

DIAA SOCCER RULES ADOPTIONS/MODIFICATIONS

4-2-1h Exception (2) By state association adoption, players may wear soft and yielding caps during inclement weather. Caps must be alike in color.

The DIAA Board of Directors has approved the wearing of soft and yielding caps during inclement weather provided the caps are of the same color.

4-2-5 Each State Association may, in keeping with applicable laws, authorize exceptions to NFHS playing rules to provide reasonable accommodations to individual participants with disabilities and/or special needs, as well as those individuals with unique circumstances. The accommodations should not fundamentally alter the sport, heighten risk to the athletes/others or place opponents at a disadvantage.

The DIAA Board has established the following procedure for schools to request an accommodation based on disability, and/or a special need. The athletic director must contact either the DIAA State Rules Interpreter (John Brady) or the Executive Director in order to obtain clearance for the player to participate in a scrimmage or a game with the accommodation. The State Rules Interpreter or the Executive Director will inspect the accommodation. If, in their opinion the accommodation meets the rule above, it will be approved for use. The Executive Director will forward a letter to that effect to the player's athletic director. A copy of the letter should then be provided to the officials before each game in which the player is in uniform.

5-1-1 Note If a state high school association chooses not to select a particular officiating system, competing schools may do so by prior mutual agreement.

The DIAA Board of Directors does not mandate the use of one particular officiating system during the regular season. The contract between DAAD on behalf of all DIAA member schools which sponsor either boys' or girls' soccer and the softball officials associations (Delaware Soccer Officials' Association and the Diamond State Soccer Officials' Association) obligates both associations to provide a minimum of two officials for all sub-varsity and varsity contests. However, a conference, or in non-conference games, the host school could request the local chapter provide an additional official and the game(s) could be officiated by a three-person crew using the diagonal system. Provision of a third official is contingent upon the local officials' association's ability to provide sufficient qualified officials. Local officials' associations may elect to provide a third official at the cost of two officials. Arrangements to use the three-man diagonal system must be agreed upon by the host school's athletic director, with the concurrence of the opposing school, and the officials' association assigner prior to the day of the game. In the absence of an agreement the dual officiating system would be used.

5-1-3a The officials shall be dressed alike in uniforms primarily consisting of:
A shirt approved by the state association; in the event of a color conflict between the officials and either team, the officials shall change to a jersey of a color distinct from both teams.

The DIAA Board of Directors has given permission to the Delaware Soccer Officials' Association and the Diamond State Soccer Officials' Association to wear a vertically striped black and white shirt, a solid black shirt with white collar and cuffs, or a solid colored shirt other than black (fuchsia, orange, or yellow) with contrasting collar and cuffs, provided the color contrasts with the jerseys of the competing teams. The Associations are also authorized to use the same shirts used by USSF Officials.

5-1-3f Unless otherwise prohibited by the state association, electronic communication devices may be used by officials to communicate.

The DIAA Board has not taken action on this article.

- 6-2-1 The home school timer shall be the official timer. However, by mutual agreement of the opposing coaches or by state high school association adoption, the official time may be kept by the head referee.
- The DIAA Board of Directors has designated the head referee as the official timer for all regular season and State Tournament contests.*
- 6-3-1 The home school shall designate the official scorer. However, by mutual agreement of the opposing coaches or by state high school association adoption, the official score may be kept by the head referee.
- The DIAA Board of Directors has designated the head referee as the official scorer for all regular season contests. The Boys' or Girls' Soccer Committee will provide the official scorer in all state tournament games.*
- 6-3-3 By state association adoption, a fourth official may be appointed to assume the duties of the scorer. The fourth official is under the jurisdiction of the head referee and performs those duties as assigned.
- The DIAA Board of Directors has taken no action on this provision. Consequently, the referee is the official scorer (6-3-1). The Boys' or Girls' Soccer Committee will provide the official scorer in all state tournament games.*
- 7-1-1 Two equal halves of 40 minutes each shall be played unless, by state high school association adoption, four equal quarters of 20 minutes each are specified. It is recommended junior high schools play 30-minute halves unless by state high school association adoption, four equal quarters of 15 minutes each are specified.
- The DIAA Board of Directors has not approved the playing of four equal quarters of 20 minutes at the high school level or four equal quarters of 15 minutes at the middle school level. Therefore, high school and middle school games will consist of two equal halves of the appropriate length.*
- 7-1-2 Periods may be shortened by state high school association adoption, or if mutually agreed upon or in any emergency, by agreement of the coaches or ordered by the head referee, provided it is determined to shorten the periods before the game or before the second half begins and all remaining periods are the same length.
- The DIAA Board of Directors has not adopted any guidelines for shortening the length of periods. However, periods may be shortened in accordance with the provisions of this rule.*
- 7-1-3 In the event a game must be suspended because of conditions which make it impossible to continue play, the head referee shall declare it an official game if one complete half or more of the game has been played. If less than one half of the game has been played, the game may be rescheduled from the start, or restarted from the suspension of play according to state association adoption.
- The DIAA Board of Directors has determined that a game which is interrupted during the first half will be replayed from the start. The game should be rescheduled for the next available date and will be considered a postponed contest with regards to DIAA Regulation 1008 4.3.1 (middle school/junior high) or DIAA Regulation 1009 4.3.1 (high school) Maximum Game Schedules and Designated Sport Season.*
- 7-1-5 By state association adoption, a goal differential may be established whereby at the end of the first half if one team has gained the established goal differential or if it secures such differential during the second half, the game shall be ended.

The DIAA Board of Directors has taken no action with regards to establishing a goal differential which would result in a game being ended before the normal expiration of the second half. Therefore, no game will be ended before the normal expiration of the second half unless suspended as per NFHS Soccer Rule 7-1-3.

7-3-1 Regular season games which are tied at the end of 80 minutes of play may be resolved by procedures adopted by state high school associations.

See 7-3-1 Note below.

7-3-1 Note No overtime procedures shall exceed 20 minutes of play during the regular season.

The DIAA Board of Directors has authorized the use of the following regular season tie-breaking procedure for ALL regular season varsity matches; There will be a five-minute intermission between the end of regulation play and the first ten-minute sudden victory overtime period. A coin toss will determine which team will kick off. All game rules will be in effect. The first team to score in overtime will be declared the winner. If neither team has scored after 10 minutes of play, there will be a two-minute intermission and then the teams will play a second and final 10-minute sudden-victory overtime period. The loser of the coin toss prior to the first overtime will kick off to start the second overtime. If the game is still tied after two overtime periods, it will officially end in a draw.

12-8-1 Note By state association adoption, incidental use of vulgar or profane language may be a disqualification (red card).

The DIAA Board of Directors has approved the disqualification for vulgar or profane language.

12-8-3 Note The rules committee strongly recommends that recommends that each state high school association adopt a policy wherein a disqualified player or coach disqualified under articles 2 and 3 shall be barred from participating in the next contest(s).

The DIAA Board of Directors has authorized a procedure which requires any player or coach ejected from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct also be ineligible to participate in the next contest at any level.