

2021 - 2022



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## BULLETIN

TO: Soccer Coaches  
FROM: Greg Reed, Assistant Executive Director  
DATE: July 2021  
SUBJECT: 2021-2022 Soccer

### The 2021-2022 season dates are:

High School	Season Starts	Week 5	August 2, 2021
	Date of First Contest	Week 7	August 20, 2021
	Season Ends	Week 18	November 6, 2021
Middle School	Season Starts	Week 6	August 9, 2021
	Date of First Contest	Week 9	August 30, 2021
	Season Ends	Week 17	October 30, 2021

1. Be sure that your principal or athletic director has completed the schedule online. Schedules will only be accepted online. Make changes to your schedule online and keep up-to-date. If you have questions please call our office.
2. Please be advised that the required Coaches'/Officials' Rules Clinics will be held at various locations (see enclosed sheet). **It is mandatory for all head coaches to attend one of the state sponsored rules clinics. If you school is not represented at said clinic, there will be a \$50.00 fine assessed. The WVSSAC Board of Directors has adopted a regulation that sport programs will be suspended if the head coach fails to attend the State Rules Clinic and the \$50.00 assessed fine is not paid.**
3. Coaches are required to evaluate game officials (high school varsity only). These forms are to be completed online at mid-season and after the last game. This must be done correctly and on schedule. Failure to comply will carry a \$10.00 per game fine. **The Board of Directors has approved the suspension of any coach who fails to submit these forms or to pay the fine within the designated time line. This organization wants to make every effort not to suspend a coach or impose monetary penalties which affect your school finances.** Please read and carefully follow the directions on how to request a PIN and submit evaluations online. If you have a change in your schedule (cancellation, etc..) **update your soccer schedule online. This schedule will be used to cross reference ratings forms.**
4. The WVSSAC will assign officials for both the regional and state matches.
5. Please make note of [Rule 127-3-25.5](#) concerning soccer scrimmages.
6. The WVSSAC is actively involved in promoting good sportsmanship in all of our sport programs. We encourage you to promote good sportsmanship by informing parents and athletes of the

importance of supporting this concept and to review the sportsmanship rules located in the WVSSAC Rules & Regulations Handbook. Lead by example.

**7. NFHS Sports Medicine Regulations –**

- 1) Insulin Pumps with Shunt must be padded and a physician's letter indicating the need for the athlete to wear the pump during the participation must be given to the officials prior to the start of the contest.
- 2) Inhalers – A physician's letter indicating the need for the athlete to use the inhaler during participation must be given to the official prior to the start of the game.

**8. Mouth Guard Policy for Soccer –** The use of mouth guards is recommended for all practices and matches.

**9. Head and Neck Trauma Guidelines –** Head and Neck Trauma Guidelines – Refer to the approved Return to Play/Concussion Protocol. RTP refers to return to play and return to practice. The appropriate health care professional will determine when a concussed athlete may return to participation.

**10. Use of Performance Enhancing Substances by Athletes –** It is the philosophy of the National Federation and the WVSSAC that students be encouraged and supported in their efforts to develop and maintain a healthy lifestyle. In promotion of safety and healthy lifestyles, the WVSSAC Sports Medicine Committee requests that coaches assume the responsibility of informing athletes that the uses of such substances should be discontinued especially during the times when dehydration may occur due to potential life threatening consequences. The committee further encourages all athletic trainers to support coaches in promoting healthy lifestyles.

**11. Injury/Participation Procedure at WVSSAC Championship Events –** Medical personnel (athletic trainers) will have the jurisdiction concerning the return of a player to competition after an injury. If a parent refuses to follow the determination of the authorized person, a release form must be signed. Athletic trainers will receive additional information at Rules Clinics.

**12. Suspended Game Rule –** As per Rule 7-1-3, a game suspended after completion of one complete half or more shall be an official game. If less than one-half of the game has been played, the game shall be restarted from the suspension of play.

