



The 2014 MIAA Soccer Newsletter



August 2014

Team Sportsmanship Award Winners

The Massachusetts high school soccer community-school administrators, coaches, players, game officials, and the MIAA State Soccer Committee has worked diligently over the past decade to improve the quality of interscholastic soccer, with a strong emphasis on sportsmanship. Through a unified effort and with a balance of educational programs and strict accountability measures, the goal has been to significantly reduce the negative behaviors exhibited by some soccer players, coaches, and spectators.

The MIAA Soccer Committee would like to recognize those schools, whose soccer teams, during the 2013 season, distinguished themselves in the area of good sportsmanship, which earned them an MIAA Soccer Team Sportsmanship Award presented at the 2013 State Soccer Finals. These are teams which, through the collective efforts of their coaches, players, fans, and administrators, demonstrated their unique commitment to sportsmanship, integrity, and ethics. Congratulations to:



Nashoba Regional (Girls)

NASHOBA REGIONAL



Needham HS (Girls)



Norton HS (Boys)



2014 Cut-Off Date:

The cut-off date for the 2014 Soccer season has been moved from October 28th to **Thursday, October 30, 2014.**

*Please note that this is a 1-year consideration

2014 Dates to Remember

August 21, 2014
-First Practice Date

August 31, 2014
-First Contest Date

-Varsity Rosters to be entered on MIAA Website before first allowable contest (8/31/14)

September 30, 2014
-Schedule & Commitment Due

October 24, 2014
Sportsmanship Responsibility of Competing Schools Compliance Policy Due

October 30, 2014
-Cut-Off Date

October 31, 2014
-Tournament Seeding

November 20, 2014
-Division 2 State Finals

November 21/22, 2014
-D1, D3, and D4 State Finals

From the State Interpreter...

This Summer's excitement of World Cup is behind us. The U.S. Men's National Team did well, perhaps, better than expected. We watched some great Soccer (Football to the rest of the World) . We had to admire the brilliance of the German team's play AND we have to learn from that. What was it that we can learn? I think of two lessons for us as officials; there may be more, too, but these are MY takes from the games - MY lessons to be learned!

LESSON 1 - I was particularly impressed in the speed and quickness of the defense challenge , man on man, as the offense entered the mid- field. When successful, this tactic, started lightning counter-attacks, There was always one or two defenders on the ball - sometimes, too close creating fouls.

The lesson for the officials ? Location, location, location! Be there, make the call and get back!

LESSON 2 - There was evidenced a marked increase in the amount and skill devoted to the "Dive". Much too much! It brings spirit down the enjoyment of the game for all, spectators and players. It brings disrespect to the game ! High School rules (NFHS) do allow us a modicum of control, however. It is within our discretionary authority to remove, temporarily, players who are "apparently injured". Be aware that "Diving" will be imitated in the Fall. The lesson for the officials ?Location, location, location! Identify the feigned injury/foul and call it!!.

The approximately 10 MILLION high school soccer players in the U.S. are

bigger and faster than ever. Most of them watched the Games. They will at fever pitch, particularly this Fall, to show off what they learned from watching the "Big Boys". Those of us responsible for the management of our game must be ready, too. We all, officials, coaches, AD's, everyone, have as their prime responsibility the players' safety. Slightly, in second place, behind our concern for safety is the concept of fairness of results - The answers to these lessons, in both cases, is LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION !!

Have a safe Fall season - Be well!!

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MIAA Interpreter



2014 Soccer Rules Interpretation Meetings

Monday, August 25, 2014 at 7:00pm
at the Yarmouth Police Department (1 Brad Erickson Way, West Yarmouth)

Monday, August 25, 2014 at 7pm
at Frontier Regional HS

Monday, August 25, 2014 at 7pm
at St. John's High School (Shrewsbury)

Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at 7pm
at Wahconah Regional HS (Dalton, MA)

Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at 7:30pm
at Minnechaug Regional HS

Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 7:00pm
at North Reading Library (147 Park St)

Sunday, September 7, 2014 at 7:00pm
at Kitty's Restaurant (123 Main St, North Reading)

Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 7:00 pm
at Marian High School (273 Union Ave, Framingham)

Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at 7:30 pm
at Hanover High School (287 Cedar St. Hanover)

Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at 7 pm
at Frontier Regional HS

Monday, September 8, 2014 at 7:00pm
at VFW Post 2498 (20 Junction St, Needham)

Soccer Uniforms

77.1.6 The home team shall wear white or light jerseys and socks, and the visiting team shall wear dark jerseys and socks (which maintains the 2010-11 NF Rule indefinitely).



2014-2015 NFHS Soccer Rule Changes

3-3-2b(2): If the referee stops the clock for an apparent injury to a field player or goalkeeper, the field player or goalkeeper will have to leave the field. The field player may be replaced, and the goalkeeper must be replaced.

5-1-2: The jurisdiction of the officials shall begin on their arrival at the field of play and its immediate surroundings, which shall be no later than 15 minutes prior to the start of the game. *(Please note that the MIAA requires officials to observe the post game handshake. MIAA Officials have jurisdiction until the officials have left the vicinity of the playing field.)*

2014-2015 NFHS Soccer Editorial Changes

14-1-3: The opposing goalkeeper shall stand on the goal line, facing the kicker, between the goal posts, until the ball is kicked. Lateral movement is allowed, but the goalkeeper is not permitted to come off the line by stepping or lunging forward until the ball is in play.

NFHS Points of Emphasis

Sportsmanship: Players, coaches, game officials and spectators must use appropriate language and refrain from insulting, offensive and/or abusive language and gestures.

Communication: Game officials are encouraged to effectively communicate with one another as well as with players and coaches throughout the game.

