

# MIAA Handbook: Soccer Section

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## 78.Soccer

### 78.1 Playing Rules

High school soccer shall be played under the rules of the National Federation of State High School Associations, as modified by the MIAA.

#### 78.1.1 red or yellow card

Any red or yellow card issued to a high school player/coach must be reported on the MIAA Soccer Roster and Score Sheet and also entered on-line in the Members Only section of the MIAA website (please see Rule 78.2.18 for infraction reporting requirements).

#### 78.1.2 Official Time

The official time of the contest may be kept on a scoreboard timer or on a sideline table when competing teams mutually agree, or as directed by a league/conference.

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#### 78.1.3 Shin Guards

Shin guards must be worn by all players during contests and practices.

#### 78.1.4 Shoes

Soccer players are not allowed to wear shoes with metal cleats, or any metal on the cleat.

#### 78.1.5 Mouth Guards

Mouth guards are highly recommended for all soccer players while on the field.

#### 78.1.6 Home Jersey

The home team shall wear dark jerseys and socks, and the visiting team shall wear white or light jerseys and socks.

## 78.2 Sportsmanship

### 78.2.1 Goals

All leagues/conferences must conduct a pre-season meeting for all head soccer coaches to review sportsmanship goals and objectives.

### 78.2.2 Language

Regarding "incidental" use of vulgar or profane language, the referee must caution (yellow card) a player/coach who uses incidental vulgar or profane language.

### 78.2.3 Card Consistency

All yellow cards must be treated consistently.

### 78.2.4 2 Y Card Consequence

Any player who receives a yellow card shall be replaced and shall not re-enter the contest until the next opportunity for substitution occurs.

### 78.2.5 2 Y Card Consequence

A player committing a second yellow card infraction in the same contest receives a red card. There are no exceptions. It should be reported as only a red card (not two yellows or a yellow and a red).

### 78.2.6 Red Card Consequence

Any player who receives a red card is ejected from the contest and shall be suspended from further participation for the next two contests; if a player receives a second red card within the same season, the player is suspended from further participation in that contest and the next two contests.

### 78.2.7 2 R Card Consequence

The receipt of two red cards for fighting or for flagrant unsportsmanlike behavior in the same season will result in a one-year suspension (from the date of the second offense) in all Fall sports.

### 78.2.8 Red Total Consequence

Any team whose players/coaches receive collectively a total of more than four red cards during the regular season shall not qualify for the MIAA tournament.

### 78.2.9 GT 5 R Card Consequence

After a combination of five red cards, subsequent violations will result in a team forfeiture of the next MIAA contest. These penalties will carry over to the next season should the violation occur in the final contest of the season.

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### 78.2.10 3 Fighting Penalty Consequence

Any team whose players receive collectively more than three fighting penalties during the regular season shall not qualify for the MIAA tournament.

#### 78.2.11 Players 3<sup>rd</sup> Y Card In Season Consequence

Any player who receives a third yellow card in a season shall be suspended from the next contest; a fourth yellow card and subsequent yellow cards in a season shall result in suspension for two contests. This penalty carries over to the next soccer season (or next season if senior) if happens in last contest, or the next to last contest.

#### 78.2.12 Coach 3<sup>rd</sup> Y Card In Season Consequence

A coach who receives a third yellow card in a season shall be suspended from coaching the next two contests. A fourth yellow card in a season shall result in a one-year suspension. The penalty carries over to the next soccer season if happens in last contest, or the next to last contest.

#### 78.2.13 Coach R Card In Season Consequence

Any coach (head coach or assistant) who receives a red card, is ejected from the contestant shall be suspended from coaching for the next two contests. If a coach receives a second red card in a season, the coach shall be disqualified for one year. The contest may continue if appropriate administration is available. If a coach is ejected and there is no appropriate administration available, the contest will immediately be terminated and result in forfeiture by the offending team.

#### 78.2.14 DOGSO R Card

A deliberate (intentional) handball to prevent a ball from entering the goal is a red card offense. However, the offender will be suspended from the remainder of that contest and only the next regularly scheduled contest.

#### 78.2.15 Varsity Team Card Consequence

Any varsity team exceeding four red or thirteen yellow cards also must assign a contest manager other than a coach to away contests, as well as for all home contests (as required by Rule 78.2.21). This rule pertains to all soccer contests played at all levels.

#### 78.2.16 Tournament Eligibility with Card

For purposes of obtaining tournament eligibility, no team may exceed four red or fifteen TOTAL cards during the regular season. Delay of game encroachment and deliberate (intentional) handball are infractions, which will continue to be enforced and penalized. The

impact of these infractions will be assessed and will be considered towards tournament ineligibility.

#### 78.2.17 Card Contest Forfeiture

Any team whose players/coaches receive collectively five (5) yellow and/or red cards in a contest (including pre & post-game) will result in immediate termination of the contest, and result in forfeiture by the offending team.

#### 78.2.18 Score Sheet Requirements For ALL Contests

Game officials must complete the infraction section of the MIAA score sheet for all infractions at all levels. Each school is then required to enter all VARSITY infractions on-line in the Members Only section of the MIAA website. A hardcopy of any coach/student disqualification form must be sent to the MIAA. (Sub-varsity level score sheets should be filed and maintained at the local level).

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#### 8.2.19 No Game Report and Handshake Consequence

Game officials will not receive compensation unless they remain present at the conclusion of the soccer contest until the student-athlete handshake is completed and the MIAA score sheet is properly executed.

#### 78.2.20 Fighting Consequence

After four player/coach fighting or flagrant unsportsmanlike behavior disqualification's, each subsequent disqualification received by a team will result in forfeiture of the next contest.

#### 78.2.21 Varsity Adult Manager

For all boys 'varsity soccer contests, the home team must assign an adult contest manager, other than a member of the soccer coaching staff, to be responsible for all aspects of administration of the contest.

#### 78.2.22 Athletes Serving Suspensions

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.

#### 78.2.23 Taunting Policy

The MIAA Taunting Policy must be reviewed by game officials with the captains and coaches in a meeting before each soccer contest.

#### 78.2.24 Time Out = One Minute

Each team will be allowed a one-minute time out 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.

### 78.3 Length of Contests:

#### 78.3.1 Contest Time Periods

Contests shall consist of four 18-minute quarters, two 36-minute halves, or two 40-minute halves.