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**2021-2022  
SOCCER RULES CLINICS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATOR</u>
July 28	John Marshall HS	6:00 p.m.	Roger Simmons
July 29	Huntington HS	6:00 p.m.	Bruce Senior
Aug. 1	Interpreters' Clinic WVSSAC Office	9:00 a.m.	Greg Reed
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Aug. 2	Woodrow Wilson HS	6:00 p.m.	JT Payne
Aug. 3	George Washington HS	6:00 p.m.	Tim Flatley
Aug. 5	East Fairmont HS	6:00 p.m.	James Beckman
Aug. 6	Spring Mills HS	6:00 p.m.	Dan Comer
Aug. 7	Frankfort HS	9:00 a.m.	Jay Hesse
Aug. 11	*WVSSAC Office *Make-up Clinic - \$10.00 Fee	6:00 p.m.	Greg Reed

**SCHOOLS:** The **Head Coach** shall be **required** to attend any sports rules clinics which are sponsored by this Commission in his/her coaching assignment. Schools failing to have a head coaching position filled at the time of the clinic will be required to have a school representative present at the rules clinic. An individual can only represent one school unless he/she is head coach at both schools. In a 9-12 school, both the varsity and 9th grade coach are required to attend. Failure to have a representative at one of the above clinics will result in a \$50.00 fine.

***The clinic attendance requirement will not be granted if the coach or representative is late in excess of 10 minutes.***

**§127-3-25. Soccer (Boys and Girls).**

25.1. Rules: Soccer rules published by the National Federation of State High School Associations are the official rules for all interscholastic competition unless otherwise provided by Commission modifications.

25.2. Organized Team Practice: Organized team practice will begin on Monday of Week 5 and the first contest may be played on Friday of Week 7.

25.3. Length of Season: The soccer season will end for each team by WVSSAC tournament elimination.

25.4. Maximum Team Contests: A soccer team will be permitted to play no more than 20 matches exclusive of sectional, regional, and state tournaments.

25.4.1. The maximum number of halves for a student in one season will be 50, exclusive of sectional, regional, and state tournaments.

25.4.2. A student shall not be permitted to participate in more than three halves during any one day. Any part of a half counts as one half. In an overtime game, the overtime shall be considered an extension of the second half

25.5. A high school soccer team is permitted to participate in a soccer-o-rama and one (1) preseason scrimmage or two (2) preseason scrimmages. See Glossary.

25.6. Individual students of a team must have practiced on 14 SEPARATE days, exclusive of the day of a contest, before participating in an interscholastic contest.

25.7. A student may not play or practice on a non-school soccer team while a member of the school team.

25.8. A student may accept awards only in WVSSAC sanctioned events during the season of that sport. These awards must be consistent with the items specified in the Awards Rule. Students may accept only this same type of award in non-sanctioned events outside the sport season.

25.9. *Middle School-* The above will apply for Middle School with the following adaptations:

25.9.1. Middle school teams may play 14 matches including tournaments sanctioned by the WVSSAC.

25.9.2. Organized team practice will begin on Monday of Week 6 and the first contest may be played on Monday of Week 9.

25.9.3. Middle school season will be completed by Saturday of Week 17.

25.9.4. The maximum number of halves for a student in one season will be 28.

25.9.5. Middle school teams are permitted one (1) scrimmage. See Glossary.

## State Tournament Program Information

**Goal:** *To provide a quality program for all championship events*

**What:** *Soccer State Championship Program*

**Deadline:** *Immediately after sectional play but no later than Noon, October 29, 2021*

### **Required Online Submission Only - (School Information-Roster-Schedule)**

- ✓ Go to [www.wvssac.org](http://www.wvssac.org) click on Admin Login in the upper left corner of homepage
- ✓ Type in your Username and Password as the school Administrator in the appropriate sections and click on Login
- ✓ Click on Submit Rosters. Under Program select Senior and select **Soccer**
- ✓ Complete the School Information and head coaches information. Click Update/Continue
- ✓ Click the Sync button and enter the information requested, then save by clicking the Update/Save Roster button. Always view your roster for accuracy.
- ✓ If you don't find a student, go to the Eligibility Certificate Form and add the name and return to the Roster and click Sync button. **Note:** The Sync button feature has been added to update all names on the active Eligibility Certificate Form. Check for accuracy. Save all changes to your eligibility certificate and roster.

### Required Items for a Team Page:

*School Information, Head Coach Information, Roster Information. Update/Complete Online - Printer will use this for the Program Page.*

*Team Picture*

*Individual Head Coaches' Picture*

*Page Sponsor - Please contact a business or the boosters club concerning sponsoring this page. Ad is about the size of a business card which often times is used.*

*Team Page Cost - \$125 - Make checks payable to WVSSAC. Indicate sport & school in memo section of check.*

When emailing the team/coach pictures and page sponsor, please enter the school name (*No Abbreviations, please*) and sport in the subject line of the email.

### Questions Contact:

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Refer to the previous page  
for instructions on  
filling out coaching and team  
information online.





