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BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER GUIDELINES

1. **SEASON**
 - 1.1 Boys and Girls soccer is a winter sport.
 - 1.2 The start date is determined by the North Coast Section.
 - 1.4 The maximum number of contests is determined by the section.
2. **CONTEST INFORMATION**
 - 2.1 Starting Times: Regularly scheduled league games will start no earlier than 3:30 and no later than 7:00PM. The standard game times for teams with lights are 5:00 and 7:00.
 - 2.1.1 Late arrival: traveling team is allowed 15 minutes warm-up prior to the beginning of the game.
 - 2.2 Days of Competition: Tuesday and Thursday.
 - 2.3 Contest Format:
 - 2.3.1 Varsity: two periods, 40 minute each.
 - 2.3.2 JV: two periods, 35 minutes each.
3. **PREVAILING RULES**
 - 3.1 All games will be conducted under the Federation of State High School Association's soccer rulebook, as mandated by the National Federation of State High School Athletic Association.
 - 3.2 Inclement weather:
 - 3.2.1 Times and dates may be changed to accommodate inclement weather. Games must be made up within 2 weeks, weather permitting
 - 3.2.2 These changes may be made only with the consent of the Athletic Directors or Principals of both schools.
 - 3.2.3 Home team coach will be responsible for notification and rescheduling of officials, with the approval of the Athletic Director or Principal.
 - 3.3 Rosters: Prior to each game:
 - 3.5.1 Coaches will exchange team rosters of eligible players and jersey numbers.
 - 3.5.2 Coaches will provide a team roster to the referee.
 - 3.4 Health and Safety:
 - 3.6.1 If there is an injury and the coach is summoned to the field by the referee, a substitution must be made for the injured player.
 - 3.6.1.1 The injured player must have referee approval before reentering the game.
4. **EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS**
 - 4.1 Uniforms shall meet all requirements as specified by the NFHS.
 - 4.2 Equipment:
 - 4.2.1 Game Balls: Home team shall provide an approved game ball and back up balls as needed to maintain play.
5. **OFFICIALS**
 - 5.1 Varsity games will be played with three officials: one referee and two linesmen. In emergencies, one referee and two line judges are acceptable.
 - 5.1.1 Referee's decision shall be deemed as official and are not subject to protest unless it can be proven that there was a definite misinterpretation of the rules.
 - 5.1.2 The officials association under contract to the league shall be used exclusively for all games.
6. **DETERMINATION OF LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**
 - 6.1 League Champion
 - 6.1.1 The regular league season is defined as a double round robin.

- 6.1.2 Point System: Each team is awarded three points for a win, one point for a tie and zero points for a loss in all league games.
- 6.1.3 The league champion will be the winner of the regular league season double round robin play.
- 6.1.4 Ties will be resolved using the tie-Breaking criteria. (See#7)

7. **TIE BREAKER**

- 7.1 Criteria for tie breaking between 2 teams qualifying for playoff positions:
 - 7.1.1 Head to head competition.
 - 7.1.2 Goal differential of no more than 4 per game.
 - 7.1.3 Team that won the second round game.

8. **NCS QUALIFYING**

- 8.1 The automatic representative to the NCS will be the league champion.

9. **ALL LEAGUE SELECTION**

- 9.1 Coaches shall select first and second All League teams, and a list of Honorable Mention players.
 - 9.1.1 First and Second teams will be comprised of at least eleven players each.
- 9.2 Nominating Procedure:
 - 9.2.1 Coaches will nominate players for the first team.
 - 9.2.2 Each school must be represented at the All League meeting.
 - 9.2.2.1 Nomination for all league are based on league standings:
 - 1st place – 8 nominations
 - 2nd place – 7 nominations
 - 3rd place – 6 nominations
 - 4th place – 5 nominations
 - 5th place – 4 nominations
 - 6th place – 3 nominations
 - 7th place - 2 nominations
 - 9.2.2.2.Coaches may not vote for their own players.
 - 9.2.3 The second team will be selected in the same manner as the first
- 9.3 Nominations for Player-Of-The-Year, Offensive MVP, and Defensive MVP:
 - 9.3.1 Coaches may nominate a player-of-the-year, an offensive MVP and a defensive MVP
 - 9.3.2 The Player-of-the-year, Offensive MVP, and Defensive MVP will be separate from the first team all league.
 - 9.3.4 A Points system will be used to select Player of the Year, Offensive MVP, and Defensive MVP.
 - 9.3.4.1 Each first place vote is worth 5 pts.
 - 9.3.4.2 Each second place vote is worth 3 pts.
 - 9.3.4.3 Each third place vote is worth 1 pts.