

SOCCER (GIRLS)

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE

1. **ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS WILL BE ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS IN FOUR DIVISIONS (1-2-3-4)**
 - a. The largest 64 schools sponsoring soccer are in Division 1, the next largest 64 schools sponsoring soccer are in Division 2, with the remaining schools divided equally between Divisions 3 and 4.
 - b. Cooperative teams are placed into divisional competition on the basis of the combined enrollment of the schools involved.
 - c. Schools may be allowed to play up one division in any sport (except football) from where its enrollment would otherwise place it if an application is submitted prior to June 1. This will not cause other schools to be displaced.
2. **THE TOURNAMENT PLAN – LEVELS OF COMPETITION, DATES, PAIRINGS AND SITES – IS AS FOLLOWS:**

Note: In the event scheduled classes are interrupted or terminated due to infectious/communicable disease, refer to WIAA Bylaws, Article II, Section 6-A. (p. 28) of WIAA SENIOR HIGH HANDBOOK.

 - a. Schools are assigned to one of four sectionals in all divisions. In all divisions, schools will have until April 1 to evaluate the configuration of their tournament grouping. If 60% of the schools do not approve the configuration of the half bracket, the group will be split into two separate regionals.
 - b. Regional games are scheduled for Thursday, June 5 and Saturday, June 7. All games will be single games - no doubleheaders.
 - c. Sectional semifinal games will be played on Thursday, June 12.
 - d. Sectional final games will be played on Saturday, June 14.
 - e. Each regional and/or sectional will be seeded by the coaches.
 - (1) The higher seeded team will host through the sectional semifinal game provided that school has a facility or has access to a facility on the Approved Site List. The higher seeded team will host both games of the regional final unless geography warrants a change.

Note: A school may prearrange to host at another facility, BUT must still be listed on the approved site list under their own name.

 - (2) If the higher team is not on the Approved Site List, the opponent will host if they are on the Approved Site List.
 - (3) If neither team is on the Approved Site List, the higher seeded team will host.

Note: Criteria for Approved Site List (must be updated annually) deadline Friday, May 9.

 - 1) Minimum of 65 x 110 field (artificial turf football fields are acceptable.)
 - 2) Soccer - only field (in the spring, football fields may be used)
 - 3) Able to charge admission
 - f. Sectional final games will be played on sites predetermined by the WIAA.
 - g. Final approval of all sites will rest with the WIAA.
 - h. State Tournament
 - (1) Winners of the four sectionals in each division participate in the State Tournament on Thursday-Friday-Saturday, June 19-20-21.
 - (2) Schedule of games for Time Warner Cable Stadium at Uihlein Soccer Park, Milwaukee:

Thursday, June 19	Division 4 Semifinals
12 noon	Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner
2 p.m.	Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #3 winner
	Division 3 Semifinals
5 p.m.	Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner
7 p.m.	Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #3 winner
Friday, June 20	Division 2 Semifinals
12 noon	Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner
2 p.m.	Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #3 winner
	Division 1 Semifinals
5 p.m.	Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner
7 p.m.	Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #3 winner
Saturday, June 21	Championships
10 a.m.	Division 4 Championship
12 noon	Division 3 Championship
3 p.m.	Division 2 Championship
5 p.m.	Division 1 Championship
3. **RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION**

All specifications of Numbers 8 and 15 under SEASON REGULATIONS (pages 20 and 21) will apply with these exceptions and additions:

Athletes who are ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, participate in warm-ups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WIAA Tournament. Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that game.

EXCEPTIONS

- a. 15. a. and b. under National Federation Allowed Adaptations do not apply.

ADDITIONS

- a. A school may not compete in the tournament program if it has participated in more than 24 games.
- b. A school must participate in a minimum of four meets in the regular season to be eligible for tournament competition.
- c. Any varsity team whose players, during the regular season, collectively receive a total of 24 or more yellow cards (including all second yellow/red cards) will be prohibited from participating in the WIAA State Tournament series. This ruling may be appealed by the school involved.

This rule does not apply to yellow cards received during the tournament series.

- d. Host schools are not permitted to allow participating schools to practice on their facilities prior to the tournament.
- e. It is recommended that fields be a minimum of 65 x 110 yards.
- f. The maximum number of participants for each tournament game is 22. Each participating school will be allowed a maximum of 22 players in full uniform for each tournament game. Noncompliance with this regulation, once competition has begun, shall be regarded as flagrant, unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the head coach resulting in his/her immediate ejection (leave premises) when brought to the attention of the game officials.