### **My Username & Password! How Do I Get It?**

1. Go to [www.wvssac.org](http://www.wvssac.org)
2. Click on Admin Login (Located in the upper left-hand corner of the homepage)
3. In the Username **and** Password sections type: wvcoach
4. Click on Log In
5. On the Create New Coach Account page:
  - a. Select your school from the drop down box
  - b. Enter your First Name and Last Name
  - c. Enter your Email Address
  - d. Select your Sport from the drop down box
  - e. Click on Create Coach Account button
6. A page will display your Username & Password (**Note:** Username & Password are the same and are case sensitive) Keep your Username & Password in a safe place

### **I've Got My Username & Password How Do I Login?**

1. Go to [www.wvssac.org](http://www.wvssac.org)
2. Click on Admin Login (Located in the upper left-hand corner of the homepage)
3. Enter in your Username & Password in the Username **and** Password sections
4. Click on Log In
5. You are now on the Coach's Management Page

### **Entering Coaches Evaluations Online**

1. Go to [www.wvssac.org](http://www.wvssac.org)
2. Click on Admin Login (Located in the upper left-hand corner of the homepage)
3. Enter in your Username & Password in the Username **and** Password sections
4. Click on Log In
5. You are now on the Coach's Management Page
6. Click on Submit Coach's Evaluation of Officials
7. Select Opposing School. **Note:** Member Schools are selected from the Drop Down Box. For Out-of-State or Non-Member Schools select Non-Member/Tournament section located below the member school drop down box. Then type in the name of the non-member school
8. Enter your Score
9. Enter the Game Date
10. Check mark Certified by Head Coach
11. Enter the Officials Registration Number
12. Select a Position
13. Then rate the Official. **Note:** If you give an official a rating of 3 you must select one or more items from the Needs of Improvement section. If you give an official a rating of a 4 or 5 you must provide a written explanation (*The written explanation must be a misapplication of a rule-NOT Judgement Calls*) **and** select one or more items from the Needs of Improvement section
14. Repeat Steps 11-13 until all officials for that contest have been evaluated
15. Click on Save
16. You will return to the Coach Management Page and select Submit Coach's Evaluation of Officials for the next contest.

Coaches must evaluate officials in all contests, meets or matches. Failure to evaluate officials will result in fines, suspension and C&I cards for all school personnel being withheld until all fines are paid.

It is also the coach's responsibility to make sure his/her schedule on the WVSSAC website is correct and updated on a regular basis and at the end of the season. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the WVSSAC at 304-485-5494.



## COACHING REMINDERS



**Practice:** Team members must have 14 practices on 14 separate days - 5 days sports specific if participating in another sport during the same sports season. A student must have 5 days of practice if coming from one sports season into the next sports season without interruption of school days. Only students enrolled in the specific member school and a member of team is allowed to practice. Rule 127-2-13.

**Sunday Contests:** Contests or practice on Sunday is prohibited. Practice refers to any group or individual meeting to view films or activity associated with the activity of that sports season. Rule 127-3-14.

**Physical Exam:** Team members must have Athletic Participation/Parental Consent/Physician's Certificate form completed and on file before beginning practice. Rule 127-3-3. (Must be on or after May 1<sup>st</sup>.)

**All-Star Competition:** Any student completing athletic eligibility at the end of current school year because of age or completion of semesters of eligibility may play in one (1) all-star game upon conclusion of the season without loss of eligibility for balance of year. Rule 127-3-4.

**Awards:** Team members can accept awards from school sponsoring a sanctioned event or the school. Wearing apparel, championship rings, equipment, athletic goods that exceed \$100.00 are prohibited from any source. Rule 127-3-5.

**Out of Season Coaching:** Coaches may not promote, initiate, organize, supervise or participate in out-of-season events involving students of the same sport as the grade level coaching assignment and preceding grade level except as specified in Rules 127-3-7.2 and 127-3-7.3. Rule 127-3-7.7.

**Amateur:** Any team member competing for money, receiving any award or prize of monetary value that has not been approved by the WVSSAC, capitalizing on athletic fame or signing a professional playing contract in that sport is prohibited. Rule 127-2-11.

**Participation as Ineligible:** Any student who participates as ineligible may forfeit eligibility for up to 365 days. Rule 127-2-12.

**Non-School Participation:** Participation is limited to school teams only with a few exceptions in individual sports provided the school principal approves and no school contests/activities are missed. Participation includes but is not limited to, practice, fund raising, team pictures, tryouts, etc. Rule 127-2-10.

