
- LIMIT NUMBER OF TOUCHES PER PLAYER (one or two touch passing.)
- SHOT ON GOAL ONLY FROM FIRST TOUCH
- DESIGNATE ONE TARGET PLAYER AS A SCORING OPTION (This player would be one who does not normally have goal scoring opportunity.)
- SHOTS ONLY FROM OUTSIDE THE PENALTY AREA
- SHOTS ONLY FROM HEADERS OFF CROSSES
- REQUIRE A CERTAIN NUMBER OF CONSECUTIVE PASSES BEFORE A SHOT CAN BE ATTEMPTED (Restart the count on loss of possession.)
- SHUFFLE POSITION OF PLAYERS (forwards as defenders, defenders as forwards, a first time goalkeeper – this will help to develop the total player.)
- LIBERAL SUBSTITUTIONS

There is no advantage in winning a game 15-1 or 20-0, but there is purpose in maintaining the integrity of soccer and the persons involved in a game. As coaches we have a responsibility of sporting-like behavior and player development, not only to our players but to our opponents as well.

CHSAA TRANSFER RULE

A transfer from one high school to another, at any time, without a permanent change of domicile by the student and his/her family from one attendance area to another, will render the student ineligible for the first half of the season during the next calendar year in any sport in which the student competed during the last 12 months.

Mid year transfer - If the transfer occurs after the start of school or after competing interscholastically, the CHSAA transfer rule will apply for the next 12 calendar months – for the next school years season, loss of varsity eligibility for the first 50% of the season in all sports in which the student participated (at any level) during the prior 12 calendar months for the next and restricted eligibility for the remainder of the current school year.

Summer transfer - If the transfer is made over the summer (started during the summer of 2008), the student will be restricted to the sub-varsity level for the first 50% of the season in all sports for the upcoming school year in which they had competed during the 12 months prior to the move.

Transfers by home school students and students at schools without programs – contact your athletic director immediately to clarify any transfer student eligibility.

It is your responsibility to CONTACT YOUR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY, TO CLARIFY ANY TRANSFER STUDENT ELIGIBILITY, before these students are allowed to compete in interscholastic competition.

1. Establish a system to screen each candidate who reports out for your team after the start of practice even if they attended your school the previous year. Determine if they practiced at another school.
2. If a student participates in a practice but transfers to another school, notify the other school.

Synopsis of Major Changes

1. **TRANSGENDER PARTICIPATION**
--Constitution, Article 3, Rule 300 Page 22
2. **ELIMINATED GIRLS' LACROSSE YELLOW CARDS**
--Administrative & General By-laws, Article 22, Rule 2200.17 Page 77
3. **ADDED STATUTE OF LIMINATIONS FOR VIOLATIONS**
--Administrative & General By-laws, Article 24, Rule 2400.4 Page 91
4. **REVISED BASKETBALL GAME LIMITS**
--Sport By-laws, Article 30, Rule 3010 Page 107
5. **REVISED ZERO WEEK SCRIMMAGES**
--Sport By-laws, Article 33, Rule 3300.21 Page 109
6. **ADDED FOOTBALL TEAMS DROPPING PROGRAMS**
--Sport By-laws, Article 33, Rule 3380 Page 112
7. **ELIMINATED ICE HOCKEY EQUIPMENT ISSUE LIMITATIONS**
--Sport By-laws, Article 36, Rule 3630 Page 113
8. **REVISED SOCCER MAXIMUM HALVES FOR JV PLAYER**
--Sport By-laws, Article 39, Rule 3920 Page 115
9. **REVISED TENNIS MAXIMUM CONTESTS FOR TEAMS**
--Sport By-laws, Article 43, Rule 4320 Page 119
10. **ELIMINATED FILM/VIDEOTAPE RULES**
--Policy By-laws, Article 50, Rule 5000.5 Page 129

SOCCKER OFFICIALS UPDATE

The High School Soccer Official's (HSSO) Organization will work to continue to bring you the best officials from the HSSO organization. Selection of post-season officials is based on an application process for those officials who would like to be considered to work the post season and on the votes of Coaches, Directors of Athletics, Assignors, Officials in the post-season pool, and Area Directors. **Coach and AD it is imperative that you participate in the voting which is done online through the CHSAA website to make sure the system assists in selection of the best officials.** Selection is based on the votes of Coaches and Directors of Athletics, Assignors, post-season officials and Area Directors.

HSSO and the CHSAA office urges you, as coaches and Directors of Athletics, to participate in the post -season officials' selection process! Please contact the CHSAA office with any questions or concerns.

H S S O



2008-09 Soccer Rules Changes from the National Federation of High School Associations

- 1-1-1:** The field of play shall be rectangular, 100 to 120 yards long and 55 to 80 yards wide. The following minimal dimensions are recommended:
a. High Schools -110 yards by 65 yards;
b. Junior High Schools - 100 yards by 55 yards.
- 4-3:** Each head coach shall be responsible for ensuring that each of his/her players is properly and legally equipped.
Add: PENALTY:

Improperly Equipped Players (18-1-1-s)

Cautions will not be issued for improperly equipped player(s).

Improperly 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 that the referee may stop play immediately where there is a dangerous situation.

In all situations, the removed player(s) may re-enter only after reporting to an official who shall be satisfied the player's equipment and uniform are in order. There shall be no replacement until the next opportunity to substitute. However, the removed player may re-enter during the dead ball after reporting to an official who shall be satisfied the player's equipment and uniform are in order.

Illegally Equipped Players (18-1-1-r)

The head coach shall receive the first caution issued (yellow card) for an illegally equipped player(s). All subsequent cautions (yellow cards) issued 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 that the referee may stop play immediately where there is a dangerous situation.

The removed player(s) who has not been cautioned may re-enter during a dead ball. Player(s) who have been cautioned can only re-enter at the next legal substitution opportunity. There shall be no replacement for non-cautioned players until the next opportunity to substitute.

In all situations, the removed player(s) may re-enter only after reporting to an official who shall be satisfied the player's equipment and uniform are in order. There shall be no replacement until the next opportunity to substitute. However, the removed player may re-enter during the dead ball after reporting to an official who shall be satisfied the player's equipment and uniform are in order.

5-2-2-d-2: Address good sportsmanship.

5-2-2-d-4 New: Inquire of each head coach whether each of his/her players is properly and legally equipped. Any questions regarding legality of a player's equipment shall be determined by the head referee, or the center referee in a game officiated using the double-dual system of officiating.

Delete 5-2-2-e: Address coaches and players concerning good sportsmanship.

Points of Emphasis

1. Shinguards ; 2. Team Benches; 3. Knee Braces; 4. Game Management; 5. Pregame Responsibilities; 6. Handling

Major Editorial Changes 2008-09

- 14-1-6-b** Situation: The ball is in play until its momentum has been spent, it goes out of bounds, or it is retouched by the kicker.
- 18-1-1-r:** ILLEGALLY EQUIPPED - a player not wearing equipment required by rule or wearing an item/items not allowed by rule.
- 18-1-1-s:** IMPROPERLY EQUIPPED - a player wearing legal equipment that is being worn incorrectly or becomes illegal during play.

Rules Comparison: The 2008-09 rules book will contain an updated comparison of the major differences among NFHS and NCAA rules and FIFA laws.

NOTE: in the rules book, points of emphasis will be framed in a box

STATE ASSOCIATION ADOPTION OF NATIONAL FEDERATION PLAYING RULES

1. Players may wear caps in inclement weather (4-2-1f Exception 3)
2. Artificial limbs (4-2-5)
3. Systems of officiating (5-1-1)
4. Officials' shirt color (5-1-3)
5. Time kept on the field (6-2-1)
6. Score kept by referee (6-3-1)
7. Reserve official as scorer (6-3-3)
8. For equal quarters rather than halves (7-1-1)
9. Shortened periods (7-1-2)
10. Suspended games (7-1-3)
11. Goal differential (7-1-5)
12. Overtime procedure (7-3-1)
13. Disqualified player barred from competition (12-8-4 Note)
14. Tournament progression

7-1-5 Mercy Rule – The rule in Colorado high school soccer is as follows:

A. By mutual agreement facilitated by the head referee and the head coaches prior to the start of the game, will agree or not agree to follow the Mercy Rule. *NOTE: In some league situations that agreement has been made as part of that league's soccer rules.*

1. If there is not mutual agreement prior to the start, games will be played in their entirety regardless of score.

2. The head referee will facilitate the meeting of the coaches and will therefore be aware if the game will be played under the Mercy Rule.

B. Once a 7-goal differential between two teams is achieved, **the referee** will inform both coaches that the Mercy Rule had been invoked and **the referee and/or timekeeper** will let the official clock run during injuries, penalty kicks, after goals, and during referee disciplinary actions.

C. The coach of the team that is ahead will play with the following number of players upon reaching the goal differential.

1. 8 goal differential – 10 players including the keeper

2. 9 goal differential – 9 players including the keeper

D. If the team that is behind scores a goal and reduces the differential, the coach of the team that is ahead **MAY** add a player to meet the above player numbers.

E. Game termination – once a 10-goal differential is reached, and **the first half of play has been completed**; the referee will end the game.

