



Varsity Boys Soccer Rules & Regulations

2009 Varsity Boys Soccer

RULE 1—PLAYING REGULATIONS

- A. The official rules of the National Federation of High Schools Association shall govern the competition. Any exceptions to these rules are listed in the enclosed rules.
- B. NOTE:
Lower level teams will not be recognized unless the minimum number of participants appears on the varsity roster. An official team shall have a minimum of fifteen (15) players.
- C. Teams in the Premier Division and First Division MUST field BOTH a Varsity and Junior Varsity team in order to remain in these divisions. Teams in the Premier and First Divisions not having a Junior Varsity team by their first conference game will be immediately demoted to the corresponding Conference. The highest ranked team from the corresponding Second Division, having a JV team, will be promoted. Coaches must call the soccer coordinator to notify about teams not having the minimum (12) number of eligible players for two teams.
- D. The varsity match will consist of two - 40 minute halves with a ten (10) minute intermission. The Junior varsity match shall consist of two - 35 minute halves with a five (5) minute intermission. The Sophomore games shall consist of two - 30 minute halves with a five (5) minute intermission.
- E. **Schools that are suspended from IHSA for non-attendance to Rules Interpretation Meetings will not be allowed to participate in the Chicago Public League during the sport season in question.**
- F. **The primary form of communication for the Chicago Public Schools Soccer League will be via email. A telephone call and a fax will also be forms of disseminating information.**
- G. All other situations not covered by the above rules shall be governed by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chicago Public High Schools Athletic Association.

RULE 2—LEAGUE SCHEDULE

- A. **CENTRAL OFFICE RECORD SHEETS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2009 FOR EACH LEVEL.** Teams are not eligible to play **INTERSCHOLASTIC GAMES** without a **Central Office Record Sheet on file.**
- B. The league schedule will begin Friday, August 29, 2009, and completed by Wednesday, October 1, 2009.
- C. A single round robin tournament will be played in all Divisions
- D. **VARSITY GAMES WILL BEGIN AT 4:00 P.M. JUNIOR VARSITY GAMES WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING VARSITY GAMES.**
- E. **All team conference schedules must be completed by Wednesday, October 1, 2009.** All scores shall be emailed to the soccer coordinator. **In the event a schedule is not completed, schools not adhering to this procedure will not receive points for games not played; games will be considered “no-contest”.** Rescheduled games shall **ONLY** be played on Friday, September 26 and/or Wednesday, October 1, 2009. After both coaches have agreed on a rescheduled date, time, and site this information shall be immediately forwarded to the soccer coordinator for approval and assignment of officials.
- F. **A school team forfeiting two or more conference games will lose team recognition.** A letter to the principal, athletic director and coach shall notify the school of the impending action, which will include forfeiture of the coaching stipend. **Any school not participating in the CPS playoffs will be fined \$250.00 to be deducted from the coaching stipend.**
- G. Teams should be ready by.....15 minutes before the start of the match.
Field should be ready by.....30 minutes before the start of the match.
Starting time.....4:00 p.m.
- Forfeit time:**Coaches shall **make every effort** to be on time to a scheduled contest. If a team and faculty representative is not ready to play within thirty minutes of the scheduled time of the contest, the host school must contact the Sports Administration Department for a final determination 773-841-1474.
- H. **CONTEST LIMITATIONS**
- a) No Boys Soccer team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than:
1. Seventeen matches exclusively of the IHSA series; or
 2. Sixteen (16) matches plus one (1) tournament exclusive of the IHSA series; or
 3. Fifteen (15) matches plus two (2) tournaments exclusive of the IHSA series.
- b) Participation in a game or tournament shall mean that a student actually competes (regardless of the length of time) in the contest.