**Sanctioning and Travel:** A member school shall not enter a contest, tournament, or competition which requires sanctioning until it is approved 30 days prior to the event. Rule 127-3-16.

For complete details regarding the above regulations and those governing team memberships, scholarship, undue influence, age, semester, etc. refer to the **Rules & Regulations Handbook** or at [www.wvssac.org](http://www.wvssac.org).  
*This is not a comprehensive listing.*

**§127-2-13. Practice.**

13.1. Only students enrolled and eligible to be listed on the eligibility certificate for that sport in the specific member school are allowed to participate in that school's practices. Exceptions - Rules 127-2-3.2, 127-2-3.5 and 127-2-13.6.

13.2. The frequency and length of practice is at the discretion of each member school.

13.3. Member schools of the WVSSAC may practice on any day of the year with the exception of Sunday practice. Rule 127-3-14.2 further clarifies Sunday practice.

13.4. Individual players of a team must have practiced

13.4.a. on 7 SEPARATE days before participating in an interscholastic scrimmage.

13.4.b. on 14 SEPARATE days, exclusive of the day of a contest, before participating in an interscholastic contest. The following sport(s) is exempted from the provisions of this rule: golf.

13.4.c. A student athlete who is absent from practice with their team for non-medical reasons, not under a doctor care, for more than fourteen (14) consecutive days must have the required full fourteen (14) practice days before resuming participation in a contest. Students participating in football must follow the practice progression as set forth in Rule 127-3-23.

13.5. A student shall not be permitted to engage in interscholastic practice until that student has filed with the principal a completed Athletic Participation/Parental Consent/Physician's Certificate Form. Rule 127-3-3 further explains this required form.

13.6. A student academically ineligible may begin practicing 15 school days immediately prior to the date of regaining full eligibility. (All other ineligible students may not practice.)

13.7. If a student has established eligibility in a sport requiring 14 separate days of practice and is continuing to participate in that sport or no school days have lapsed from one sport to another sport in a same season, the student may participate in another sport of the season after completing seven separate days of sport specific practice in the second sport.

13.8. Students participating in a sport(s) in one season must have practiced 14 separate days, exclusive of the day of a contest, to be eligible to participate in a sport in the next season with the following exception: the student has continued to practice or participate in tournament play without an interruption of school days. The student must complete seven separate days of sport specific practice in the second sport.

127-4-3 Code for Interscholastic Athletics

3.7. *Statement of Policy.* Insofar as unsportsmanlike actions by students, school administrators, officials, coaches, faculty members, and spectators are concerned, the identical items under the Sportsmanship Rule along with the following guides will be referred to by the WVSSAC:

3.7.a. The school whose coach behaves in a manner likely to have adverse influence on the attitudes of students or spectators may be provided with the choice of taking disciplinary action against that coach or having the entire school disciplined by the WVSSAC.

3.7.b. Any student who in protest lays hands or attempts to lay hands upon an official may be declared ineligible by the principal or by the WVSSAC for up to one year. Any student who strikes an opponent, coach, or a spectator during or following an athletic event may be declared ineligible by the principal or the WVSSAC for a specified period of time up to one year, depending on the seriousness of the act.

3.7.c. Any coach, student, or bench personnel ejected by an official will be suspended for the remainder of the game, match, meet or contest. The coach, student, or bench personnel ejected by an official will also be suspended in additional contest(s): the suspension will be assessed based upon ten (10) percent of the allowed regular season contests or post season progression in a playoff tournament for each sport. Any tenth of a percentage from .1 to .4 will be a suspension equal to the whole number of the percent. Any tenth from .5 to .9 will be an additional contest added to the whole number. The suspension will include the number of indicated contests in that sport and at that level and all other sport contests in the interim at any level. A second ejection will result in the doubling of the suspension assessed for the first ejection. If an individual is ejected for a third time during the same sport season, the individual will be suspended from participating or coaching for 365 calendar days from the date of ejection. In accordance with rule 127-3-15.3, an individual ejected by an official may not appeal that ejection, or any subsequent suspension that is a consequence of the ejection by an official..

3.7.c.1. Any coach, player or bench personnel who has been ejected shall not be permitted to attend any contest(s) during said suspension. He/she shall not be affiliated with the team in any capacity. This would include but not be limited to transportation to or from the contest, meeting with the team before, during or after said contest. He/she is not permitted to be in sight or sound of said contest venue. Regular practice or team meetings not affiliated with a contest are permitted.