NOTE: All post-season games will also use the Mercy Rule as prescribed by the CHSAA

7-3-1 Tied Games – Overtime Procedures for State Playoff Games – In Colorado, High School soccer games tied at the end of regulation will be followed by two 15-minute sudden victory overtime periods. If still tied, the shoot out will occur. For regular season games, two 5-minute sudden victory overtime periods will be played. If the game is still tied, it shall remain as a tie.

MAJOR RULE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN H.S. & USSF

Subject	High School (NFHS) Rules	FIFA/USSF Laws
Field Conditions	Prior to start: host school After start: Referee	Facilities manager (Referee may decide)
Uniforms	Home team wears white, visiting team wears color jersey Home white, visitor color	Teams must have different color jersey No rule on socks
Referees	Two or three referees, all with whistles. One is allowed, but not recommended Authority begins 15 minutes prior to game, ends after leaving field	One center referee, two assistant referees with flags Time of authority not defined
Substitutions	After goal, after half, prior to goal kick, prior to own corner kick, prior to own throw in If team with corner or throw is substituting, other team may also substitute Injured player must come off, and all reported substitutes may come on Cautioned player must come off, and all reported substitutes may come on	FIFA - 3 allowed per game, whenever referee allows CSYSA - After goal, after half, prior to goal kick and prior to own throw in Injured player may be substituted for Cautioned player may come off
Throw in	If ball does not enter field, throw is awarded to other team Opponent must be stationary	If ball does not enter field, throw is retaken Opponent must give 2 yards
Red card	If red card is for a second caution, or for excessive celebration, team will not be required to play short	In all cases, team will play short
Restart after injury	If another restart is not apparent, indirect free kick for team that had ball at time of stoppage, or drop ball	If another restart is not apparent, drop ball

GIRLS SOCCER INFORMATION HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2009

This bulletin is provided to assist you, the Director of Athletics, the head girls' soccer coach and the soccer coaching staff. It highlights major areas for the upcoming soccer season. Your responsibility is to familiarize yourself with this bulletin and any changes that are brought to your attention and to the attention of your soccer coaching staff.

Director of Athletics and head girls' soccer coach, make sure you and your soccer coaching staff are updated on the CHSAA By-laws and the National Federation Soccer Rule Book.

We cannot emphasize enough the importance of schools and coaches carefully going over all soccer rules, especially those dealing with the safety and well being of the athlete. Failure to warn athletes of potential dangers in not participating properly or the proper way in which to care for equipment could lead to serious consequences to coaches and schools. **Be certain that you have on file a parent-physician permission certification before any student-athlete practices of participates in your school soccer program.**

School administrators and coaches are responsible for team sporting-like behavior during friendship lines. Officials have been instructed to leave the field following each contest. Coaches need to make sure they have addressed the behavior expected during the friendship line with their players and assistant coaches. When a friendship line experience is not in the best interest of the teams, both coaches need to shake hands at the conclusion of the game and make a decision as to whether the friendship line will best meet the needs of sporting behavior in that particular season.

Soccer is required to keep a scorebook for all varsity soccer matches. Director of Athletics and head coaches, make sure you are aware of this change. Host schools are required to have a scorebook kept at each varsity soccer match, including tournaments.

Schools are strongly encouraged to follow the NF rule book with regard to the team benches. The rule book and the field diagram have the team areas on the same side of the field. This promotes sporting behavior and assists greatly in game management for officials. On fields with only one side for spectators it is recommended to have the team benches opposite of spectator seating. The use of locating team bench areas on the same side has proven to be helpful in sporting behavior and management of the game of soccer. Schools are strongly encouraged to line your soccer field in compliance with NF rules, including the team areas and a line for spectators when bleacher seating is not available.

MAXIMUM CONTESTS TEAM (Article 39)

No member school shall permit any of its soccer teams to participate in more than 15 games, exclusive of state qualifying.

MAXIMUM HALVES INDIVIDUAL (Article 39)

A student may not participate in more than 30 halves, exclusive of district, regional and state tournaments. A sub-varsity, student may participate in 36 halves of soccer.

You are responsible for the expectations stated in these documents.

Harry Waterman, CHSAA Assistant Commissioner, can answer questions. His phone number is (303) 344-5050, email is hwaterman@chsaa.org

The following is an overall summary of the respective calendar dates as they pertain to the 2009 Girls' Soccer season for the Colorado High School Activities Association.

Tuesday, February 17, 2009 - Girls' soccer practice may begin

Monday, February 23, 2009 - the first allowable date for scrimmages in girls' soccer

Thursday, March 5, 2009 - the date on which the first match may be scheduled

Friday, May 1 (3A/4A/5A), 2009 – last date for regular season games!

Playoffs dates - 3A, 4A, 5A Timeline

3A/4A/5A Qualifiers determined by Saturday, May 2, 2009

3A/4A/5A 1st round top half of bracket on Tuesday, May 5, 2009

3A/4A/5A 1st round bottom half of bracket on Wednesday, May 6, 2009

3A 2nd round Saturday, May 9, 2009

3A Quarterfinals: Thursday, May 14, 2009

3A Semifinals: Saturday, May 16, 2009

3A Finals: Tuesday, May 19, 2009 Dick's Sporting Goods Park

4A 2nd round Saturday, May 9, 2009

4A Quarterfinals Wednesday, May 13, 2009

4A Semifinals: Saturday, May 16, 2009 (Englewood High School)

4A Finals: Wednesday, May 20, 2009 Dick's Sporting Goods Park

5A 2nd round Friday, May 8, 2009

5A Quarterfinals Tuesday, May 12, 2009

5A Semifinals: Saturday, May 16, 2009 (Englewood High School)

5A Finals: Wednesday, May 20, 2009 Dick's Sporting Goods Park

Soccer roster deadline to CHSAA office May 6, 2009

IMPORTANT CALENDAR NOTES:

SAT tests will be given on March 14 & May 2, 2009. An ACT test will be given April 4, 2009. Work with your players in advance to prevent possible conflicts.

DO NOT PARTICIPATE AGAINST JUNIOR/MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Scrimmaging, practicing or competing against junior high or non-school teams or individuals is strictly prohibited and is a CHSAA violation.

SUNDAY NO CONTACT RULE

No high school interscholastic contests and/or practices, nor associated soccer contact between participants and coaches/directors/school personnel shall take place on Sunday at any time during the school year. (CHSAA By-law 2310.5)

PRACTICE

All athletes eligible for interscholastic competition (scrimmages or regular season games) must have **five (5)** days of practice in accordance with By-law 2310 (2310.31) of the CHSAA Constitution and By-law Handbook. (CHSAA By-law 2310.31 – please note the change in the rule as stated in the handbook when an athlete comes from one sport to another in the same season)

No student shall practice or represent his school in interscholastic athletics until there is on file with the school administration a statement signed by his/her parents or legal guardian and a current physical form (within the past 365 calendar days) authorized by a practicing physician. A student who has received an adequate physical examination at least once upon entering high school may elect to have a medical re-evaluation instead of a physical exam. (CHSAA By-law 1790.1)

OUTSIDE COMPETITION

Players certified to participate as members of any high school soccer team may compete on any other soccer team, in any non-school activity or event in soccer during the soccer season with the express **written permission** of the principal. Permission shall be granted if:

- a. The student's class attendance is not compromised; and
- b. The student is in good academic standing under the school's activities policy applicable to all students.

(CHSAA By-law, Rule 2100.2)

EXCEPTION: The sports season ends for a member of a high school athletic team on the day following the completion of his or her school's competition at the level at which the student competes. (CHSAA By-law, Rule 2100.11)

SCRIMMAGE DATE

Schools are permitted two interscholastic scrimmage dates, which may be held beginning the 11th day after the start of formal practice until the conclusion of the season. The first allowable date for scrimmages in girls' soccer is February 23, 2009. (CHSAA By-law 2320.12)

A scrimmage date is the meeting of any number of individuals or teams from two or more high schools on a single date for participating under the conditions enumerated below:

- All participants taking part in an interscholastic scrimmage must have completed five days of school practice in the sport in which they are competing.
- Scrimmage may not be held with non-high school teams or individuals.
- All participants must meet all eligibility requirements.
- No score may be kept.
- The scrimmage may not be advertised and no admission is to be charge.
- No officials may be paid.

PLEASE NOTE: At no time may an ineligible participant be allowed to compete against members of other interscholastic teams, as a representative of their school, in "Exhibition" or "unofficial" contests.

FIRST CONTEST

The initial date on which a school may schedule and conduct an interscholastic contest is **Thursday, March 5, 2009.**

**Championship planning meeting 10:30 a.m.
Monday, May 18th @ Dick's Sporting Goods Park**

Championships Dick's Sporting Goods Park

3A Championship Tuesday, May 19, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.
4A Championship Wednesday, May 20, 2009 – 5:00 p.m.
5A Championship Wednesday, May 20, 2009 – 7:30 p.m.

In case of inclement weather in play-off games through quarter-final games, the host school will make all decisions regarding playability of the field before the scheduled game time and shall notify the CHSAA of any decisions. All attempts to stay on the tournament schedule should be made, while not jeopardizing the safety of the participants.



*Girls' Soccer All State Selection will be held on Saturday,
May 30th at 10:00 a.m. at Heritage High School

GENERAL POLICIES

The following are key points of emphasis girls' soccer coaches should review with their coaching staff and players in reference to CHSAA rules and regulations, as described in the CHSAA Handbook. This is not all-inclusive, but only highlights key areas. A copy of the CHSAA Handbook of Bylaws and Constitution is available and should be given to all head coaches and also is available on the CHSAA website at www.chsaa.org. Check with your Director of Athletics for a copy of this important document.

