

mutual agreement of opposing schools. These requirements will apply to all regular season games as well as invitational tournaments.

(2) **Ties:** Regular season contests which end in a tie remain a tie. In the event of a tie in an invitational tournament game, the FHSAA soccer overtime procedure may be used.

(3) **Size of Officials Crew:** The official crew for regular season soccer games will consist of a minimum of two officials. The use of three officials for regular season games is optional. When three officials are utilized during competition, the Double Dual System of Control shall be utilized.

(4) **Area Behind End Lines:** Officials shall keep areas behind the end lines clear of spectators and media representatives. Photographers may be permitted behind the end lines provided they are at least three yards behind the end lines on the corners and at least six yards behind the end lines near the goals. Photographers shall not be permitted to stand behind the goals when the ball is in play.

(5) **Pregame Warm-up:** Each team will have a 20-minute warm-up period prior to each game. Teams should arrive at the tournament site a minimum of 30 minutes prior to game time.

#### **2007.04 State Series.**

(1) **Games:** Varsity soccer games will be played in two halves of 40 minutes.

(2) **Ties:** All state series games that are tied at the end of regulation play will be resolved according to the overtime procedure contained in s.2007.08.

(3) **Size of Officials Crew:** Three officials will be used for all FHSAA State Series soccer games. The Double-Dual System of Control will be utilized in all season games.

(4) **Pregame Warm-up:** Each team will have a 20-minute warm-up period prior to each game. Teams should arrive at the tournament site a minimum of 30 minutes prior to game time.

(5) **Official Ball for State Series:** The official ball of the FHSAA Soccer Finals is the Wilson Vivdo, however the use of the Wilson VEZA or the Wilson Forte Fybrid II are allowed to be used. The use of this ball will be mandatory by all teams in all games played in the state tournament. During the regular season and throughout the state series, with the exception of the state tournament, schools can use any ball with the NFHS stamp.

**2007.05 FHSAA Rule Modifications.** The following NFHS rules, which are optional by state association adoption, and other modifications have been approved by the FHSAA:

- **4-1-1(e).** Compression/bicycle shorts may be worn under the uniform bottom in accordance with the National Federation rule. Such shorts, however,

may not be worn in lieu of the uniform bottom.

- **6-2-1.** The official time will be kept by a contest official on the field, and if the stadium clock is available, it is unofficial.

- **7-1-3.** A soccer game that has completed one-half or more of play is an official game. A game that has been called because of weather or darkness prior to the first half being completed is a suspended game and, if played, shall restart from the point of suspension.

- **7-1-5.** An eight (8) goal differential attained at end of the first half or secured at any point during the second half terminates the game. If an eight (8) differential is reached at any time during the first half, the game clock shall continue to run after goals are scored. Once the game clock starts running due to an eight-goal differential, the game clock must continue to run for the duration of the game.

The following modifications to NFHS Rules HAVE NOT been adopted by the FHSAA Board of Directors:

- **7-1-2.** Game-ending procedure or shortening game periods.

**2007.06 Card System for Misconduct.** Administration of the Card System for Misconduct in all contests must be administered as follows:

(1) A player, coach, or bench personnel who commits any of the violations listed in NFHS Rule 12-8-1 (a-f(1-11, 13-14)) shall be cautioned (issued a yellow card). A player may be substituted for immediately and shall be required to leave the field until the next legal substitution opportunity. (Note: An official may issue a red card and disqualify (eject) a player, coach, or bench personnel on a first offense if the situation warrants.)

(2) A player who commits a second violation of any of the violations listed in NFHS Rule 12-8-1 (a-f(1-11, 13-14)) shall be issued a second caution (blue card), shall be disqualified (ejected) from further participation in the game and shall not be replaced on the field with a substitute. The official shall first show the yellow card by raising the card above the head, followed by raising the blue card above the head. (Note: the yellow and blue cards shall not be shown simultaneously. Additionally, these disqualifications are not required to be reported to the FHSAA office in accordance with s.500)

(3) A coach or bench personnel who commits a second violation of any of the violations listed in NFHS Rule 12-8-1 (a-f(1-11, 13-14)) shall be issued a yellow card immediately followed by a red card. The first offense of NFHS Rules 12-8-1 (g), or 12-8-2 (a-c, d(1), e-f) shall be issued a red card, shall be disqualified (ejected) and must exit the premises, and shall be subject to the provisions of the FHSAA Policy of Unsporting Conduct. (Note: These disqualifications shall be reported to the FHSAA Office in accordance with s.500.)