3.7.c.2. If suspensions are imposed to a student or bench personnel at the end of the sport season and no contest remains, the suspension is carried over to that particular sport until the next school year. In the case of a senior student, the penalty will continue to the next WVSSAC sponsored sport.

3.7.c.3. Any coach suspension that cannot be enforced during the sport season in which the ejection occurs will be enforced at the beginning of the next season of that same sport.

3.7.d. In case of spectators physically molesting an official, administrator, coach, or student, the school may be given one of two options: 1) file charges against the offender (s) or 2) accept discipline from the WVSSAC. Any person found guilty of W.Va. Code §61-2-15(a) Assault, Battery on Athletic Officials, while these individuals are working or as a result of working an athletic contest, shall be banned from all WVSSAC athletic events for a minimum of 365 days from the date of being found guilty. The school filing charges shall notify the WVSSAC of the incident and outcome of any legal action.

3.7.e. The school that does not lend complete cooperation in the host school's effort to promote the spirit of good sportsmanship may be disciplined by the WVSSAC.

3.7.f. A coach may be considered as committing unsportsmanlike conduct if they make degrading remarks about officials during or after a game either on the field of play, from the bench, or through any public news media, argues with officials, or goes through motions indicating dislike for a decision, protests the decision and actions of officials pertaining to the game during and after the contest, or detains the official on the field of play following a game to request a ruling or explanation of some phase of the game. If a coach feels he/she has a legitimate criticism of a penalty call or a request for a rule interpretation, such criticism or request should be made in the privacy of the coach's office or the official's quarters and should be made in a courteous manner.

3.7.g. A student or team attendant shall not leave the bench area, team box area, or their designated off-field area during a game or contest other than during that time permitted by game or contest rules. A coach shall not leave the bench area, team box area, or the designated off-field area during a game or contest other than during that time permitted by game or contest rules unless a student altercation is taking place and the official requests assistance. Violation of this rule shall cause the coach, student, or team attendant to be immediately ejected from the contest, team penalized according to game or contest rules and that coach, student, or team attendant will not be eligible to participate in the next contest as outlined in §127-4-2.3.

3.8. *Procedure.* Unsportsmanship action must be reported in detail to the WVSSAC. A copy of the complaint must also be filed with the principal of the school involved. Each principal involved shall report such information or answers to the report as they deem appropriate. Upon receipt of all reports, the Executive Director and/or the Board of Directors of the WVSSAC shall investigate and adjudicate such reports in accordance with the powers afforded in §127-1-8.6 and 8.7 and §127-1-12.2 and 12.3 of the Constitution. Penalties up to and including suspension of member schools may be made in accordance with §127-4.

3.9. The following defines the different types of disciplinary action which may be assessed for violation of any WVSSAC rule by a member school, administrator, coach, athlete or contest official:

3.9.a. *Warning.* A warning may be given by the Executive Director or Assistant Executive Director. It is official notice that an inexcusable, unethical, or unsportsmanship action has occurred, is a matter of record, and that such an occurrence must not be repeated.

3.9.b. *Probation.* Probation is a much more severe type of warning and may be expressed two ways: 1) a school, coach, student, or team attendant on probation is told that further violations will lead to a fine or suspension; and/or 2) a school on probation is on conditional WVSSAC membership but may engage in its regular schedule, sanctioned events, and all WVSSAC tournament play, providing a program is filed with the Executive Director of the WVSSAC indicating measures to be taken to alleviate this problem which caused the school to be placed on probation.

3.9.c. *Suspension.* A school/coach suspended from the WVSSAC may not meet in interscholastic competition of any kind with a WVSSAC member school or a school that is a member of another state associated with the National Federation of State High School Associations.

3.9.d. *Fine.* A fine may be levied by the Executive Director.

3.9.e. Each of these sanctions (Warning, Probation, suspension and Fine) may be imposed or levied separately, or in a combination of one or more sanctions.

3.10 *Appeals.* All cases involving disciplinary action against member schools, coaches, students, team attendants, or officials may be protested in accordance with §127-6. However, disciplinary action imposed by an official, including disciplinary action that is a consequence of a decision by an official, such as a suspension for an additional game or games as a consequence of an ejection, is governed by rule 127-3-15.3 and is not subject to appeal.