REGULAR SEASON GAMES:

All regular season games will be played according to the National Federation Edition "Soccer 2008-09 Rules Book", and be completed by May 1, 2009 for 3A, 4A and 5A.

Coaches of all levels (varsity, junior varsity, and freshman) must present to the referee or center official a copy of the team roster, including numbers and names of all team players, before the game begins. Teams must be in proper uniform, as per NF rules.

The host school is responsible for keeping a varsity scorebook, which contains a team roster, including numbers and names of all team players for all varsity matches. Before the match is must be signed by the head referee.

Mercy Rule - see page 7 of this bulletin!

The Mercy Rule will be used in all post-season games.

If play is suspended for any reason in a playoff game or during the first half of a regular season game, the contest will be restarted at the point of interruption. During the regular season, if the game has been interrupted after the first half has been completed, the game will be declared official.

If a weather element affects the field condition or safety of the athletes, by National Federation Rule the home site management has responsibility to determine if the game is to be started. Once the game has started, the game referee then has sole responsibility to continue or terminate the contest.

Uniform Requirements - consistent with National Federation rules, "Jerseys and stockings of opposing teams shall be of contrasting colors and, in the event of a similarity of color, the home team shall be responsible for making the necessary change. The home team shall wear white or light colored jerseys and stockings and the visiting team shall wear dark jerseys and stockings and both shall be numbered front and back. It is important to note that the stockings must also be dark (visiting team) or light (home team)". (National Federation Rule Book - 4-1-1a). Both stockings shall be the same color, with a single dominant color, but not necessarily the color of the jersey.

Tie-breaking procedure for regular season games: If necessary, two five (5) minute sudden victory overtime periods will be played. Shoot-outs or penalty kicks may not be used to determine winners in regular season games (unless the contests are a part of a CHSAA Sanctioned Tournament. If the tie is not broken after the two five minute sudden victory overtime periods, the game will be recorded as a tie.

REGULAR SEASON GAMES CONTINUED

Overtime – Sub Varsity: Tied at the end of regulation – Tie breaking procedures must be determined through league policy. If overtime is played it will consist of 2-five minute sudden victory overtime periods. If a tie breaking procedure is not established prior to the contest, the game will end in a tie.

If some member schools elect to play junior varsity schedules only, they will not be included in the CHSAA state playoff tournaments.

Ejected Player Penalty – A player ejected for any red card will be subjected to the CHSAA ejection policy. (CHSAA By-law 2200.1)

All players who receive a second yellow card in the same game shall be disqualified from the remainder of the current game, plus the next contest of the same level regardless of whether a red card was displayed. If a player disqualification (red card) occurs, it is the responsibility of the coach and school to declare the individual ineligible for the next contest of that level. The athlete may not take part in any other games at any level during this time (CHSAA By-law 2200.11). Failure to do so and allowing a disqualified player to participate in the next contest of that level could result in a forfeiture and possible playoff restriction for the team. If a player receives a game disqualification (red card) in the last regular season or region contest, she must miss the first game of the playoffs. If you have questions about potentially ineligible participants seek answers from CHSAA before allowing the individual to compete interscholastically.

All red cards will be recorded on the CHSAA website. Please go to www.chsaa.org (Soccer) to reference your school.

Ejection of a Coach - CHSAA By-laws require that a credentialed coach under contract with the school must assume supervisory responsibility for all interscholastic contests. If a coach is ejected and no credentialed person from that school is available, the contest shall be forfeited.

If it becomes necessary for an official to eject a coach from a game for any reason, the CHSAA Executive Committee shall place the coach on CHSAA probation in accordance with the policies established and the coach must miss the next contest of the same level in which he/she was ejected. (CHSAA Bylaw 2210.1 & 2210.2)

Protests - Appeals - No protests involving the judgment or possible misapplication of a rule by a game official will be considered by the CHSAA. However, coaches may direct questions to the game officials as they pertain to possible misapplication of the rules at the time of the occurrence, in accordance with the National Federation rules. Once a game has been declared as completed, the outcome is considered to be final and official. (CHSAA By-law 2410.3 & 2530.1)

A student may not participate in more than 30 halves exclusive of district and state tournaments. No member school shall permit its soccer team to participate in more than 15 soccer games (this includes regular season tournaments). Further, no member school shall permit its soccer team as a representative of the school to play after the state championship tournament has been played. (CHSAA By-law 2300.1 & 3940.)

REGULAR SEASON GAMES CONTINUED

Registered Officials – All varsity and junior varsity matches and tournaments shall be officiated by high school soccer officials – HSSO. Only those officials who are registered with the CHSAA and who have been issued CHSAA registration cards may be contracted by member schools to officiate in all varsity and junior varsity contests.

Special Permission - In order to deviate from the use of registered officials, special permission must be secured prior to the contest from the CHSAA office and Tom Robinson, Assistant Commissioner in charge of sports officials.

Game officials are an integral part of interscholastic activities and have been entrusted with the conduct of the event. Derogatory statements or conduct concerning game officials, either during actual games or at other times by student participants, coaches or other representative of a school are considered detrimental to the orderly conduct of interscholastic activities programs.

Whenever a game official's conduct warrants legitimate grievance, the student participant, coach, or other school representative shall express the grievance in writing and forward it through the school principal to the CHSAA Assistant Commissioner for sports officials for review and appropriate action. Failure to observe this procedure shall constitute a violation of this policy and subject the offender to authorized disciplinary action. Disciplinary action could result in the following: (a) reprimand; (b) probation; (c) restriction; or, (d) suspension. (CHSAA By-law 2230)

Officials' Fees Adopted by the January 2008 Board of Control are:

<u>2 Officials</u>		<u>3 Officials</u>	
Varsity	\$51.00	Varsity Three-Whistle System per official	\$47.00
Sub-varsity	\$38.00	Sub-varsity Three-Whistle System per official	\$35.50

Mileage - **28 cents per mile**; exception see note below.

NOTE: The Jefferson County (except Conifer, Elizabeth, Evergreen and Summit), Denver, Continental, Skyline (except Fort Lupton), Front Range (except for travel from the Denver Metro Area to Fort Collins area or vice versa), Metropolitan (except Clear Creek, Middle Park and Platte Canyon) and Centennial leagues will not pay mileage between league cities. Colorado Springs schools do not pay mileage to officials selected from the Colorado Springs Officials' Association.

Good Faith Rule – When a school has made a good faith effort to contact an official of a postponement or overbooking, no fee shall be paid to any official. That same official shall have the first opportunity to work the canceled contest. When an effort to contact an official of overbooking or cancellation has not been made prior to the time an official has left to work the contest, 50% of standard fee plus any travel allowance due will be paid to an official who shows up to officiate the contest. **Once a match is started, the official is entitled to the entire match fee.**

Non-Certified Coaches, Unauthorized Assistants - Carefully review CHSAA Bylaw 1620 in the CHSAA Handbook regarding the qualification of coaches. Do not allow your athletes to receive instruction from anyone who does not meet the requirements established in CHSAA Bylaw 1620.

REGULAR SEASON GAMES CONTINUED

Assistant coaches must be under the direct supervision of a certified head coach and **must be under contract to the school.** To allow a "volunteer" who is not under contract to work with your athletes exposes the "volunteer", the head coach and the school to increased liability and is a CHSAA violation.

Tournament Sanction - Schools hosting tournaments involving four or more teams must complete the "Application to Host Sanctioned Events" form and submit it to the CHSAA 30 days prior to the event. Check the tournament you are scheduled to participate in and make sure it is CHSAA sanctioned. (CHSAA Bylaw 2600)

The host school has the responsibility to ensure that an event is governed in a manner which emphasizes the educational values inherent in interscholastic activities. It is the host school's responsibility to remove any individual(s) creating a disturbance, which disrupt (s), the educational goals of the event.

Individuals, who by their actions, have become a constant disruption to the orderly governance of a high school activity shall be barred indefinitely by the school's principal, or his/her designee, from attending all high school activities at member school(s) and all sectional, district, region, and state playoff events. The CHSAA, the league, and offender must receive written notification of such action. (CHSAA By-law 2240).



STATE PLAYOFF INFORMATION

The following information is relative to the 2009 Girls' Soccer Playoff Season. It is expected that coaches and Directors of Athletics will review and become familiar with all information contained within this online document.

If you have questions, interpretations, or wish to offer suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact Harry Waterman, Assistant Commissioner at the CHSAA office.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the possibility of extreme travel in the playoffs, any cooperation between schools to reduce cost would be appreciated.

In all 3A, 4A and 5A 1st round post season soccer games the host school (through a league assignor) is responsible for securing officials and the double-dual (three whistle) system will be used for all playoff games.

Check with your assignor for the status of these officials.

This post-season bulletin information will be updated, as needed, by email from the CHSAA office to the Directors of Athletics

GAME ADMINISTRATION

EQUAL FACILITIES

Although it is necessary that one team be designated as the home team at common sites, it shall be kept in mind that the game belongs equally to both competing schools. It is strongly urged a pre-game planning meeting be held to cover all details connected with the staging of every post season contest. Game fields must be legal size fields for high school soccer and be in safe and playable conditions. The CHSAA office reserves the right to make sure all playoff fields are legal and allow both teams a fair opportunity to compete.

