

Section 171 Soccer Rules

N.F.H.S. RULES WILL APPLY (with the following TAPPS exceptions).

A. TAPPS rules include:

1. Live animal mascots, cannons, firearms, fireworks, etc. are prohibited at TAPPS athletic contests.
2. No dogs or other animals are allowed at TAPPS contests.
3. Except in their normal course of business, emergency vehicles shall not flash lights or sound sirens during the course of a game.
4. Noisemakers are prohibited at TAPPS events held at field houses and/ or gymnasiums.
5. In events held in field houses/gyms, megaphones may be used only by cheerleaders, in uniform. Megaphones must not be used to strike walls or playing surfaces.
6. Bands, when permitted, shall play only during time-outs and intermissions. Individual instruments may not be used as noisemakers.
7. No sound systems, other than the one(s) provided by the host school are allowed at TAPPS Secured sites or at neutral sites unless mutually agreed
8. Body paint and like decoration shall not be permitted by players or spectators. (Exception: Small markings as sold by cheer or other school organization on the cheek are permitted.) This rule applies to all games held at neutral sites. If a TAPPS school is not going to permit this activity at their facility, the opponent should be notified in advance of the contest.
9. Air horns and bullhorns, handheld or otherwise, are not permitted at any TAPPS contest.
10. The use of, or appearance of using, any controlled substance (alcohol, drugs, etc.) before, during or after games at contest sites is prohibited by TAPPS.
11. Streamers, confetti or other such materials.

B. **OFFICIALS. See Section 134.**

1. **Officials for TAPPS contests must be assigned by a TAPPS approved organization as listed on the TAPPS website.**
2. **Game Administration**
 1. **Officials shall meet with both head coaches at least 15 minutes prior to TAPPS games to exchange rosters and discuss sportsmanship.**
 2. **Officials shall promptly report and participant who receives two yellow cards or a red card to the TAPPS office. Both coaches will report the incident. Failure to report an ejection will result in sanctions against the school involved.**

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C. LENGTH OF GAME

1. The length shall consist of
 - A. two 40 minute halves;
 - B. a 10 minute half time;
 - C. In the event a game cannot be concluded, NFHS Rule Soccer Rule 7.3 as outlines below:
 1. If prior to halftime, the game will be considered a no contest and begin as if the contest had not started.
 2. If at or after halftime,
 - a. The game is an official contest if one team is leading.
 - b. Is considered a suspended contest and will begin from the point of suspension if the score is tied.
2. If the game remains tied at the end of regulation play, the game shall be resolved by the **Golden Goal Rule**.
 - a. Teams will play a 10 minute overtime; however, the game will end when one team scores.
 - b. If neither team scores, a second 10 minute overtime will be played with the game ending if either team scores.
 - c. If neither team scores the **Golden Goal**, the **game shall be decided by penalty kicks**.
 - d. **Overtime rules shall be in effect as written above in all TAPPS playoff contests. Districts may select method to break ties.**

- D. **OFFICIAL BALL** Molten is the official ball of TAPPS and is the only ball approved for district and post district play. The official ball for the State Final Four Tournament will be the Molten and will be provided by Molten.

E. SPORTSMANSHIP

1. A **Player or Coach** earning two (2) **YELLOW CARDS** (which becomes a **RED CARD**) in a game will be ineligible to participate in the next scheduled game. This includes all actions as listed under NFHS Rule 12.8.1.
2. A **Player or Coach** earning five (5) **YELLOW CARDS** in a season will not be eligible to participate in Post District Competition.
3. **Teams earning (20) YELLOW CARDS in a season will not be eligible to participate in Post District Competition. Only those yellow cards earned in varsity competition will count towards the maximum allowable number of twenty.**
4. A **Player or Coach** earning one (1) **RED CARD** will not be eligible to participate in the next scheduled contests.
5. A **Player or Coach** earning two (2) or more **RED CARDS** in a season will not be eligible to participate in a minimum of the next five (5) scheduled games.
6. **Teams** earning three (3) **RED CARDS** will result in the Head Coach and Athletic Director meeting with the TAPPS office prior to the next scheduled game.
7. **Teams** earning four (4) **RED CARDS** in a season will not be eligible to participate in Post District Competition.

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- F. **HOME TEAM.**
1. The Bottom Team on the bracket is the home team in all play-off games as noted on the official bracket.
 2. In the event of a Neutral Site game, a coin flip shall be used to determine Home Team.
 3. The Home Team is responsible for furnishing the official MOLTEN game ball.
- G. **REGIONAL AND SEMI-FINAL GAMES. Regional and semi-final games shall be played as indicated on the date shown on the current calendar, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon to play at an earlier date. Any extension of the date must be approved in advance by the TAPPS office.**
- H. **ADMISSION.**
1. For bi-district, area, and regional games shall be determined by teams included.
 2. Admission at State Tournament shall be determined by TAPPS.
 - a. TAPPS Events Passes accepted with photo ID
 3. At bi-district, area, regional and semi-final games, gate receipts after expenses, shall be divided between the two schools, unless mutually agreed before the game.
- I. **ADDITIONAL REGIONAL AND SEMI-FINAL INFORMATION.** Officials and other details of regional and semi-final games shall be decided upon by mutual agreement of the teams involved. Expenses of regional and semi-final games shall be shared by teams involved, unless otherwise agreed upon, before the game (see Section 141).
- J. **REPORT RESULTS.** The coach of the winning team of each play-off game shall report the score as soon as possible after conclusion of the contest.
- K. **ROSTERS.** Team rosters of play-off qualifiers must be in the TAPPS STATE OFFICE by the deadline to be included in the state championship programs. Late forms will not be accepted. The roster form on the TAPPS web site will be the only form accepted by the state office.
- L. **CHAMPIONSHIP SITE AND TIME.** The State Soccer Championship shall be played at the times and location shown on the current year bracket.
- M. **ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHAMPIONSHIP.** The TAPPS State Office shall be responsible for all arrangements for the state tournament; officials, gate keepers, security, programs and T-Shirt sales, purchase and presentation of awards. The TAPPS official ball will be used in the state tournament.
- N. **AWARDS AT STATE TOURNAMENT.**
1. Plaques shall be awarded as follows:
 - a. State Champion
 - b. State Runner up
 2. Individual State Champion Medallions for Players on program roster, up to 30

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3. Individual State Runner up Medallions for Players on program roster, up to 30
4. Champion and Runner-up teams may purchase additional medallions from the TAPPS State office for \$10.00 each.