

SOCCER Policies & Pairings

State Tournament Pairings Format

State Tournament pairings are determined by a schools Post-Season Ranking within that schools classification. Throughout the tournament, the team with the higher seed will be the designated home team.

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.

This rule is in effect for all non-region, region and post-season games for both boys and girls.

Overtime Procedure

For tie games in pre-season play, regular season play and 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.*

Process for Club Approval & Next Level Opportunities

1. An Association Partnership Committee (the UHSAA/UYSA Committee) has been established to manage the applications of soccer Academies/Clubs wishing to have teams and/or players eligible to participate in the partnership program between UHSAA and UYSA which permits players from high school soccer teams to compete with Academy/Club teams during the high school season (the “Partnership Program”). Academies/Clubs wishing to participate in the Partnership Program must meet basic criteria designed to enhance the programs available to players and reduce erroneous applications, thereby reducing the chances of abuse.

2. This is a (2) step process:

(Step #1)

- A. Clubs must complete the power-point presentation listed below. Once the power-point is complete, the academy/club will submit the required documentation to the Utah Youth Soccer Association, who will present the request to the UHSAA/UYSA committee for approval. Clubs must be approved by the UHSAA/UYSA Committee before a request is submitted to attend Next Level Opportunities. Approved Clubs will be listed and updated on the soccer page of the UHSAA website. UHSAA.org

REQUIREMENTS FOR CLUB APPROVAL

The following can be in PowerPoint format, written format, or a combination of both.

- i. What is the History of the club?
 - a. How long has the club been in existence, and what are some of the recent accomplishments for the club, and for the coaches/players:
 - b. Explain your club’s history of creating next level players:
 - c. Explain your club’s history of creating, or being invited to next level opportunities:
- ii. Is the club “Registered, Recognized, and in good Standing with UYSA”? What has your partnership been with the UYSA?
 - a. Give some background on your relationship with the UYSA:
- iii. What is the legal status of your club team?
 - a. 501 (c): Explain?
 - b. Is your club for-profit: Explain?
 - c. Is your club non-profit: Explain?
 - d. What kind of “Board of Directors” or oversight does your club have: Explain?
- iv. Please share any other information you feel would be beneficial to the UHSAA/UYSA Committee that would help us make a decision on behalf of your club:
 - a. General club philosophy, coaches certification/licensing, relationship with UHSAA schools/districts, future goals, any other points of interest or clarifications.

(Step #2):

- B. Once the club has been approved by the UHSAA/UYSA Committee, the club can then request attendance at up to two Next Level Opportunities (NLO) by filling out the Approved Club Team Next Level Opportunity form and submitting the form to the UHSAA/UYSA Committee to determine if the NLO meets the requirements. **This request for Next Level Opportunities must be submitted at least thirty (30) days in advance of the NLO.** Once the NLO has been approved, each player on the club team must complete individual paperwork for **EACH NLO**. Paperwork must be submitted to the UHSAA for final approval. High School Soccer players are **“NOT”** allowed to play in any club soccer tournament during the soccer season that hasn’t been approved. If a soccer player participates in a non-approved tournament, the student becomes ineligible for post season play. Approved Next Level Opportunities will be listed and updated on the soccer page of the UHSAA website. UHSAA.org

Boys' Soccer Sanctions

- 1) Any player ejected for violent conduct or foul, insulting, obscene, or abusive language towards any game participant will be removed from the current game, plus receive an automatic 2 game suspension which would be four (4) halves.

Example 1: If a player is ejected for violent conduct or foul, insulting, obscene, or abusive language towards any game participant in the 1st half, he would be required to sit out all of the **second half** and then an additional four (4) halves.

Example 2: Player is ejected for violent conduct or foul, insulting, obscene, or abusive language towards any game participant in the second half, the player would be required to sit out **the remainder of the current half**, and (4) additional halves.

- 2) Any coach receiving a red card for violent conduct or foul, insulting, obscene, or abusive language towards any game participant will be removed from the current game, plus receive an automatic two (2) game suspension. If a coach receives a second card, the penalty will be four (4) game suspension and if a coach receives a third card, the penalty is a suspension for the remainder of the year.
- 3) Any **Varsity** team that receives five (5) red cards in a season for violent conduct or foul, insulting, obscene, or abusive language towards any game participant, the head coach cannot coach in the post season and the school will be fined \$1,500.
- 4) UHSAA will create a form that all high school principals, AD's, and head coaches will sign before the season begins stating they understand the "Red Card" sanctions for the 2023-2024 Boys Soccer season.
- 5) The tournament exemption that allows the teams to play 3-games and count them as two-games is **NOT** allowed as part of the original sanction placed on boys' soccer. This may be revisited in the future.
 - a. The original sanction reduced by two games the contest limitations for boys' soccer from 16 games to **14 games**. Each game played counts toward the (14) game season limit.