PRACTICE

Participating teams will not be allowed to practice at the state championship site the week of the state championships.

ANNOUNCER

The announcer should be a school staff member or responsible individual who can set the tone of the game by calling the fans' attention to the following points of reference: (1) CHSAA Post season contests are conducted under the strictest code of good sporting-like behavior; (2) The officials are neutral individuals and have been selected because of demonstrated ability; (3) Fans are to be encouraged by the announcer to support their own team and display proper protocol and sporting-like behavior.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

The following policy statements represent the general operating procedures of the CHSAA regarding post-season games/events, tournaments/conferences that are threatened by inclement weather. Circumstances not covered by this policy are left to the discretion of the CHSAA Office for directions and/or discussions, where deemed appropriate.

Note: Schools and individuals have the added responsibility of making alternative travel plans to contest/tournament sites based upon weather forecasts, etc. As a common factor, input and recommendations are to be sought from the Colorado Highway Patrol Division of Highways and Travel.

Team Competition

1. Two Teams - the scheduled starting time and/or date of a contest/event may be adjusted upon consultation and mutual agreement of the administrators from the two affected schools, as well as consultation with the CHSAA Office.
2. Tournaments/Conferences - In the event inclement weather prevents a team(s) from arriving on time for a scheduled contest as part of a post-season tournament, the following steps will be enacted:
 - a. Notify the tournament director or designee with complete details a minimum of four hours prior to the scheduled starting time the day the tournament is to begin and/or other affected days of the tournament.
 - b. If unable to arrive for the scheduled starting time, that segment of the bracket (game) will be moved to a later time slot that evening, following the completion of all scheduled contests.
 - c. In the event "b" is not possible, the game(s) will be rescheduled the following morning - where the schedule permits -- at a time to be set by the tournament director.
 - d. In the event "c" is not possible and the contest(s) cannot be rescheduled due to facility and/or schedule conflicts, etc. the contest shall be declared a forfeit.
 - e. When the number of schools participating is 25% or more that are unable to be present, the tournament/conference director -- in consultation with the CHSAA -- shall postpone all or part of the day's contests/activities. Alternative brackets and time schedules shall be determined by the director -- in consultation with the CHSAA -- which may include extending the activity.

SITES

If natural surface fields aren't playable, artificial turf sites, when available, will be used to stay on schedule. This will be a CHSAA administrator decision and schools will be notified.

AWARDS

Awards for the 2009 Girls' Soccer Post Season will be as follows: championship team receives a trophy; second place team receives a plaque. All athletes participating in the final four championship tournament will receive participation certificates.

NOTE: The CHSAA will have an awards ceremony at the conclusion of the championship game in each classification. The awarding of team trophies will be after the team hand shake line. The award ceremony will be located in the center of the field. School administrators and coaches are expected to assist in the award ceremony by not allowing students and fans to join their team on the field until the conclusion of the short ceremony.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

It is imperative that each team that has qualified for the 2009 Girls' Soccer Playoffs completes the soccer program information sheet (additional copy included with this bulletin) and FAX it to the CHSAA by **Wednesday, May 6, 2009**. **This information must be typed** and will be very valuable in completing press releases relative to the post season. Gate lists for team admission will be developed from the team rosters.

CHEERLEADERS

A total of 20 (3A) cheerleaders and 25 (4A/5A), **in uniform and accompanied by their coach**, will be allowed in free of admission. Each subsequent cheerleader will be required to pay through the participating school. All cheerleaders will be allowed to cheer.

NOISEMAKERS

Artificial noise makers are prohibited: cow bells, thunder sticks, air horns, amplified instruments, drums, whistles, megaphones, bleacher kicking and other disruptive noisemakers are prohibited, as per CHSAA rules.

TRAVEL GUARANTEE

Each hosting school in the state 1st round and quarterfinal round must guarantee expenses for a total of 18 visiting participants (including coaches, managers, statisticians, etc.). In the semifinals and finals, the CHSAA will guarantee expenses for up to 25 participants for each qualifying team.

NOTE: THE TRAVEL GUARANTEE DOES NOT APPLY TO 3A, 4A or 5A 1st ROUND PLAYOFF GAMES.

During State 1st and 2nd rounds, schools that are unable to charge admission must pay a fee set by the CHSAA, which will be based on the average of the 20% of the gross that was sent to the CHSAA in previous years' boys' soccer playoffs. Contact Donna Welch, CHSAA bookkeeper for the fee.

In 3A/4A/5A 1st Round playoffs the CHSAA will **not** take a percentage of the gross receipts. The home school will incur its expenses, the visiting school will incur its expenses and if there are gate receipts, these gross receipts will be split between the two participating schools. As admission is **NOT** required by the CHSAA, **NOR ARE EXPENSES FOR THE TRAVELING TEAM GUARANTEED**. However, where enclosed fields and suitable seating is available an admission is to be charged to guarantee or defray home team game expenses and traveling team expenses.

BENCH AREA

30 individuals will be allowed in the bench area for semi-final and championship games. (i.e. 25 players, 2-coaches, 2-managers and 1 trainer, note: no more than 25 players on the roster for post season)

TICKET PRICES FOR REGION & STATE TOURNAMENTS

First Round/2nd Round/Quarterfinals

General Admission \$5.00
K-12 Students & Senior Citizens \$4.00

Semifinals

General Admission \$8.00
K-12 Students & Senior Citizens \$6.00

Finals

General Admission \$9.00
K-12 Students & Senior Citizens \$7.00

POST SEASON FORMAT

FOR CLASSES 3A, 4A, AND 5A, the results of season play will determine the qualifiers and respective seeds in the qualifying 32-team (3A/4A/5A) rounds. Leagues or regions may use the results of their 15-game regular season schedule.

The host school is responsible for securing the site, **OFFICIALS**, and making other arrangements as necessary in all the 3A region round and in 4A and 5A first round matches.

Once the region (3A) qualifying contests have been played, the Soccer Seeding Committee will seed the winners onto their respective state tournament bracket. This seeding will take place on the Sunday, May 3, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the CHSAA office

Breaking Ties in Regions/Leagues

A playoff (involving 2 or more teams) may be conducted in order to break tie(s) in regions. However, **IN NO CASE MAY A SCHOOL EXCEED THE 15 GAME SEASON LIMIT** to break a tie in the standings.

Regions that break ties in the standings without additional play will do so by the region's adopted tiebreaker system, a copy of which must be filed with the CHSAA office for review by **March 6, 2009**. In the event a region does not file a tiebreaker system, it must break ties in the following manner:

1. Head to head (record against each of the teams involved).
2. Record against top team in the region.
3. Record against the next highest common region opponent above tie.
4. Record against next lower common region opponent below the tie.
5. Goals given up against varsity teams within the region.
6. Goals given up against varsity teams against teams in the same classification.
7. Goals given up in all varsity contests.
8. Coin flip by CHSAA Commissioner.

If no other method has been established, region standings will be established by awarding two points for a win, 1 point for a tie and no points for a loss.

(Note: If at any point in utilizing the above system just two teams remain, the system reverts back to step #1 above).

A region is defined as schools of the same classification, which are competing for a place on the region pairings bracket.

STATE TOURNAMENT

Home Site

The higher seeded team will be the home team throughout and will host the 1st round, second round and quarterfinal rounds. * (3A) A region champion will host a first Round game even if not seeded in the top 16. The higher seed will be designated as the home team in the semifinal and championship games. The host and visiting team shall be allowed a minimum of 30 minutes warm-up time to use the field. The warm-up period should be equal for both teams.

Post Season Dates, Match Times, & Warm-up Times

The bracket in all classifications sets the date of all post season matches. Refer to the specific bracket for those match dates.

NOTE: The CHSAA prefers and allows the teams involved to mutually set established game times through the semifinals. Match times are subject to final approval by the CHSAA office. The CHSAA office shall be notified of those match sites and match times. When mutual agreement for the match times cannot be reached the following statements will apply:

- a. When post-season matches are played on a Saturday; 3:00 p.m. on Saturday is the preferred scheduled time; when playoff matches are to on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, 3:00 p.m. for non-lighted fields or 7:00 p.m. for lighted fields are preferred scheduled times.
- b. The Commissioner shall have the sole province to designate match times, dates, and sites, including when a school district is hosting more than one match. Conflicts, which could have an academic or financial impact on the game, will be considered.
- c. All schools, both home and visitor will be provided the opportunity to supply input in the scheduling process.
- d. The CHSAA calendar needs to be adhered to. Some exceptions can be made, due to weather or venue conditions of play. If natural surface fields are not playable, artificial sites may be used to stay on schedule.
- e. The warm-up period shall be equal to both teams and at CHSAA hosted play-off sites both teams will be provided 30 minutes of warm-up time. At home sites both teams should be provided equal times for warm-ups.

In all 3A, 4A, and 5A rounds through the finals the CHSAA shall set the dates. Match time in those rounds, with the exception of the finals, shall be mutually established match times as set in items “a” through “e” above. Exceptions can only be approved by the CHSAA office in concert with item “d”.

