



## CAAC Game Sheet Soccer (Boys & Girls)

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### Start Times:

- Time schedule will be as follows:
  - Lights – JV at 5:30 p.m. & Varsity at 7:00 p.m.
  - No Lights – JV at 4:00 p.m. & Varsity at 5:30 p.m.

### Pre-Game Warm-up:

- The field shall be available at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the JV game but teams must be considerate of other sports/teams sharing the facility
- Varsity will have at least 20 minutes of on-field warm-up time; warm-up time may be reduced if agreed upon in advance by both teams
- Teams will warm up at their bench end of the field

### Game Format:

- Games will be 2 halves
- Each half shall be 40:00 in length for varsity and 35:00 for sub-varsity
- Halftime will be 10 minutes but may be shortened if agreed upon in advance by both teams
- The 8-goal differential rule is in effect for varsity & sub-varsity games during the 1<sup>st</sup> half and should be confirmed during pregame meetings with officials, players, and coaches
  - The clock will not stop for goals, cards, injuries, or any other reason
  - A game shall be terminated when a team is ahead by 8 goals or more any time after the first half is completed
- Stop clock under 5:00 left in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half on all substitutions
- **Overtime Procedures**
  - There will be no overtime periods or shootouts in the regular season
  - For end-of-season bracketed tournaments (i.e. Soccer Cup), games tied at the end of regulation will go directly to a shootout to determine who advances



## CAAC Event Management Policies & Procedures

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#### General Procedures:

- When a host school conducts a special activity that will interrupt pregame or halftime, they shall be required to notify the visiting AD and/or coach no later than upon arrival
- No artificial noisemakers will be allowed, including Vuvuzela horns
- Spectators will be prohibited from forming pep lines or tunnels on the field
- **Playing Rules**
  - All MHSAA and National Federation rules will be followed
  - Home teams shall wear dark uniforms; Visitor shall wear white uniforms
- **Officials**
  - Three officials will be assigned for all varsity games (if possible)
  - Two officials will be assigned for JV games
- **Make-Up Dates**
  - Postponed games will be made up on the next available date as determined by participating school ADs & coaches with every attempt made to make up prior to the All-League meeting
  - Division games will take precedence over non-division games
- **Media**
  - Bona fide media shall be provided access to the facility and press areas
  - Photography restrictions will be established by the host school consistent with similar outdoor events
- **Results**
  - Host school will report results to local media and/or post on social media
- **Host School Expectations**
  - Provide game balls and ball personnel for each sideline
  - Water and ice for both teams
  - Restroom facilities for the visiting team
  - Changing area for officials (if possible and upon request)
  - Certified athletic trainer or doctor (if possible)
  - Host school trainers will tape the visiting team (if asked), and as a courtesy, the visiting team should bring taping supplies
  - Have Emergency Action Plans (EAPs) in place for participating team(s) & officials
- **Weather Policies & Suspensions**
  - Host school management will determine if a game is to begin if field conditions are affected by weather
  - If a game is to be cancelled in advance due to poor field conditions the visiting team shall be notified prior to 2:00 p.m.
  - Once a game begins, the decision to suspend lies with officials; resumption of play will be determined by host school management
    - The game is legal and complete once the first half is completed
    - If the first half has not been completed, play shall resume from the point of suspension
  - Delays for contests scheduled prior to 3:00 p.m. must not exceed 3 hours; delays for contests scheduled for 3:00 p.m. or later must not exceed 90 minutes
    - Delays on nights not followed by school from all the competing teams may be longer by mutual agreement of participating schools

## **Division Championship Determination**

- Division Championship will be determined by overall division record after completion of a single round-robin schedule; a win is worth 2 points in the standings, a tie 1 point, and a loss 0 points
- The team with the highest point total will be declared the champion (if 2 or more teams earn the same final number of points, they will be named co-champions)

## **CAAC Cup**

- The CAAC Cup has no implications on conference standings or a conference champion
  - a. CAAC Cup will be seeded based on representatives from each Division
  - b. Overtime Procedure will go directly to penalty kicks; there will not be any overtime periods

## **All-Conference Selection Format**

- Each division will select All-Conference Teams for CAAC recognized sports
- Players will be selected to the CAAC Divisional All-Conference Team
- There will not be a designation of first team or second team
- When athletes are voted to an All-Conference Team, it shall be primarily based on their performance in divisional games and contests; overall season performance may also be considered
- On a rotating basis, each school will host the All-Conference selection meeting; in most cases, the host Athletic Director will chair the meeting
  - All Conference medals and certificates will be provided by the CAAC and distributed to each school; each school shall distribute medals and certificates to the athletes
- The CAAC Commissioner will release All-Conference results to the media when CAAC teams are no longer competing in MHSAA tournaments

## **Team sports (voted by division coaches)**

- Soccer: 20 players + 2 goalkeepers
- All-Conference athletes will receive gold medals plus a certificate
- All-Conference Honorable Mention athletes will receive a certificate