Concussion Management: The NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee recommends that no athlete return to play or practice on the same day after suffering a concussion. No athlete should return to sport or other at-risk participation when symptoms of concussion are present and recovery is ongoing.

Penalty Kick: Once the approach to the ball has started, the kicker's movement may not be interrupted. A continuous forward motion throughout the approach is necessary. If continuous forward motion does not occur, the restart is a retake of the penalty kick regardless of whether a goal is scored or not.

MIAA Soccer Rule Highlights

77.1.1 Any red or yellow card issued to a high school player/coach must be reported on the MIAA Soccer Roster and Score Sheet and also entered on-line in the Members Only section of the MIAA website. *(Please see rule 77.2.18 for infraction reporting requirements.)*

77.2.2 Regarding "incidental" use of vulgar or profane language, the referee must caution (yellow card) a player/coach who uses incidental vulgar or profane language.

77.2.5 A player committing a second yellow card infraction in the same contest receives a red card. There are no exceptions. It should be reported as only a red card *(not two yellows or a yellow and a red)*.

77.2.6 Any player who receives a red card is ejected from the contest and shall be suspended from further participation for the next two contests; if a player receives a second red card within the same season, the player is suspended from further participation in that contest and the next two contests.

77.2.8 Any team whose players/coaches receive collectively a total of more than four red cards during the regular season shall not qualify for the MIAA tournament.

77.2.9 After a combination of five red cards, subsequent violations will result in a team forfeiture of the next MIAA contest. These penalties will carry over to the next season should the violation occur in the final contest of the season.

77.2.10 Any team whose players receive collectively more than three fighting penalties during the regular season shall not qualify for the MIAA tournament.

77.2.11 Any player who receives a third yellow card in a season shall be suspended from the next contest; a fourth yellow card and subsequent yellow cards in a season shall result in suspension for two contests. ***This penalty carries over to the next soccer season (or next season if senior) if happens in last contest, or the next to last contest.***

77.2.12 A coach who receives a third yellow card in a season shall be suspended from coaching the next two contests. A fourth yellow card in a season shall result in a one year suspension. ***The penalty carries over to the next soccer season if happens in last contest, or the next to last contest.***

77.2.14 A deliberate (intentional) handball to prevent a ball from entering the goal is a red card offense. However, the offender will be suspended from the remainder of that contest and only the next regularly scheduled contest.

77.2.16 For purposes of obtaining tournament eligibility, no team may exceed a four red or thirteen yellow cards during the regular season. Delay of game encroachment and deliberate (intentional) handball are infractions, which will continue to be enforced and penalized. The impact of these infractions will be assessed and will be considered towards tournament ineligibility.

77.2.17 Any team whose players/coaches receive collectively five (5) yellow and/or red cards in a contest (including pre & post game) will result in immediate termination of the contest, and result in forfeiture by the offending team.

77.2.22 If any coach (head coach or assistant coach) is ejected from a contest, the contest shall be terminated and forfeiture will result.

A full list of MIAA Soccer specific rules can be found on pages 79-82 of the [MIAA Handbook](#)

Athlete & Coach Contest Disqualifications/Suspensions

49.1 The contest official who disqualifies a student or coach under the provision of this rule should immediately inform the coach of each team, official scorer (if any), and state the violation. If the game official fails to file his/her written coach/student contest disqualification form, the individual is nevertheless bound by the suspension. An Official who fails to complete the form required as a result of an athlete or coach disqualification shall be suspended from officiating any MIAA contest in that sport for at least two weeks or until the form is completed and received by the principal of the disqualified athlete or coach. Judgments of game officials are not subject to appeal. If the event does not have officials (e.g. golf, tennis) it is the responsibility of the site manager to report any disqualification to the Athletic Director who in turn will complete the MIAA Coach or Student Contest Disqualification Form.

49.2 The athletic director in charge of the contest, or his/her designee, is responsible for: (1) having the official disqualification forms available for game officials, and (2) sending copies to the principal of each school involved, the athletic director of each school involved, and the executive director of the MIAA. Contest official(s) should complete the forms before leaving the site of the contest.

Rule Infraction Reporting Summary

Infraction	Total Cards			No. of Red			No. of Yellow		
	Code and Name	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
1. Delay of game	82	57	64	0	1	0	82	56	64
2. Encroachment	62	19	27	0	1	0	62	18	27
3. Tactical handball foul	13	19	21	0	0	0	13	19	21
4. Equipment violation	21	12	4	0	0	0	21	12	4
5. Persistent infringement	127	99	66	0	0	0	127	99	66
6. Dissent	256	183	150	0	5	1	256	178	149
7. Incidental language	113	47	46	0	4	1	113	43	45
8. Holding, kicking, tripping	666	443	458	0	8	5	666	435	453
9. Faking injury or foul	3	11	4	0	0	1	3	11	3
10. Subsequent caution	10	6	4	10	5	3	0	1	1
11. Excessive celebration	4	1	0	4	0	0	0	1	0
12. Violent conduct	28	19	8	28	17	8	0	2	0
13. Serious foul play	17	11	11	17	9	11	0	2	0
14. Insulting, abusive language	29	12	13	29	6	13	0	6	0
15. Taunting	5	7	3	5	3	3	0	4	0
16. Other	156	53	62	44	3	14	112	50	48
TOTALS	1592	999	941	137	62	60	1455	937	881

November 2014/MIAA Soccer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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First Practice Tuesday, August 21st First Contest/ Roster Due Online Sunday, August 31st				Cutoff Date Thursday, October 30 th	Seeding (N/S/C/W) Friday, October 31st	No Games Brackets Posted
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Sectional Games Begin (N/S/C/W)						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
				D2 State Finals	D1 State Finals	D3 & D4 State Finals
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
State Finals (Rain/Snow Date)				Thanksgiving		



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