

## SOCCER Policies & Pairings

### Point System for Seeding in the State Tournament

The following scoring system will be used to determine region seeding for state soccer tournaments: three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie, and no points for a loss.

### Ejection/Red Card Suspension

For the purposes of applying UHSAA Administrative Policies and Guidelines 4-d, an ejection by an official shall be considered to be any coach, player or bench personnel who has been disqualified (red card) in accordance with the NFHS Soccer Rules Book, Rule 12, Section 8, Art. 2. According to the Soccer Rules when such a card is issued, the individual is disqualified and may not be substituted, the team must play short. In accordance with UHSAA Administrative Policies and Guidelines 4-d, players disqualified on a red card (pursuant to NFHS Soccer Rules 12-8-2) will be required to sit out the next regularly scheduled game at that level (varsity, J.V. etc.) and any intervening levels of play as well. A disqualified coach, player or bench personnel is considered to have been ejected.

### Goal Differential Rule

A match will end and the team which has scored the most goals declared the winner when there is an 8 goal differential after 10 minutes have elapsed in the second half of the match.

### Overtime Procedure

For tie games in pre-season and regular season play: A maximum of two 10-minute "sudden victory" overtime periods will be played. If a team scores within an overtime period, that team will be declared the winner. If, at the conclusion of two 10-minute "sudden victory" overtime periods, a tie still exists, the game is declared a tie. For tie games in state tournament play: A maximum of two 10-minute "sudden victory" overtime periods will be played. If a team scores within an overtime period, that team will be declared the winner. If, at the conclusion of two 10-minute "sudden victory" overtime periods, a tie still exists, items 3, 4 and 5 from the tie game procedure from the National Federation Soccer Rules Book will be used (shoot out). Suspended Game If less than one half of a contest has been played, the game is restarted from the point of suspension. See "Suspended Game Procedure" in the Administrative Policies and Guidelines section of the UHSAA Handbook and Rule 7 Section 1 of the NFHS Soccer Rules Book for further details.

### Caps

Players may wear soft and yielding caps during inclement weather

*\*Home teams for state tournament. Officials are to be paid by the home team at the post-season rate for first round and quarter-final state tournament games. In the event of a tie in seeding, the team on top of the bracket shall be the home team.*

**\*For a complete listing of the region alignments and pairings for soccer, visit**

**<http://www.uhsaa.org/pairings.pdf>.**