Tournament Finances

Please refer to the Board of Control 2007-08 Minutes for information regarding the financial report when you are a host school in the second round through semifinals in boy's soccer. If you are a host school for a soccer playoff game Donna Welch, CHSAA Bookkeeper, will email you the report form. The soccer financial report form is interactive, allowing you to send it directly to the CHSAA via the internet. Please refer to the CHSAA website for the financial report form list on the soccer page of the web site. The form is NOT available in the CHSAA form book.

TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCE

Soccer

- Maximum - 21 (1st round, prelim, and quarterfinal rounds)
 - 25 (semis and finals)
 - 4.0 cents per mile based on actual participants.

NOTE: For the state tournament bracket contests, (all rounds), schools in a metropolitan area will be allowed the actual cost of the bus for transportation, not to exceed \$90.00 per day. "Metropolitan Area Defined" This area shall be defined for purposes of school travel reimbursement, as a 60-mile radius (road miles one-way) from the location of the state championship site(s) and/or tournament games.

MEAL ALLOWANCE:

- Meal allowance, where permitted in team competition, may apply at all district, regional and state playoff tournament levels when travel is in excess of 60 miles (road miles one-way) and/or involves overnight lodging for tournament play. (Refer to V, A.)

- The meal allowance for all sports as noted under Item A, in all district and state playoff tournaments will be as follows:
Breakfast - \$4.00; Lunch - \$5.00; Dinner - \$6.00

- Meal allowance is based on the maximum number allowed for reimbursement shown in the transportation section.

HOTEL ALLOWANCE:

- A. Hotel allowance will be \$12.00 per night for actual participants based on the number shown in the transportation section.

- B. A team must travel at least 200 miles one way before overnight lodging is allowed. It must travel 325 miles one way before the second night lodging is permitted.

TOURNAMENT GAME TIEBREAKER

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 five minutes during which both teams may confer with their coaches and the head referee will instruct both teams on proper procedure.

1. If a post-season game is tied at the conclusion of regulation, two 15-minute sudden victories will be played.
2. If the score still remains tied, all coaches, officials and team captains shall assemble at the halfway line to review the procedure, as outlined below:
 - a. The head referee shall choose the goal at which all of the kicks from the penalty line shall be taken.
 - b. Each coach will select any five players, including the goalkeeper, on or off the field (except those who may have been disqualified) to take the kicks.
 - c. A coin toss shall be held. The team winning the toss shall have the choice of kicking first.
 - d. Teams will alternate kickers. There is no follow-up on the kick.
 - e. Following five kicks for each team, the team scoring on the greatest number of these kicks shall be declared the winner.
 - f. 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 tiebreaker system.
3. If the score remains tied after each team has had five kicks:
 - Each coach will select five different players than the first five who have already kicked to take the kicks in a sudden victory situation, wherein if one team scores and the other team does not score, the game is ended without more kicks being taken.
 - If the score remains tied, continue the sudden victory kicks with the coach selecting any five players to take the next set of alternating kicks. If a tie still remains, repeat 3-A.
4. Penalty Kick Mechanics
 - A. The first kicker on each team shall report to the official at the penalty area. The official will record the player's name, number and the order in his team's cycle. The next kicker shall be outside the penalty area before his attempt and during the attempt by the kicker who precedes him.
 - B. The goalkeeper who is to defend against the next penalty kick attempt shall be located outside the field of play at the intersection of the goal line and penalty area boundary to the side designated by the officials.
 - C. The home team will provide three game balls. The home team is responsible for providing ball persons to assist the game officials.
 - D. The referee indicates the area at which the ball may be placed, tells the goalkeeper to take his place on the goal line, and then signals with a whistle for the penalty kick.
 - a. National Federation Rule 14-1
Art. 3...The opposing goalkeeper shall stand on the goal line, between the goal posts, until the ball is kicked. Lateral movement is allowed, but the goalkeeper is not permitted to come off the line by stepping or lunging forward until the ball is in play.

PENALTY (Articles 2 and 3): Encroachment by the defending team is not penalized if the goal is scored. If a goal is not scored on the penalty kick, it is retaken. If there is an infringement by the attacking team and the ball enters the goal, the goal does not count and the kick shall be retaken. If there is an infringement by the attacking team and the ball does not go into the goal, there is not re-kick. If the ball rebounds into play, the game shall be stopped and restarted with an indirect free kick for the defending team at the spot of the foul. If the ball is saved and held by the goalkeeper, play shall continue. In cases where players from both teams are guilty of infringements, the kick shall be retaken regardless of the outcome of the kick.

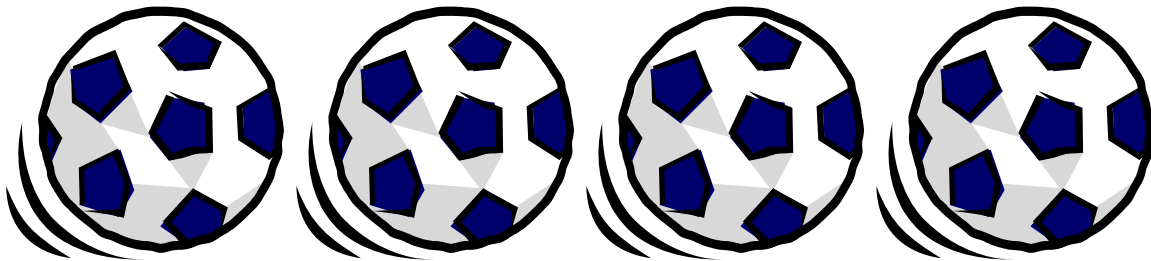
Art. 4...The ball shall be kicked while it is stationary on the ground from the spot or any place on the penalty kick mark. To be in play, the ball shall be moved forward. Once the kicker starts his/her approach toward the ball, he/she may not interrupt his/her movement. Failure to kick the ball as specified shall result in a re-kick.

- E. Once a kicker has reported to the referee to attempt the next kick, he/she may not be replaced.

****Note:** Misconduct by the goalkeeper e.g., shouting or gesturing, during an unsuccessful penalty kick, will result in a caution or ejection and a retake of the kick.

5. Match Terminated due to Inclement Weather:

In all post-season contests, any suspended game will be restarted from the point of interruption and carried to its completion. The score will carry over to the restarted game.



All Classifications Boys and Girls Soccer
Guidance for Playoff Seeding/Pairing

1. The top 12 seeds will be as reflected in the results of the poll.
2. Do not pair teams in the first round that played each other during the regular season in or out of league play.
3. Travel—shortest distance possible in 1st round; teams that travel considerable distance also look at potential 2nd round travel since rounds may be two days apart.
4. League/Regional Champion not automatically ranked in top 12 consider for 1st round home game.
5. Determine if teams with points in the league seeding vote of #13 thru #16 warrant extension of automatic seeding.
6. Seed weaker teams from same league before seeding lowest seed from stronger leagues – put bottom 10 to 12 teams on the board.
**Guidance: weakest leagues based on lowest vote of top team in their league.
7. Honor league finish or head-to-head results to seed teams not already automatically seeded.
8. Strength of schedule and results of games
**Guidance: Game results close?
9. Overall record.

GUIDELINES FOR SEEDING THE STATE SOCCER TOURNAMENT (ALL CLASSIFICATIONS)

1. The Colorado High School Soccer Coaches Association has developed a poll for seeding purposes in all classifications and, in conjunction with the CHSAA, is the accepted poll for seeding the state tournament.
2. A committee will meet on the Sunday following region pairing games (May 3, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.) to establish the pairings. The committee will be composed of the following:
 - One coach for each 3A, 4A, and 5A classifications, and the President of the Soccer Coaches Association.
 - Three Athletic Directors representing each classification.
 - The CHSSCA league poll director
 - One non voting representative from the CHSAA office.

CHSAA SEEDING COMMITTEE

Greg Braha (Chair) – St. Mary’s High School (CHSSCA Poll Director)
Peter Chandler – Peak to Peak High School (3A Coach)
Hahns Bihl – Machebeuf High School (3A AD)
Pat Callahan – Canon City High School (4A Coach)
Andrea Triplehorn – Fossil Ridge High School (4A AD)
Tony Hurt – Heritage High School (5A Coach/CHSSCA President)
Pat Noland – Fruita Monument High School (5A AD)

CHSSCA & CHSAA LEAGUE POLL 2009

The members of the Colorado High School Soccer Coaches Association and the CHSAA have worked to put together a state playoff seeding system. Key parts of the format are the seeding of the final 32 for 3A/4A/5A. The #1 criteria that will be used by the Seeding Committee will be the rankings that are produced by the CHSSCA/CHSAA league poll. These rankings must be completed and made available to the CHSSCA poll director and the CHSAA by **Saturday, May 2, 2009 at 10:00 p.m.**

A poll will be emailed to coaches. Returns need to be emailed back to CHSSCA/CHSAA League Poll Director, Mike Goyden, email: mgoyden@msn.com, home phone (719) 532-0437; school phone (719) 234-2200 will handle the information and be available to answer questions or relay messages.

Here are the guidelines for the development of the poll:

1. All leagues/regions must participate to make the poll valid and each school in the league or region is required to participate. A league or region’s lack of participation may result in team from their league not being seeded or receiving the last seeded positions.
2. All votes are by leagues only. Votes from individuals will not count.