3.11 *Review of Ejections.* Disciplinary action imposed by a contest official, including disciplinary action that results in a suspension for an additional game or games as a consequence of an ejection, is not subject to appeal pursuant to Rule §127-6. However, if the individual ejected believes the ejection was improper, he/she may request a review of the ejection by his/her principal. If the principal believes there is merit in the requested review, the principal shall complete and submit the WVSSAC Ejection Review Form within 24 hours or the next business day of the ejection to the Executive Director of the WVSSAC. If a review is properly requested, the WVSSAC will review the officials' special report, the WVSSAC Ejection Review Form, and such other information as the WVSSAC deems appropriate. Upon review, the WVSSAC Executive Director or the designated Assistant Director will either sustain the ejection and any consequent suspension(s), or will determine the ejection was improper and void any consequent suspension(s). A decision by the WVSSAC upon reviewing an ejection is not subject to appeal pursuant to Rule §127-6.

# RECRUITING REGULATIONS

If a coach is contacted by a student, his/her parents, or anyone else regarding a student athlete transferring to his/her district, the coach shall refer the individual(s) to a school administrator in the district immediately. A coach cannot discuss the matter with the student or anyone else for that matter and should not even listen when the subject is brought up concerning students transferring to his/her school. School coaches working or coaching in outside school leagues and camps should be warned that a potential problem exists if a student later enrolls at the school where the coach is employed. The school administrator, after being notified by the coach that a prospective student athlete has approached the coach about possibly playing for his/her school team, should contact the WVSSAC office immediately. Seriously or jokingly telling a student that you would like for that athlete to play for you or your team shall be considered recruiting. Rules regarding individuals who engage in recruiting shall not be restricted specifically to school personnel.

Approved by the Board of Appeals  
October 1998

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## GUIDELINES FOR SUSPENDED COACH/PLAYER

A coach or player who is ejected from a contest shall be suspended for the remainder of the game, match, meet or contest. An ejected coach shall exit the playing arena (out of sight and sound of the venue) as well as the team and bench areas. If there is not another person hired by the board of education to coach that sport or a professional from that school present to take his/her place, the contest shall be forfeited. Because of supervision and liability, an ejected athlete shall sit on the bench and shall not cause nor participate in any further problems. Furthermore, a coach or player shall not be permitted to attend subsequent contests of the suspension. He/she shall not be formally affiliated with the team in any capacity. This would include but not be limited to transportation to or from the contest, meeting with the team before, during or after the contest, wearing a uniform, or sitting in the bench or team area. Regular practice or team meetings not affiliated with a contest will not fall under this policy.



## SPECTATOR SUPPORT INFORMATION FOR TOURNAMENTS

The following sport support information is provided for each specified sport. **ONLY** those items marked with “Yes” are allowed during tournament play (sectional, regional, and state). It is recommended that schools follow these regulations during regular season play.

Vocal cheering and support from team bench areas are encouraged; however, the items indicated on this page are for use by spectators. Schools must stress **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP** when allowing any item to be used. All items must be for support of your team and not directed against the opponent.

Legend: BSK Basketball      CC Cross Country      SB Softball      TE Tennis      WR Wrestling  
 BB Baseball      FB Football      SC Soccer      TR Track & Field  
 CH Cheer      GO Golf      SW Swimming      VB Volleyball

SPORT	BSK	BB	CH	CC	FB	GO	SB	SC	SW	TE	TR	VB	WR
Apparel Required Upper/Lower Body Garments	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Balloons	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Banners on wall/stadium	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Cheer & Band Member “Human” Tunnels	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Permanent Signage/ Advertisement Senior Pictures	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Confetti/Paper debris	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Hand-held Signs (one holder)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<small>TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS HAVE AUTHORITY IN DETERMINING APPROPRIATE SIZE AND SIGN MESSAGE.</small>													
Inflatable Tunnels	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Laser Pointer	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Miniature sports balls thrown to crowd	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Noise makers (Horns, cow bells, bells, buzzers, clickers, or any noisemakers)	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
<small>TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS HAVE AUTHORITY IN DETERMINING WHAT IS CONSIDERED AN ARTIFICIAL OR MECHANICAL NOISE MAKER. NF RULES SPECIFY NOISE MAKERS WHICH MAY NOT BE USED.</small>													
Opening Prayer/ Invocation	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Paper banners for team to run through	Yes *	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pom poms (w/o sticks) Spirit Towels	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Recorded/taped Music over amplifying system Only pregame or halftime	Yes *	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
School Band, Pep Band	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Air Horns / Bull Horn	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Cannons & Muskets	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
50-50 Drawing	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Reserve Seating State Only	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No