Note: If no other coach or faculty member of that school is present to supervise the team, the game shall be forfeited and the team disqualified from further participation in the tournament series.

- (1) A school may change its squad make-up from one tournament game to the next.
- (2) Schools are expected to provide tournament managers a list of its participants for program purposes.

- g. Jersey Colors

The following procedure will be used: The first school alphabetically will wear light colored jerseys during the even-numbered years (2014, 2016, etc.), and the second school alphabetically will wear light colored jerseys during the odd-numbered years (2015, 2017, etc.). The school wearing light colored jerseys will be designated as the home team on the scoreboard. This year's tournament falls in an even-numbered year.

Note: Beginning in the fall of 2013, all-white jerseys and socks will be required for home uniforms.

- h. Both teams shall be located on the same side of the field.

- i. Yellow Cards

At the start of the WIAA 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 yellows, 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 WIAA tournament series) they are suspended for two games; eleven yellows - suspended for three games, etc.

- j. If a tournament contest is suspended at any point it will be continued from the point of suspension on the next available date, unless both coaches agree to let the recorded score stand.

- k. Contests Ending in a Tie

When the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the referee will instruct both teams to return to their respective team boxes. There will be five minutes during which both teams may confer with their coaches and the head referee will instruct both teams as to proper procedure.

- (1) There shall be a maximum of two 10-minute overtime periods. (Note: sudden victory).
 - (a) A coin toss shall be held as in Rule 5-2-2(e) (2).
 - (b) At the end of the first overtime period, teams shall change ends. There shall be a two-minute interval between periods.
- (2) If the score still remains tied, all coaches, officials, and team captains shall assemble at the halfway line to review the procedure as outlined below:
 - (a) The head referee shall choose the goal at which all of the penalty kicks shall be taken.
 - (b) Each coach will select any five players, including the goalkeeper, on or off the field (except those who may have been disqualified) to take the penalty kicks.
 - (c) A coin toss shall be held. The team winning the toss shall have the choice of kicking first or second.
 - (d) Teams will alternate kickers. There is no follow-up on the kick.
 - (e) Following five kicks for each team, the team scoring on the greatest number of these kicks shall be declared the winner.
 - (f) If the score remains tied after each team has had five penalty kicks, each coach will select five different players than the first five who already have kicked to take the penalty kicks in a sudden victory situation, wherein if one team scores and the other team does not score, the game is ended without more kicks being taken.
 - (g) Add one goal to the winning team score and credit the team with a tie. An asterisk (*) may be placed by the team advancing to indicate the advancement was the result of a tie-breaker system.

SEEDING PROCEDURES

- a. Before the Seeding Meeting
 - (1) Seeding meetings must be completed by 4 p.m. on Friday, May 30.
 - (2) Soccer seeding meetings will be done electronically, unless 50% of the schools in a given grouping object. The sectional final host will be the seeding meeting host ONLY if no one within the grouping volunteers to host the seeding meeting.
 - (3) Each coach shall fax their Season Summary to every other school in their regional/sectional grouping and to the individual conducting the Seeding Meeting according to the date designated by the seed meeting host.
- b. At the Seeding Meeting
 - (1) Coaches are required to participate in seeding meetings.
 - (2) Each school will designate one person to speak on behalf of their school.
 - (3) If a school is not represented at the seeding meeting, their school may still be seeded, if appropriate. If the school is not deserving of a seed, they may be ranked/positioned last.
 - (4) Each coach will update his/her Season Summary to include any games played on Friday.
 - (5) Prior to the start of the meeting, have the coaches draw to determine the order of presentations. Each coach should be allowed three minutes to discuss their season.
 - (6) Coaches should consider these factors when determining their seeds: (Factors are not listed in any order of preference.)
 - (a) Coaches comments.
 - (b) Head-to-head competition against teams in their regional grouping.
 - (c) Comparative scores against like opponents.
 - (d) Conference standings.
 - (e) Relative strength of schedule.
 - (f) Overall win-loss record.
 - (g) Other special factors (e.g., injury of a key player, etc.).
 - (7) Once everyone has had the opportunity to speak, coaches should complete their Ranking Sheet. Coaches are not allowed to rank their own team.
 - (8) After all Ranking Sheets are turned in, the individual conducting the Seeding Meeting will record the ballots of each school alphabetically in a visible manner (e.g., chalkboard, chart, overhead, etc.).
 - (9) The rankings shall be tallied and the team with the lowest number will be the #1 seed, the team with the second lowest number shall be the #2 seed, etc., until all seeds are determined.
- c. Breaking Ties
 - (1) In case of a tie:
 - (a) If a tie results at any time, move to the appeal procedure below.
- d. Appeal Procedure