3. Each league/region will send rankings of 12 teams in the state that will participate in that classification. (Coaches, familiarize yourself with all teams in the state in your school's classification to reflect an accurate view in your voting.) Each league will provide the league/region finish of the qualifying teams along with their overall records. This includes teams that are 4A schools but play in a 5A league (i.e. Rock Canyon, Mullen, Montrose, and Montezuma-Cortez, which play in a 5A league and qualify for post season through a 4A league. An athletic administrator is to be appointed as the director for each league/region and is to be responsible for submitting the league poll by the deadline to CHSAA and the League Poll Director of CHSSCA by 10:00 a.m. on the Saturday prior to the Sunday seeding meeting. **Leagues cannot vote for teams in their league/region.**
4. Leagues with more than one classification will submit a ranking for each classification.. Leagues that are multi-class **CANNOT** submit a poll that has a school from another classification (i.e. Southwest League can not submit a poll with Montezuma-Cortez or Montrose as they are 4A schools).
5. All teams that play in a league during the regular season, but are assigned to another region for the playoffs, will vote with their assigned region for the league poll. i.e. Montrose High School is in the 5A Southwest League during the regular season and in the 4A Western Slope region for post season. Montrose would then vote with the Western Slope region.
6. The league/region soccer director will email their poll rankings to Mike Goyden at CHSSCA mgoyden@msn.com and to Harry Waterman at CHSAA hwaterman@chsaa.org by **10:00 p.m. on SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2009**. Contact Mike Goyden the poll director if there are deadline issues.
7. You may not rank teams in your own league/region.
8. The poll will be made up by tallying the various league /region rankings:
 - 12 points for each 1st place vote; 11 points for each 2nd place vote
 - 10 points for each 3rd place vote; 9 points for each 4th place vote
 - 8 points for each 5th place vote; 7 points for each 6th place vote
 - 6 points for each 7th place vote; 5 points for each 8th place vote
 - 4 points for each 9th place vote; 3 points for each 10th place vote
 - 2 points for each 11th place vote; 1 point for each 12th place vote
9. Ties in total points will be broken according to the following criteria.
 - a. Head-to-Head
 - b. Common opponents and the outcomes.
 - c. The highest ranking on any of the leagues rankings.
 - d. NASA 6 point scoring.
 - e. Coin toss.
10. You do not have to be a member of the association to vote.
11. The final poll will be of all the teams that appeared on a league/region ranking.

12. 3A league/region champions are guaranteed a home game regardless of their finish in the league poll results. Teams from the same region or league will be seeded with respect to their league/region finish regardless of the poll results, but the committee shall adjust the seeding as needed to assure each region champion a first-round home game.
13. The top 12 seeds will be as reflected in the results of the poll in 4A and 5A and the top 10 in the 3A classification.
15. Leagues are recommended to have a process for verifying submitted information to the poll director. Leagues are recommended to verify, in a method chosen by the League, the information submitted to the poll director. **League information is considered final when it is submitted by the deadline 10:00 p.m. on SATURDAY, May 2, 2009.**

ALL LEAGUES MUST RESPOND, a non-response from any league will invalidate the poll and may cause the seeding committee to have to seed those teams from those leagues to the last seeding positions or at the committee discretion use the average of how each teams was voted for by the other leagues.

Coaches, please make sure that you call in all your scores to the local media in your area and to the Denver media and VarVee.com from all league games, as well as the region games, so the seeding committee has accurate results with which to seed all teams. The VarVee.com and Rocky Mountain News Rocky Preps standing and game results are used by the seeding committee.

League Representatives' to the CHSSCA/CHSAA League Poll

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4A	Northern	Andrea	Tribelhorn	Fossil Ridge	andreat@psdschools.org
4A	Skyline	Jay	Doehring	Brighton	jdoehring10@aol.com
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4A	Western Slope	David	Cope	Battle Mountain	dcope@eagleschools.net
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5A	Denver	Karen	Higel	DPS	Karen_Higel@dpsk12.org
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5A	Skyline	Jay	Doehring	Brighton	jdoehring10@aol.com
5A	Southwest	Marc	Meyer	Mont.-Cortez	Mmeyer3749@beyondbb.com

DIRECTIONS TO THE FINAL SOCCER SITE **DICK'S SPORTING GOODS PARK**

Dick's Sporting Goods Park is located at the Southwest corner of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Refuge in Commerce City, Colorado.

There are THREE main entrances into Dick's Sporting Goods Park:

- Quebec St. and E. 60th Avenue.
- Quebec St. and Prairie Parkway (64th Avenue).
- 56th Avenue and Valentia Street.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS COMING FROM THE NORTH

- If you are traveling South on Interstate 25, exit east or left onto Thornton Parkway. Proceed East on Thornton Parkway and turn south or right onto Colorado Boulevard. Continue South on Colorado Boulevard and turn east or left onto 88th Avenue. Continue East on 88th Avenue (you will cross over Interstate 76 and pass the Mile High Flea Market) and then turn south or right on to Highway 2. Continue South on Highway 2 and turn south or left onto Quebec Parkway. Then turn east or left onto Prairie Parkway (64th Avenue) and into event parking.
- If you are traveling West on Interstate 76, exit South onto US Highway 6 & 85. Continue South on US Highway 6 & 85 and turn left or East onto 72nd Avenue. Continue East on 72nd Avenue and turn right or South onto Quebec Parkway. Continue South on Quebec Parkway and turn East or left onto Prairie Parkway (64th Avenue) and into event parking.
- If you are traveling East on Interstate 270 & South on US Highway 36, Exit South onto Vasquez Boulevard and immediately turn left or East onto 56th Avenue. Continue East on 56th Avenue and turn left or North onto Valentia Street and into event parking.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS COMING FROM THE EAST

- If you are traveling West on Interstate 70, exit North onto Havana Street. Proceed North on Havana Street. Turn west or left at 56th Avenue. Turn north or left on Valentia Street and into event parking.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS COMING FROM THE SOUTH

- If you are traveling North on Interstate 25, exit East onto Interstate 70. Continue traveling East on Interstate 70, exit North onto Quebec Street. Proceed North on Quebec Street. Turn East or right 60th Avenue and into event parking.
- If you are traveling North on Interstate 225, exit West onto Interstate 70. Proceed West on Interstate 70 and exit North onto Havana Street. Proceed North on Havana Street. Turn west or left at 56th Avenue. Turn north or left on Valentia Street and into event parking.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS COMING FROM THE WEST

- If you are traveling East on Interstate 70, exit North onto Quebec Street. Proceed North on Quebec Street. Turn East or right 60th Avenue and into event parking.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS COMING FROM DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (DIA)

Exit DIA on Pena Boulevard toward Interstate 70. Before you reach Interstate 70 you will exit West onto E. 56th Avenue. Travel on this road for about 10 minutes and you will turn North (right) onto Valentia Street. Take Valentia Street all the way into the stadium.

2009 3A Girls' Regions
(1-585)
(72 Schools – 32 Qualifiers)

Region 1 (10)
4 qualifiers

Alexander Dawson-177
Brighton Collegiate-259
Frontier Academy-228
Front Range Christian-191
Heritage Christian-109
Longmont Christian-102
Lutheran-Parker-180
Maranatha-101
Nederland-227
Resurrection Chr.-104

Region 2 (9)
4 qualifiers

CS School-147
Custer County-182
Dolores Huerta-408
Evangelical Christian-110
Fountain Valley-235
Pikes Peak Christian-114
Rye-273
Vanguard-112
Discovery Canyon - 236

Region 3 (11)
4 qualifiers

Academy (The)-274
Arrupe Jesuit-276
Bennett-346
Clear Creek-311
Denver SS&T-436
Jefferson Academy-254
Jefferson-693
Lake County-312
Middle Park-417
Pinnacle (The)-268
Sheridan-448

Region 4 (8)
4 qualifiers

Aspen-520
Basalt-488
Coal Ridge-487
Grand Valley-319
Rangely-166
Roaring Fork-316
Vail Christian-108
Vail Mountain-110

Region 5 (6)
3 qualifiers

Bayfield-440
Center-168
Ignacio-230
Pagosa Springs-450
Ridgway-95
Telluride-183

Region 6 (10)
5 qualifiers

Bishop Machebeuf-389
Colorado Academy-333
Denver Christian-250
Denver Lutheran-219
Faith Christian-408
Holy Family-548
Kent Denver-437
Peak to Peak-460
St. Mary's Academy-540
Legend - 300

Region 7 (9)
4 qualifiers

Community Christian-77
Cornerstone Christian-37
Estes Park-415
Rocky Mtn. Lutheran-73
Silver State-38
Sterling-641
Valley-529
Weld Central-535
Wiggins-181

Region 8 (9)
4 qualifiers

Buena Vista-338
C.S. Christian-444
Classical Acad.-514
Florence-537
James Irwin-358
Manitou Springs-475
Salida-364
St. Mary's-388
Trinidad-413

Schools choosing to not play in the post season – Champion Academy-166, HERZL/RMHA-86, Lamar (JV)-423, Olathe (JV)-344, Colo. Rocky Mtn. (JV)-151, Manual-640, Bruce Randolph-400

