

Memorandum

From: South Dakota State Soccer Association

To: SDSSA High School Soccer programs

Subject: High School Soccer rule clarifications

Date: August 27, 2013



High School Coaching Staff,

The 2013 High School season is underway and the SDSSA High School Committee would like to take this time to clarify a few questions about issues that have come up so far this season.

- Game Rosters – Each coach **will be REQUIRED to exchange rosters** with the opposing coach prior to a Varsity or JV game. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
 - 6.4. **Starting Varsity Players.** While all players listed on a school's official varsity and junior varsity rosters are eligible to play in both varsity & junior varsity games throughout the season, the 11 players who start in the AA division Varsity game or 8 players who start in the A division Varsity game against an opponent school may not play, (or may not have played), on the junior varsity team against the same opponent school that same day. The coach will provide a list of the Varsity players to their opponents coach prior to the start of the Junior Varsity game.
 - This rule applies to SDSSA vs. SDSSA teams only. SDHSAA does not comply with this rule.

- All players, coach, assistant coach, managers, trainers etc. **MUST** be listed on the roster to be on the player side of the field:
 - 6.6. **No Guest Players on High School Teams.** No person may play in any high school game or be listed on a team's game roster unless that player is listed on that team's official varsity or junior varsity roster. No guest players will be allowed under any circumstances, including games and/or practices.
 - 6.7. **Changes to Official Rosters.** All changes in an official varsity or junior varsity roster, after it has been submitted and certified by the State Registrar, must be made through the local association and the SDSSA Registrar within the deadlines set by these Guidelines. These changes also must be promptly reported to the local school.
 - Any coach, assistant coach, manager, trainer or other individuals listed on the roster must have completed the online SDSSA risk management form.

- Game jerseys and socks- every team should make every effort to follow the NFHS guidelines where the white jersey is worn at home and the darker jersey is worn at away games. We will not strictly enforce this rule until 2015 and have asked referees to use reasonable judgment with regards to the SDSSA rule amendments:
 - 4.4.1. **Team and Keeper Jersey.** Each player must wear an appropriate team jersey with a properly sized unique jersey number on the back. A team's keeper jersey must be distinctly different in color and style from the team jersey as well as the opponent jersey colors. In 2015 all soccer uniforms will comply with NFHS Rule 4.
 - 4.4.2. **Socks.** Each player should wear socks matching the jersey color when possible.

- 4.4.4. **Similar Jersey Colors: Home Team Changes.** If, during the team check-in, the referee determines that the jerseys being worn are so similar as to cause confusion, the team playing in its home community must change to a different jersey or take other steps, as allowed by the game officials, to rectify the situation. If both teams are playing in their home community, the team listed first on the schedule will be considered the home team.

- The deadline to add/drop any high school players to a roster is **September 1, 2013**

- The deadline for all additions and/or changes to the high school master schedule is **August 23, 2013**. No additions will be allowed after this date. Any cancellations will be assessed a \$50 per game fee.
 - Any game cancellations made less than 48 hours prior to the scheduled game date will be subject to payment of all referee fees involved in the cancelled games.

- Game Reports – ALL coaches are REQUIRED to submit the score and game report immediately following the game.
 - **2.11. Game Reports.** Each coach or his designated assistant shall send game reports to the State High School Committee, for both varsity and junior varsity games, after each game. The game report shall include the score of the game and the name of any varsity or junior varsity player who received a red card. This report will be made online at the website or faxed, mailed or phoned in as detailed on the website.
 - 2.11.1. **Deadline.** The game reports shall be submitted within 24 hours of the completion of the game.
 - 2.11.2. **Sanctions.** The State High School Committee may impose sanctions for repeated failures to submit game reports in a timely fashion. This may include, but not limited to deduction in power points (at the High School committee's discretion) or suspension of the coach, or fines.

While the State High School Committee has made every effort to anticipate and provide rules and guidelines in advance of disputes, the Committee reserves the right, when a dispute arises and where no existing rule resolves the question, to establish new rules and guidelines to settle the question. In doing so, the Committee will make every effort to consider the overall good of the high school program and the interests of justice and of each party.

Conflict/Disciplinary action in games between SDSSA and SDHSAA teams will be addressed according to each respective team's governing body policies and procedures. If necessary, SDSSA High School Commissioner or designee will serve as liaison between SDSSA and SDHSAA to resolve such issues.

Failure of a player, coach, team, association, or school to follow approved State High School Soccer Guidelines Policies or Procedures may result in disciplinary action; disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Suspension of a coach or player;
- One PowerPoint deduction;
- Forfeiture of a game or games;
- State Tournament ineligibility;
- Any mandatory penalty required by SDSSA, USYSA, or the USSF; or
- Any combination of the above actions.