RULE 3—LEAGUE SITE

- A. Each team within a Division will play home and away matches.
- B. The home school must provide a home field with the following equipment in good condition: A set of two official size, anchored soccer goals with nets, a set of four soccer corner flags/cones, and three (3) official game balls. Game balls shall be presented to the Officials ten (10) minutes before game time. Field markings should be specified as in the National Federation of High School Association *Soccer 2009 Rule Book*.

SCHOOLS THAT DO NOT HAVE THE SPECIFIED REGULATION EQUIPMENT (OR THE SCHOOLS' EXISTING EQUIPMENT IS DETERMINED UNSAFE BY IHSA OFFICIALS OR CENTRAL OFFICE) WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO HOST HOME GAMES AND MUST TRAVEL UNTIL EQUIPMENT IS REPAIRED OR REPLACED AND IS DEEMED SAFE.

RULE 4—OFFICIALS

- A. **SELECTION OF OFFICIALS:** The Soccer Coordinator shall assign all referees for all CPSSL conference games. Coaches will assigned their referees for all non-conference games, from a list of approved referees, provided by the Soccer Coordinator.
 - 1. No official is permitted to work a match in which one of the teams is from the school which he or she is employed.
 - 2. The coach shall rate and evaluate each official on the official eligibility certificate and on-line to the IHSA (www.ihsa.org – see Athletic Director for assistance) after each match. This document must be forwarded to the soccer coordinator following each match.
 - 3. The officials for the City Championship series (semifinal, and championship game) will be assigned by the soccer coordinator and the coaches of the teams involved. Only those officials who have officiated in the league matches of the season are eligible to officiate.
- B. Two (2) officials shall be assigned to all Chicago Public Schools Conference League games.
- C. In the case where only one (1) official is present, each school shall assign a lines person to assist the referee on the out of bounds calls ONLY.
- D. **Official Fees:** (Non-conference games are non-reimbursable).
 - 1. Varsity Conference - first round, second round, and quarterfinal playoff \$55.00 each.

2. Junior Varsity Conferences - first round, second round, and quarterfinal playoff \$42.00 each.
3. Sophomore Conferences - first round, second round, and quarterfinal playoff \$35.00 each.
4. Varsity - semifinal and final \$60.00 each.
5. Junior Varsity - semifinal and final \$50.00 each
6. Sophomore - semifinal and final \$40.00 each.

NOTE: The home team is responsible for paying both officials for regular season matches prior to the start of the contest. **If there is only one official, the game must be played and the official is to be paid an additional \$10.00 for each match officiated.** If the game is canceled on the field or less than one hour before game time, the assigned officials shall be paid. The payment for the officials assigned to the rescheduled game will be reimbursed during the playoff adjustments reimbursement.

- E. If neither official arrives, both coaches should officiate or mutually agree on an official.

NOTE: NEITHER AN EMPLOYEE NOR ANYONE AFFILIATED WITH THE HOME SCHOOL OTHER THAN A COACH MAY OFFICIATE.

- F. ALL GAMES ARE TO BE PLAYED AS SCHEDULED. GAMES MAY NOT BE CANCELLED OR CHANGED FOR ANY REASON WITHOUT THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS ADMINISTRATION.

- G. All non-conference games must be submitted on a CPS Athletic Contest Contract and be on file with the Department of Sports **Administration no later than Monday, August 18, 2009.**

- H. The home school should provide two (2) ball retrievers for all of their home games.

RULE 5—ELIGIBILITY

- A. A Central Office Record Roster must be submitted to the Department of Sports Administration (Mail Run #40) before any matches are played. The names of varsity, junior varsity, and sophomore players should be listed on separate computer generated Central Office Record Sheets and submitted after player record cards and medicals are on file. **Age and grade eligibility are established according to the rules of the Chicago Public High Schools Athletic Association See Article III –Section 3 for grade eligibility and Article III –Section 4 for age rule of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chicago Public High Schools Athletic Association. Any contests played without a Central Office Record Sheet on file will be played under protest.**