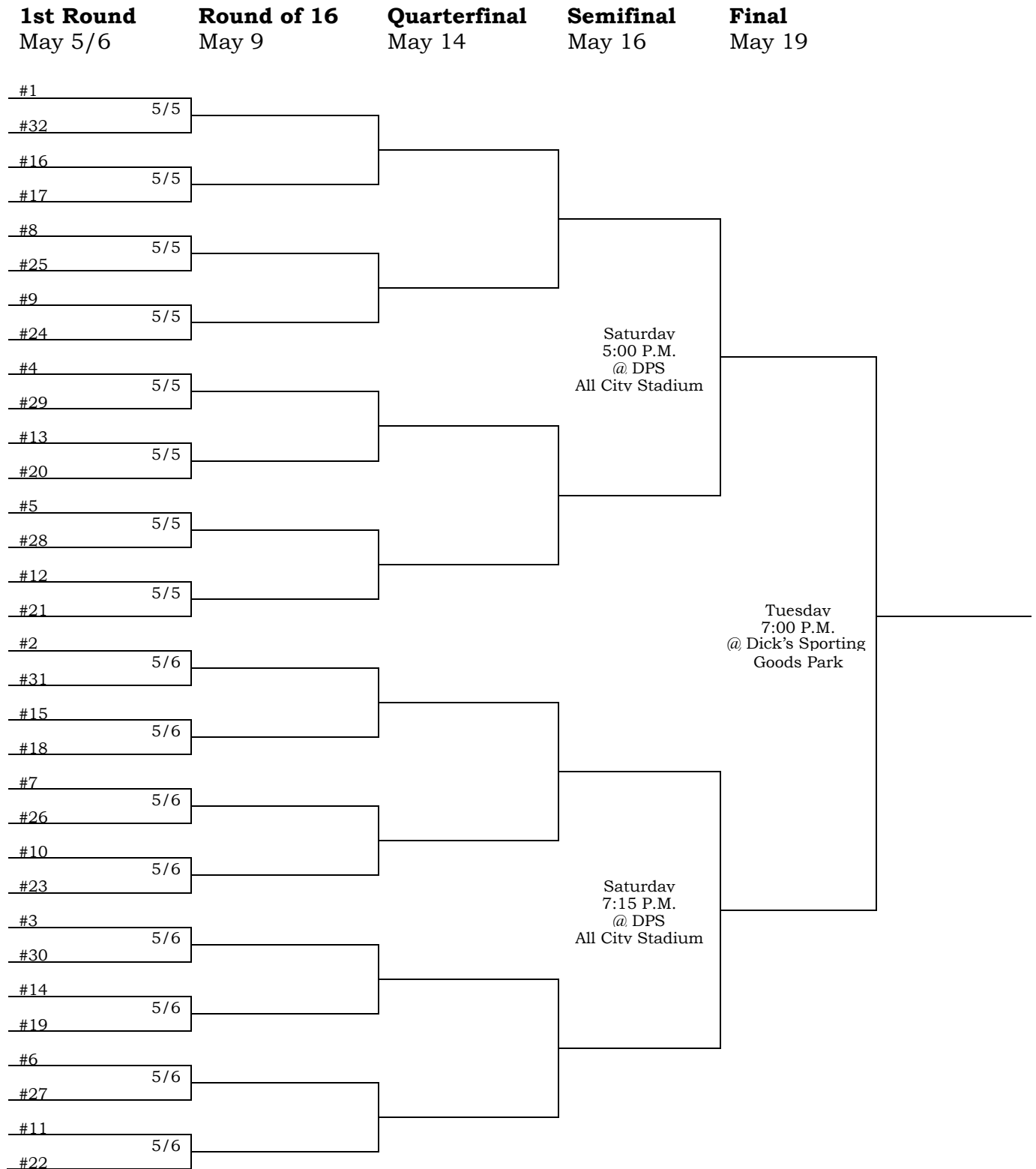
Qualifying Point System for Multi-League Regions

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- +3 points for a win against a team in a school's same classification or lower classification
- +1 point for any tie
- +1/2 point for any forfeit win

- Only varsity vs. varsity matches included

2009 3A Girls' Post Season Bracket



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2009 4A Girls' Regions

(586-1,440)

(64 teams – 32 qualifiers)

CS Metro (12)

6 qualifiers

Castle View-1362
Cheyenne Mountain-1370
Falcon-1108
Harrison-1008
Lewis-Palmer – 1922
Mesa Ridge-1223
Mitchell – 1295
Sierra-1217
Valor Christian-1000
Wasson-1356
Widefield-1245
Woodland Park-1055

Northern (15)

7 qualifiers

Berthoud-684
Broomfield-1420
Fort Morgan-794
Fossil Ridge-1360
Frederick-819
Greeley Central-1338
Greeley West-1424
Longmont-1354
Mountain View-1193
Niwot-1304
Northridge-1199
Silver Creek-988
Skyline-1407
Thompson Valley-1424
Windsor-983

South Central (9)

5 qualifiers

Alamosa-621
Canon City-1170
Pueblo Centennial-1045
Pueblo Central-1002
Pueblo County-889
Pueblo East-1012
Pueblo South-1387
Pueblo West-1293
Rock Canyon-1206

Denver (4)

2 qualifiers

Denver North-1161
Denver West-1054
J.F. Kennedy-1428
T. Jefferson-1112

Jeffco (11)

5 qualifiers

Alameda-914
Arvada-1434
Centaurus-1050
Conifer-1047
D'Evelyn-620
Elizabeth-855
Englewood-835
Evergreen-956
Golden-1317
Summit-884
Wheat Ridge-1394

Skyline (3)

2 qualifiers

Fort Lupton-681
Prairie View-1327
Skyview-1370

Western Slope (10)

5 qualifiers

Battle Mountain-740
Delta-645
Eagle Valley-664
Glenwood Springs-644
Moffat County-718
Montezuma-Cortez-782
Montrose-1280
Palisade-947
Rifle-660
Steamboat Springs-665

Schools choosing to not play in the post season – Palmer Ridge (JV), Vista Ridge (JV)

4A Rotation placement for Rock Canyon

South Central – 2008, 2009: Rock Canyon
CS Metro – 2010, 2011: Rock Canyon
Jeffco – 2012, 2013: Rock Canyon

Northern – 2014, 2015: Rock Canyon
Skyline – 2016, 2017: Rock Canyon
DPL – 2016, 2017: Rock Canyon

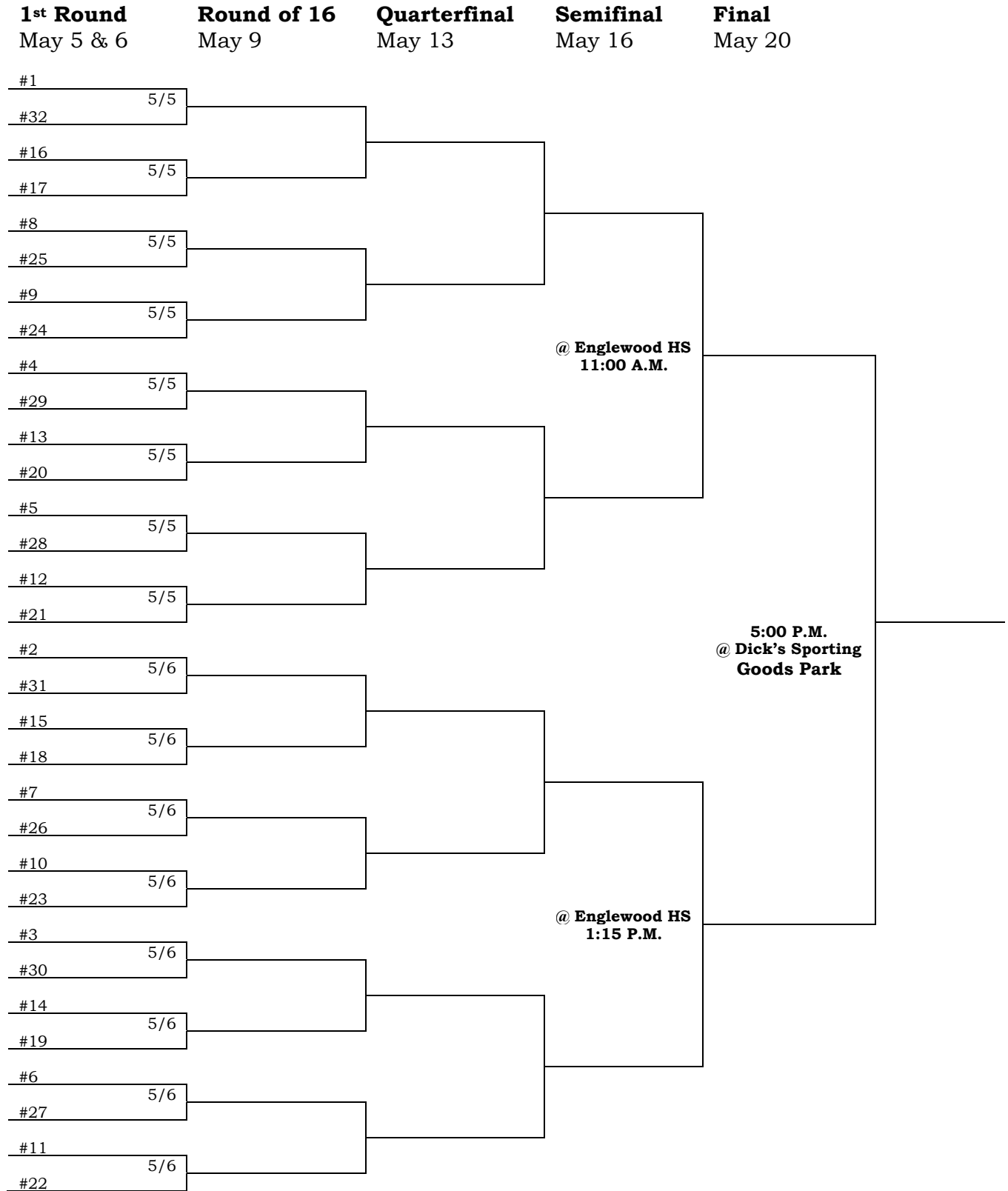
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2009 4A Girls' Playoff Bracket