If a team feels it should have received a higher seeded position or there is a tie, once the votes have been tabulated, it may appeal its position relative to that of any other team. The following procedures shall be used:

 - (1) Appeals may NOT be made for a lower seed. Always start from the bottom and work toward the top seed when working through the appeal process.
 - (2) The coach making the appeal shall have one minute to state his/her claims to the higher seeded position. The coach of the team being challenged will then have one minute to state his/her claim to that position.
 - (3) All coaches NOT involved in the appeal will have one vote to determine which team gets the higher seeded position. No coach is allowed to abstain from voting.
 - (4) After all ballots are turned in, the individual conducting the Seeding Meeting will record the ballots of each school alphabetically in a visible manner.
 - (5) The team with the most votes receives the higher seeded position.
 - (6) A team may make any number of appeals, but an appeal between the same teams cannot be repeated. Teams may only appeal one seed higher at a time.
Example: School is seeded 6 and feels they should be the 4 seed. First, they must appeal for the 5 seed. If successful in obtaining the 5 seed, they could then appeal for the 4 seed.
 - (7) If when voting on an appeal a tie vote occurs, the original placement shall stand.
 - (8) If this is an attempt to break a tie from the original placement of teams, continue to hash it out until the vote determines the placement of teams. Use a coin flip only when it appears there is no way to break the tie.
 - (9) A team cannot appeal a tie-breaking vote.
 - (10) All disagreements regarding seeding must be settled at this meeting. Once the meeting is over, the seeds are final. The WIAA will not change the results of your seeding meeting or hear appeals.

4. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

- a. Scheduling of Competition
 - (1) Contest times will be determined at the discretion of the host school manager who is instructed to keep in mind travel for competing schools and daylight.
Recommended starting times: no lights 5 p.m., lights 7 p.m. Regional Final - no lights 1 p.m., lights 7 p.m.

- b. Officials
 - (1) The WIAA will contract three officials for all regional games.
 - (2) Officials should be paid according to the following schedule:
Referee - \$65 Assistant Referees (2) - \$55
 - (3) Officials will be paid 45¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
 - (4) Officials shall travel together with mileage paid to one official. If officials choose to travel separately, the mileage for the longest trip may be split between the officials.
- c. Awards
 - (1) Plaque to championship team.
- d. Finances
 - (1) Host School Allowances
 - (a) A financial report provided by the WIAA must be filed by each school conducting a meet.
 - (b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts:
 - 1) Fees and expenses of officials.
 - 2) Host School - \$195 per game, including manager fee - \$60 per game.
 - (c) If a balance remains after payments are made as listed above, the WIAA and the host school will share equally (50-50) in this amount.
 - (d) If tournament receipts do not cover items listed in (b) above, the WIAA will subsidize the difference.
 - (2) Allowance to Participating Schools
 - (a) There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.
 - (3) Ticket Prices - Child/Student/Adult - \$4
Host schools may sell, if their facilities permit, single admission tickets for \$1 for children under 6 years of age.
 - (4) Admission Policies
 - (a) Free admission shall be provided only for:
 - Twenty-two members of the team.
 - One manager.
 - Head coach and one assistant coach.
 - Maximum of six cheerleaders.
 - (b) A maximum of eight individuals designated by the participating schools. It is expected that staff members from that pool will be available for any assistance associated with contest management. The same allotment may be applied to host schools which are not playing in the tournament.

5. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

- a. Scheduling of Competition
 - (1) Contest times will be determined at the discretion of the host school manager who is instructed to keep in mind such factors as travel for competing schools and daylight.
Recommended starting times: Sectional Semifinal - no lights 5 p.m., lights 7 p.m. Sectional Final - no lights 1 p.m., lights 7 p.m.
- b. Officials
 - (1) The WIAA will contract three officials for all sectional games.
 - (2) Officials should be paid according to the following schedule:
Referee - \$75 Assistant Referees (2) - \$65
 - (3) Officials will be paid 45¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
 - (4) Officials shall travel together with mileage paid to one official. If officials choose to travel separately, the mileage for the longest trip may be split between the officials.
- c. Awards
 - (1) Plaque to championship team.
 - (2) Medals to members (22) of championship and runner-up teams.
- d. Finances
 - (1) Host School Allowances
 - (a) A financial report provided by the WIAA must be filed by each school conducting a meet.
 - (b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts:
 - 1) Fees and expenses of officials.
 - 2) Host School - \$195 per game, including manager fee - \$60 per game.
 - (c) If a balance remains after payments are made as listed above, the WIAA and the host school will share equally (50-50) in this amount.
 - (d) If tournament receipts do not cover items listed in (b) previous page, the WIAA will subsidize the difference.
 - (2) Allowance to Participating Schools
 - (a) There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.
 - (3) Ticket Prices - Child/Student/Adult - \$5
Host schools may sell, if their facilities permit, single admission tickets for \$1 for children under 6 years of age.
 - (4) Admission Policies
 - (a) Free admission shall be provided only for:
 - Twenty-two members of the team.
 - One manager.
 - Head coach and one assistant coach.
 - Maximum of six cheerleaders.

- (b) A maximum of eight individuals designated by the participating schools. It is expected that staff members from that pool will be available for any assistance associated with contest management. The same allotment may be applied to host schools which are not playing in the tournament.

6. STATE TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

- (1) Contests will be played in the order indicated below.
- (2) This is the schedule for the State Tournament. All games will be played at Time Warner Cable Stadium at Uihlein Soccer Park in Milwaukee.

Thursday, June 19	Division 4 Semifinal
12 noon	Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner
2 p.m.	Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #3 winner
	Division 3 Semifinals
5 p.m.	Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner
7 p.m.	Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #3 winner
Friday, June 20	Division 2 Semifinals
12 noon	Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner
2 p.m.	Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #3 winner
	Division 1 Semifinals
5 p.m.	Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #4 winner
7 p.m.	Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #3 winner
Saturday, June 21	Championships
10 a.m.	Division 4 Championship
12 noon	Division 3 Championship
3 p.m.	Division 2 Championship
5 p.m.	Division 1 Championship

b. Officials

- (1) The WIAA will contract officials to work the State Tournament.
- (2) Officials should be paid according to the following schedule:
 Referee - \$115 Assistant Referees (2) - \$80
- (3) Officials will be paid 45¢ per mile (round trip for travel).
- (4) Officials shall travel together with mileage paid to one official. If officials choose to travel separately, the mileage for the longest trip may be split between the officials.
- (5) Officials will receive reimbursement for necessary food and lodging expenses.

c. 2014 - Official State Tournament Ball: Select Royale.

- (1) Six balls will be provided to every sectional final site.

d. Awards

- (1) Trophy to championship and runner-up teams.
- (2) Medals to members (22) of championship and runner-up teams.

e. Finances

(1) Participating Schools Allowance

Schools will receive an allowance for lodging that is necessary for when they are competing only. Once a school is eliminated from the tournament, the expenses incurred will become the responsibility of the school. The following factors will be used to determine the amount each school receives:

- (a) Travel to and from State Tournament city (each day if necessary) at the rate of \$2 per mile. No allowance will be paid to schools located in the State Tournament city.
- (b) Meals at the daily rate of \$7 for breakfast, \$7 for lunch and \$9 for dinner for each player in uniform plus two other persons.
 Note: The amount of meal allowance received is contingent upon departure time to State Tournament site and arrival time from State Tournament site but the minimum meal allowance will be \$7 each day.
- (c) Lodging at the rate of \$20 per night for each player in uniform plus two other persons. Schools less than 50 miles from Milwaukee will not be reimbursed for lodging.

(2) Ticket Prices	Child/Student/Adult
Single Session	\$8

Note: A single admission ticket for \$1 will be sold for children under 6 years of age if accompanied by parents.

(3) Admission Policies

- (a) Free admissions will be provided for:
 - Twenty-two members of the team.
 - One manager.
 - Head coach and one assistant coach.
- (b) There is no provision for free admissions for cheerleaders or administrators.