- B. A computer generated Official Eligibility Roster must be exchanged before each match. After each match the exchanged Roster (opponents) must be completed and signed by the referees, coach, athletic director, and principal. Official's names, rating by coaches, score and comments must be completed. The Varsity Head Coach shall keep the Varsity, Junior Varsity and Sophomore exchanged game rosters in separate envelopes. He/She shall submit these to the Soccer Coordinator at the CPHSSL Playoff seed meeting. A copy of these must be faxed within 24hrs to the Coordinator. The season will not be considered valid until the Department of Sports Administration receives all the Official Eligibility Rosters. See Article II – Section 7 (a-f) of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chicago Public High Schools Athletic Association.
- C. In the case where a team does not have a computer generated game roster, the team's coach shall produce a hand written roster in the presence of the opposing coach. Each player must, legibly, print their first name, last name, School ID number and jersey number. The game will be played under protest. The offending School must fax a current team roster to the soccer coordinator, signed by the Principal and Athletic Director, within 24 hours. If the signed roster is not received by the coordinator within 24 hours, the game will be ruled a forfeit against the offending team.
- D. Any team representing the Chicago Public League in the state finals may list a maximum of twenty two (22) boys on the eligibility sheet that goes to the regional and/or state meet.
- E. The winning coach has the responsibility of calling the game scores to the Tribune Sports (312) 222-3473 and Sun-Times Sports (312) 321-2247 immediately following after each game preferably before 6:00 p.m. Team records should be called, faxed, or emailed to the **Division Chairperson and Juan Espinoza** within 24 hours after the game.

VARSITY ELIGIBILITY

Varsity teams shall consist of boys in the first, second, third, or fourth year of attendance who will not reach their 20th birthday at any time during the sports season

JUNIOR VARSITY ELIGIBILITY

A Junior Varsity team shall consist of boys eligible to play on the Varsity team. There shall be free movement of players between Varsity and Junior Varsity levels leading up to the City and State Championship tournaments. Players may play on Varsity one day and Junior Varsity the next. Varsity and Junior Varsity players will appear on the same eligibility sheet. When Junior Varsity and Varsity levels are to be contested on the same day, the coach must make two copies of the eligibility rosters. Prior to the contests the head coach shall label one eligibility roster VARSITY and the other JUNIOR VARSITY. The coach will then proceed to cross out all players that are NOT participating in the Varsity game from the Varsity eligibility roster, including those who are injured, academically ineligible and suspended. The coach will follow the same procedure for the

Junior Varsity eligibility roster. Players may **NOT** appear on both a Varsity eligibility roster and a Junior Varsity eligibility roster on the same day. Regardless of whether a player plays in the Varsity contest or not, if that player appeared on the Varsity eligibility roster (that is if that player was not crossed off the Varsity eligibility roster) then he is **NOT ELIGIBLE TO PLAY IN THE Junior Varsity contest**, and therefore must be crossed off the Junior Varsity eligibility roster. **Each school's head coach must submit finalized/frozen/set Junior Varsity and Varsity eligibility rosters at the City Championship Tournament Draw.** During Playoffs, players will **NOT** be permitted to move up and down between Varsity and Junior Varsity.

SOPHOMORE ELIGIBILITY

Sophomore teams shall consist of boys in the first and second year in attendance that has not reached their 17th birthday prior to August 15, 2009 of the sports year.

A sophomore player may be moved to the varsity or junior varsity at any time, but once the league season opens and a sophomore player's name appears on the varsity Central Office Record Sheet, whether he plays or not, he cannot return to the sophomore team.