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2009 5A Girls' Regions

(1,441 - up)

(64 Teams – 32 Qualifiers)

CS Metro (9)

5 qualifiers

Air Academy-1446
Coronado-1521
Doherty-2089
Fountain-Ft.Carson-1465
Liberty-1457
Palmer-1950
Pine Creek-1579
Rampart-1713
Sand Creek-2087

Centennial (8)

4 qualifiers

Arapahoe-2195
Cherokee Trail-1776
Cherry Creek-3750
Eaglecrest-2462
Grandview-2756
Mullen-1016
Overland-2108
Smoky Hill-2499

Front Range (12)

6 qualifiers

Boulder-1873
Fairview-1901
Fort Collins-1630
Horizon-2128
Legacy-1953
Loveland-1639
Monarch-1545
Mtn. Range-1933
Northglenn-2126
Poudre-1762
Rocky Mtn.-2310
Thornton-2027

Denver (5)

2 qualifiers

A. Lincoln-1528
Denver East-2078
Denver South-1477
G.Washington-1672
Montbello-1562

Southwest (4)

2 qualifiers

Central GJ-1705
Durango-1476
Fruita Mon.-1778
Grand Jct.-1699

Skyline (5)

2 qualifiers

Adams City-1455
Aurora Cent.-2318
Brighton-1560
Hinkley-1726
Westminster-2449

Jeffco (10)

5 qualifiers

Arvada West-1667
Bear Creek-1869
Chatfield-2094
Columbine-1649
Dakota Ridge-1628
Green Mtn.-1594
Lakewood-1829
Pomona-1634
Ralston Valley-1560
Standley Lake-1604

Continental (11)

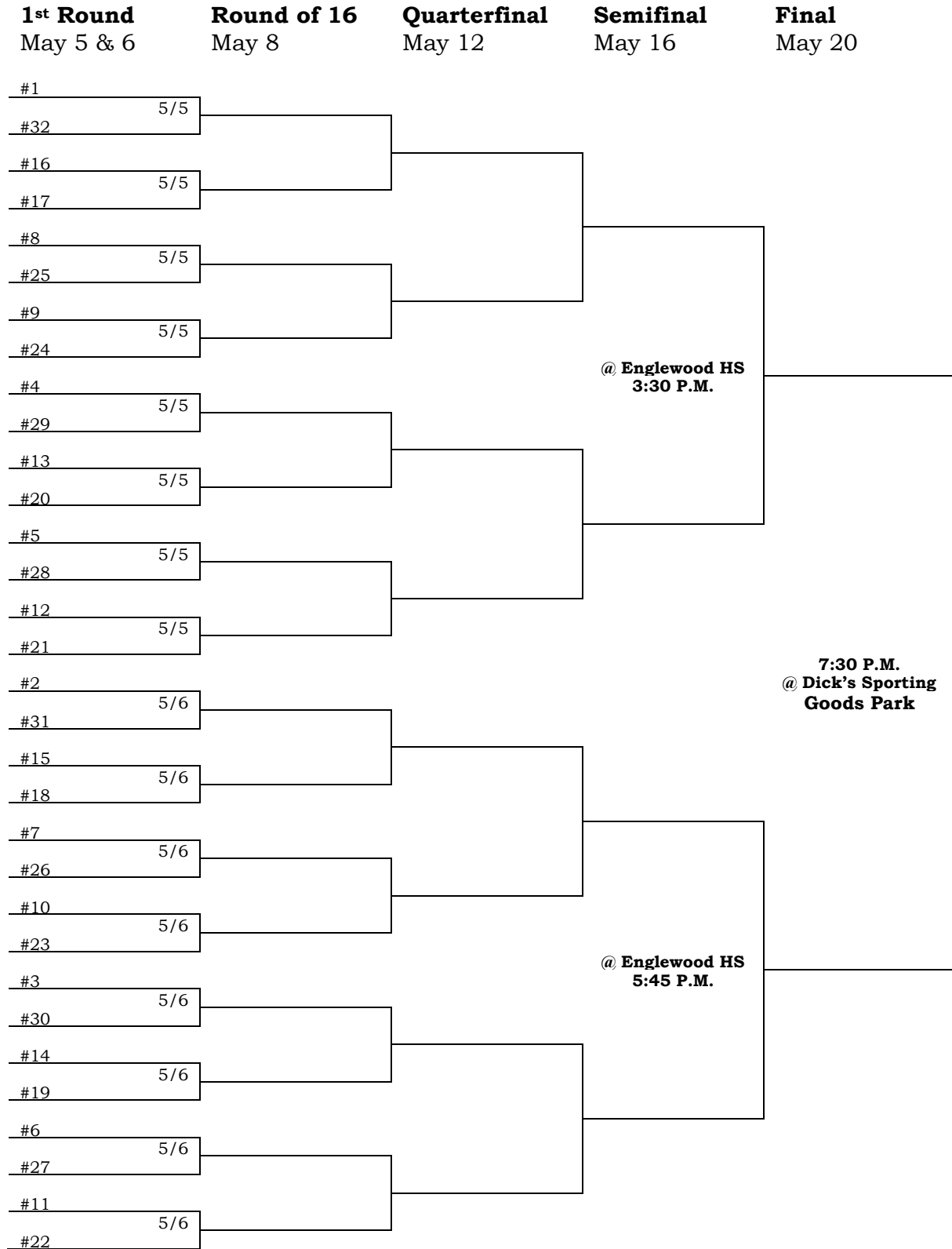
6 qualifiers

Chaparral-2170
Douglas Co.-2034
Gateway-1759
Heritage-1564
Highlands Ranch-1647
Littleton-1557
Mountain Vista-1958
Ponderosa-1993
Rangeview-2276
Regis-Jesuit-1756
ThunderRidge-1561

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ROSTER INFORMATION – ONLINE FORM

It is imperative that each team that has a chance to qualify for the 2009 Girls' Soccer Playoffs complete the online soccer roster information sheet and submit it to the CHSAA office by **MAY 6, 2009, via the online CHSAA soccer roster form. A LINK TO THIS INTERACTIVE FORM IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT CHSAA.ORG AND "SOCCER" AND MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE. A COPY OF A PROGRAM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** You cannot list more than 25 players. This will be the gate list for admission into the playoff games. This form must be submitted to the CHSAA office AND to Kukulski Brothers for the program, along with a picture of the team.

Pep Band Admission Information

A pep band with membership up to 35 members, including the band director, will be admitted to all CHSAA playoff events free of charge under the following conditions:

- All band members must be possession of an instrument;
- All members will be admitted as a group together;
- No electric amplification is allowed;
- The group performs under the performance rules of the individual sport and the group is an active participant in the contest (plays at appropriate times, etc.);
- Only 5 percussionists are allowed.

No additional pep band members will be allowed to perform even if they purchase a ticket.

CHEERLEADERS

A total of 19 varsity cheerleaders and one cheer coach will be admitted at no charge to post-season tournaments. Additional cheerleaders must purchase tickets and sit in the stands with their students. No additional pep band members will be allowed to perform, even if they purchase a ticket. No gate lists are required by the CHSAA.

1. All groups must be in uniform.
2. Varsity cheerleaders should enter at the pass gate for free admittance.
NOTE: a coach must accompany all groups. **ONCE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CHEERLEADERS HAS BEEN ADMITTED, NO MORE WILL BE ALLOWED.**



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Dear Coach,

Because of the sheer volume of athletic contests played by member schools of the Colorado High School Activities Association the evaluation of officials game by game, falls on the shoulders of the schools participating and in particular, you, the coach. The lead officials in all sporting contests have been instructed by the Soccer Officials' Association to provide you and the opposing coach with a business card showing the name of all the officials working the contest. It is then your responsibility to go online and evaluate these officials.

Many things happen when you take time to evaluate your contest officials. Officials become more accountable, are better prepared to work the game and more apt to display positive behavior. By seeing and writing down the names of the officials you can decide who the best are. Therefore at the end of the season when you vote for playoff officials, you will be more informed.

After each contest, go to www.chsaa.org>coaches>coaches home>Officials' Rating Evaluation Card. You must type in the name of each official and rate each on the following scale: 1-2-3 – Poor; 4-5-6 – Good; 7-8-9 – Very Good; 10-11-12 – Excellent However, most important are your comments. It will be well worth the time you spend on this process.

If you have problems with the website or questions, please e-mail your rating to me directly at trobenson@chsaa.org or call me at 303-344-5050.

Make the officials who work your game more accountable. Their officiating will improve.

Thank You

Tom Robinson
CHSAA Officials' Liaison