## **All-Conference Meeting**

- Host school will distribute nomination forms to division ADs
  - Coaches shall submit a ranked list of All-Conference nominees from their respective teams to their Athletic Director for approval; the Athletic Director or designee of each school shall submit nominees to the host school
  - Nominees should be only those players worthy of All-Conference consideration; coaches should not include honorable mention athletes in their nominations
  - All nominations will be kept in confidence and should not be shared publicly
- Coaches will meet at a predetermined site to select All-Conference Teams; a coach or a school representative must be present in order to vote for All-Conference Teams
- The host athletic director will prepare the official ballot and chair the selection meeting
- Coaches will determine the make-up of the All-Conference Team, by position, before the vote is taken; the positional make-up of the All-Conference Team may change from year to year by consensus of the coaches
- Each coach must vote a complete ballot and may not vote for his or her team members
- Coaches will vote a secret ballot; the host athletic director will tabulate the votes and announce the results (Coaches will not be allowed to assist with tabulations)
- In case of a tie, a second ballot will be prepared for coaches who are not involved in the tie; if the tie remains after a second ballot, the players involved will be placed on the All-Conference Team and additional medals will be awarded
- Honorable Mention will be awarded to those who receive at least one vote

## All-Conference Meeting Format

The athletic director in charge of the division will:

- Review policy as stated in the CAAC Constitution
- Each coach will present the athletes from their school in order of those most deserving
- Pass out prepared ballots
- Review voting policy:
  - Vote full ballot
  - There can be no additions to the original ballot once the voting starts
- Check that all coaches have voted a full ballot
- Any athlete receiving a vote who does not earn All-Conference will receive Honorable Mention
- Announce All-Conference and Honorable Mention honorees
- Confidentiality is essential
  - All nominations and discussions must remain in confident and not shared in public; this is done to protect the integrity of the process
- Before adjourning the meeting, coaches will discuss any recommendations coaches may want to make to the athletic directors for future consideration
- Distribute medals
- Pass out championship trophy (if possible)
- Coaches may reveal their All-Conference selections only; all other All-Conference selections will not be released publicly until after the MHSAA State Tournament concludes
- Save paperwork until July 1
- Send information to CAAC Commissioner

## Academic All-Conference Award Criteria

- Award will be presented at the end of each season
- Athlete must have a 3.5 cumulative grade point average
- Athlete must have been awarded a Varsity Letter

## MHSAA Handbook Regulations

- A student or team shall participate in no more than three games and/or interscholastic scrimmages of soccer in one week (Monday through Sunday), including regular and MHSAA tournament play (p. 68)
- A student or team is limited to one game per school day (p. 68)
- A student or team shall participate in no more than four interscholastic scrimmages and in no more than 18 games, exclusive of the MHSAA tournament (p. 68)
- A student or team may participate in a multi-team tournament where the event counts as one of 18 regular season contests; the event format could consist of up to two full 80-minute games, or a format in which total allowable playing time for any team is no more than 180 minutes (with a maximum of 30-minute halves); the following provisions would apply (P. 68):
  - A student or team would be allowed a maximum of two multi-team tournaments in its regular-season schedule, each tournament counting as one of the 18 games of allowed competition
  - Multi-team tournaments must be held on the same day, and could only be held on non-school days or days not followed by school
  - The games may only be resolved by a shoot-out method; no overtime could be played
  - If a student or team participates in an interscholastic multi-team tournament, that student or team shall participate in no more than two regulation games or interscholastic scrimmages that week, Monday through Sunday, in addition to the multi-team tournament
  - For purposes of the “three half” rule: if two teams from one school are at the same event, allow participation in no more halves than what is being played by the school’s highest team level that day; for example, if the varsity team is playing three 30-minute half games for a total of six halves, a player playing both JV and varsity on the same day can play in six total halves that day

## **MHSAA Handbook Regulations (continued)**

- A contestant in any sport shall not participate on two different teams on the same date in the same sport, except wrestling, and those sports that allow a “fifth quarter” of participation (basketball, bowling, football, boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse, soccer) (p. 69)
- To be eligible to compete in the MHSAA Tournament for Soccer, a student must have been a participating member of that school team (any level) in that sport in at least four games against other MHSAA member school teams during the current season; see the Participating School Tournament Information for specific requirements and waiver procedures (p. 81)
- There will be no overtime periods or shootouts in the regular season; leagues and conferences may have an overtime option for end-of-season bracketed tournaments (overtime not to exceed two 10-minute periods plus shootout) (p. 117)
  - When considering the three-half rule, overtime is considered an extension of the second half
  - A multi-team tournament may use a shootout to determine a winner
- Uniforms (Caps) (p. 117):
  - Players may wear soft and yielding ski caps during inclement weather. Caps must be alike in color
  - A team not complying with the playing rules for colors of jerseys would be responsible for wearing whatever options are used to attain different jersey colors
- Casts (p. 118):
  - Authorization for players to compete while wearing a legally padded cast must be in writing from an M.D., D.O., Physician’s Assistant or Nurse Practitioner