RULE 6 - THE CPSSL CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

- A. For the Final Conference standings, the tie breaker shall be as follows:
1. Head-to-head competition results.
 2. Number of regulation time wins.
 3. Goal differential, with a maximum of four (4) goals per game.
 4. Most goals scored in favor, with a maximum of four (4) goals per game.
 5. Greater number of shut-outs.
 6. Least number of goals scored against, up to four (4) per game
 7. Team with least number of points; Soft Red =1point, Direct Red=3points.
 8. Drawing lots by coaches' committee members.
- B. The City Championship Tournament shall be played with the top thirty two (32) seeded teams. Seeding for the City Championship will be based on Conference record. The 32 teams entering the City Playoffs are: All eight Premier and First Division teams, the top six teams from the Second Divisions, and the first and second place teams from the Third Divisions. The top eight (8) seeds will be given to the eight (8) teams in the Premier Division. These teams will be the number one seed in their respective groups. The next eight seeds will be placed as the second team in each group in reverse order; from Group H through Group A. The next eight seeds will be placed in a bowl to be randomly drawn as the third seeds of each group. The remaining teams will be placed in a second bowl to be randomly drawn as the fourth seeds of each group.

The City Championship Tournament draw is scheduled for Saturday, October 4, 2009. Location: T.B.A. Time: T.B.A.

- C. The City Championship Tournament shall be played in five (5) rounds.
1. GROUP PLAY – These games shall be played at the home team’s home field. There is no over-time played in this round. Games end at the end of regulation time.
 2. ROUND OF SIXTEEN – The first and second place teams of each group will advance to this stage. The eight games will be played at four (4) fields arranged by the soccer coordinator and committee. Two games will be played at each site. This is a single elimination round.
 3. QUARTERFINAL - The eight (8) teams advancing will play on one field arranged by the soccer coordinator and the committee. All four games will be played at this site. This is a single elimination round.
 4. SEMIFINAL – The four (4) teams advancing will play both semifinal games at a site T.B.D. This is a single elimination round.
 5. FINAL - The two (2) teams advancing will play the City Championship game at a field T.B.D. The game shall start at 7:00pm.
 6. Throughout the playoffs the home team is responsible for paying the officials.
 7. In the single elimination rounds, when the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the teams will play two ten minute halves (golden goal). If the score remains tied, the teams will play a shoot-out to determine a winner.
 8. **The winning coach has the responsibility of calling the game scores to the newspaper, email the soccer coordinator or call 535-4667 immediately following the match.**
 9. The home team shall provide two ball retrievers.

RULE 7 - THE CPSSL CHICAGO CUP CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

- A. **The Chicago Cup Tournament will have a single elimination format. The first and second rounds of this tournament shall be played at the home team’s home field. The home team is responsible for reserving a field, or can defer to the visiting team.**
- B. **The Varsity teams not qualifying to the CPSSL City playoff series will participate in the Chicago Cup Tournament.**
- C. **The seventh and eight place teams from the Second Divisions will have the top four seeds for the Chicago Cup Tournament. The remaining seeds will alternate according to the Third Division’s final standings.**

RULE 8 - THE CPSSL JUNIOR VARSITY CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT
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- A. The CPSSL Junior Varsity Championship Tournament will have a single elimination thirty two (32) team format.**
- B. All Junior Varsity teams in the CPSSL will enter the CPSSL Junior Varsity Championship Tournament.**
- C. The Premier Division Junior Varsity teams will receive the top eight seeds.**
- D. The First Division teams shall receive the next eight (8) seeds. The Second Division teams will receive the next set of seeds and the Third Division teams will have the remaining seeds.**

<u>RULE 9—CPHSSL PROMOTION/RELEGATION FOR NEXT SEASON</u>
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- A. The Seventh and Eighth place teams in the final Conference standings of the Premier Division will be directly demoted to the First Division and the first and second place teams in the First Division will be directly promoted to the Premier Division.
- B. The Seventh and Eighth place teams in the final Conference standings of the First Division shall be directly demoted to the Second Division North and South respectively, and the First place teams of the Second Division North and South will be directly promoted to the First Division.
- C. The Seventh and Eighth place teams in the final Conference standings of the Second Division North and South will be directly demoted to the respective Third Divisions, and the First and Second place teams from the Third Divisions North and South will be directly promoted to the Second Divisions North and South, respectively.