(4) A player who commits any of the violations listed in NFHS Rules 12-8-1 (g), or 12-8-2 (a-b, d(1), e-g) shall be guilty of unsporting conduct, shall be

issued a red card, shall be disqualified (ejected) from further participation in the game and shall not be replaced on the field with a substitute. This player shall be subject to the provisions of the FHSAA Policy on Unsporting Conduct. (Note: These disqualifications shall be reported to the FHSAA Office in accordance with s.500.)

(5) A player who violates NFHS Rule 12-8-1 (f) (12) shall be guilty of **delayed, excessive or prolonged act(s)** by which the player attempts to focus attention upon his or herself and/or prohibits a timely restart to the game and shall be disqualified (ejected) from the contest. The player shall be issued a **blue card** and shall not be replaced on the field with a substitute. (Note: These disqualifications shall not be reported to the FHSAA Office in accordance with s.500.)

(6) A player who violates NFHS Rule 12-8-2 (d) (2) shall be guilty of a **hand ball foul (non-contact with opponent)** and disqualified for the remainder of the contest. The player shall be issued a **blue card** and shall not be replaced on the field with a substitute. (Note: These disqualifications are not required to be reported to the FHSAA office in accordance with s.500.)

(7) A player who violates NFHS Rule 12-8-2 (d) (3) shall be guilty of a **committing a foul (non-violent) attempting to deny an obvious goal-scoring opportunity outside the penalty area** and shall be disqualified (ejected) from the contest. The player shall be issued a **blue card** and shall not be replaced on the field with a substitute. Note: These disqualifications are not required to be reported to the FHSAA office in accordance with s.500.

(8) A player who violates NFHS Rule 12-8-2 (d) (4) shall be guilty of **committing a foul inside the penalty area, while not attempting to play the ball and a goal is not scored and shall be disqualified (ejected)** from the contest. The player shall be issued a **blue card** and shall not be replaced on the field with a substitute. (Note: These disqualifications are not required to be reported to the FHSAA office in accordance with s.500.)

**2007.07 Timeouts.** There shall be a one-minute timeout in each half for re-hydration of players and for coaches to deal with player situations. Players shall remain on the field and there shall be no delay in substitution. Substitutes may enter per NFHS Rule 3-3-1. The timeout shall occur when there is stoppage immediately prior to or after the 20-minute mark at the discretion of the referee when there is no immediate offensive scoring opportunity.

**2007.08 Overtime Procedure.** The overtime procedure to be used in the state series, as well as invitational tournament games, is as follows (Note: schools hosting invitational tournaments during the regular season may use this entire overtime procedure or go directly to penalty kicks as specified in s.2007.06(3):

(1) Following a five-minute interval, there shall be two (2) 10-minute overtime periods. A coin toss as specified in NFHS Rule 5-2-2(d)(3) shall be held in advance of the first overtime period. After the end of the first 10-minute overtime period, the teams shall change ends of the field and play a second

10-minute overtime period, after a two-minute interval between the first and second periods

(2) If a tie still exists following the second overtime period, the head coaches and team captains for both teams will meet with the officials at the halfway line to review the procedure for penalty kicks as follows:

(a) The referee will choose the goal at which all of the kicks from the penalty line will 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 will be held as in NFHS Rule 5-2-2(d)(3). The team winning the toss will have the choice of kicking first or second.

(d) Teams will alternate kickers. There is no follow-up on the kick.

(e) The defending team may change the goalkeeper prior to each penalty kick.

(f) The team scoring the greatest number of these kicks will be declared the winner.

(g) Add one goal to the winning team score and credit the team with a victory. An asterisk [\*] may be placed by the team advancing to indicate the advancement was the result of a tie-breaker system.

(3) If the score remains tied after each team has had five penalty kicks:

(a) Each coach will select five different players than the first five who already have kicked to take the 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. If a team has fewer than 10 available players at the end of the first set of kicks from the penalty mark due to either injuries or disqualification, the coach must use all players who have not participated in the first five kicks. The coach may choose additional players from the first five kickers to ensure that five different players participate in the second set of kicks.

(b) If the score remains tied, continue the sudden victory kicks with the coach selecting any five players to take the next set of alternating kicks. If a tie remains, repeat s.2007.08(3)(a).

(5) The Misconduct Procedure as listed in NFHS Rule 12.8 shall be in effect during the penalty kick phase of overtime.

## **2008. Softball Regulations**

### **2008.01 Regular Season.**

(1) **Size of Officials Crew:** A minimum of two officials are required for all interscholastic softball games.