

IHSA SOCCER STATE ASSOCIATION ADOPTIONS/INTERPRETATIONS

1. By State Association Adoption, players may wear soft and yielding caps during inclement weather. Caps must be alike in color. *Rule 4- 2, article 1, exception (3)*
2. Knee braces with exposed metal are illegal. Any covering/sleeve made by a brace manufacturer may be worn.
3. If tape is to be worn on the outside of the sock it must be clear or match the color of the socks.
4. Officials must meet with ball holders prior to the start of each game.
5. In the event a game is suspended due to conditions that make it impossible to play, the head referee shall declare it an official game if one complete half or more of the game has been played. If less than one-half of the game has been played, the game may be continued from the point of interruption at the next available playing time; that is, a delay may be called or a game suspended until rescheduled.
6. Yellow cards received during regular season or tournament competition must be counted. Once a player has accumulated five yellow cards, they are suspended for the next game. Once the player accumulates three additional yellow cards, they are suspended for the next two games, three more; they are suspended three games, etc. These are minimum penalties. All yellow cards must be reported by the official to the IHSA and the member School as currently practiced with all ejection reports. Schools should keep track of all yellow cards issued to their players.

At the start of the IHSA tournament series, a player will start with a clean slate if they have accumulated less than five yellow cards during the regular season. During the tournament series, once a player accumulates three yellow cards, they are suspended for the next game; three more yellow cards, suspended for two games, etc. If a player enters the tournament series having accumulated five or more yellow cards during the season, their yellow card count continues. Once they reach eight total cards (regular season and IHSA tournament series) they are suspended for two games, eleven yellows they are suspended for three games, etc.
7. During regular season contests and per NFHS rules a designated coaches box must be marked for each game. By State Association Adoption, if one box or both boxes are not designated then Coaching staff from each team must remain seated throughout the game.
8. During the regular season, if there is a 7 goal differential at the start of the second half or anytime after the start of the second half the clock shall be reduce by half of the remaining time.
9. During the regular season as soon as the warm up clock runs to 0:00 Officials, Coaches and Players meet for the Equipment check, Sportsmanship talk and coin flip. If an announcer is present, introductions begin. If no announcer, game begins immediately.