

# **WEST SUBURBAN CONFERENCE: Boys' Soccer: Sport Guidelines**

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## **I. Season Limitations**

- A. Practice may begin on Week 6, Wednesday.
- B. First contest may be held Week 8, on Monday.
- C. Season ends on Week 18, Saturday.

## **II. Contest Limitations (Exclusive of the IHSA State Series)**

- A. Varsity, Junior Varsity, Sophomore, and Freshman
  - 1. 17 games and 0 tournaments
  - 2. 16 games and 1 tournament
  - 3. 15 games and 2 tournaments

## **III. Levels of Competition**

- A. The West Suburban Conference will compete on the Varsity, Junior Varsity, Sophomore and Freshman levels.

## **IV. Coaches Meeting**

- A. Pre-season meeting will be held on Week 8, at 7:00 P.M. at LTHS.
- B. Post-season meeting will be held on Week 16 at 6:15 P.M. at Hinsdale Central H.S.

## **V. Championship and Awards**

- A. Division Standings
  - 1. A championship plaque shall be awarded to the winner at the Varsity level only of each Division.
  - 2. The Varsity Division champion will be recognized by the best won-loss record. Wins will count as two (2) points, ties as one (1) point, and losses zero (0) points.
- B. Individual Awards
  - 1. Twenty-five (25) players plus one (1) player from each Division will be selected to the West Suburban Conference All Conference Soccer Team. The criteria established for awarding the twenty-sixth player is as follows:
    - a. It shall be awarded to schools tied in standings at the highest level where there will be an unequal number of All-Conference selections.
    - b. If there is more than one tie in the standings and the reserved selection has been used, we will use head to head competition.
    - c. If there are no ties in the standings, or if a tie still exists, we will take a vote of head coaches.
  - 2. The criteria for the remaining players is:
    - a. First place in each Division receives six (6) players.
    - b. Second place receives five (5) players.
    - c. Third place receives four (4) players.
    - d. Fourth and fifth place each receive three (3) players.

- e. Sixth and seventh place each receive two (2) players.
  - f. If there is no 7th place finisher, no award will be given.
3. The WSC All-Academic Team shall be recognized composed of senior award winners from each Conference school who have received a Grade Point Average of "B" or above in grades accumulated at the conclusion of the sixth (6th) semester.

## VI. Conduct of Contests

- A. Dual Meets - National Federation of High School Soccer Rules will prevail.
- B. Home School Responsibilities
  - 1. Provide three (3) game balls at each level.
  - 2. Any ground rules out of the ordinary should be discussed with visiting team prior to the start of the contest.
- C. Scoring - Soccer Rules of the National Federation of High School will prevail.
- D. Postponements - Games postponed due to inclement weather should be re-scheduled at the first playable date and agreeable to both schools.
  - 1. National Federation Rules and WSC Rules will govern postponements of games.
  - 2. Varsity games postponed due to inclement weather should be re-scheduled at the first playable date agreeable to both schools. All lower level games shall be declared completed games and the score at the time the game was called will stand. No replay.
  - 3. All varsity games that are tied at the time of postponement, prior to the end of the 1st half, will be replayed from the time they were called with WSC Rules in place.
- E. All West Suburban Conference league day games will begin at 4:30 P.M. unless otherwise noted. All West Suburban Conference league night games will begin at 4:30 P.M. (Sophomore) and 6:30 P.M. (Varsity) unless otherwise noted.
- F. All West Suburban Conference Varsity contests will be played in two (2) x forty (40) minute halves. All West Suburban Conference lower level contests will be played in two (2) x thirty-five (35) minute halves.
- G. On all levels there shall be a maximum of ten (10) minutes between halves.
- H. In all West Suburban Conference Division Varsity contests, in case of a tie after regulation time, there will be two (2) x ten (10) minutes sudden victory overtime periods. If the tie is not resolved within this time frame, a series of penalty kicks as employed in the IHSA State Play-Off series will determine the winner.
- I. At the Freshman level only, a fifth quarter may be played following the conclusion of the regular game. The fifth quarter will be fifteen (15) minutes running clock, no time outs except for injury. Score will not be kept, it is primarily for those students who did not play in the regular game. Host school may request the official to work the fifth quarter at no additional expense to the school; if the request is refused, then the coaches agree to officiate.
- J. A minimum warm-up time of fifteen (15) minutes will be allowed prior to start of contest.
- K. Home teams will wear light colored shirts, visitors dark colors. If not possible, the team that cannot comply shall call the opponent.

## VII. Officials

- A. One (1) head official and two (2) referee's assistants will be used at the Varsity level of soccer; two (2) officials will be used at the Sophomore level; and one (1) official at the Junior Varsity/Freshman levels.
- B. Procedures for requiring coaches to officiate scheduled contest.

1. When two or more officials are assigned and one or more does not report, the contest should be played with the officials who are present. The Varsity contest will take precedence if a decision has to be made concerning the level at which an official is to be used.
2. When an assigned official does not report, the following criteria will be used before the coach assumes his/her responsibility to officiate the contest. Individual sport guidelines which cover officiating procedures may take precedent over the below guidelines:
  - a. Attempt to secure an acceptable substitute registered official not affiliated with either school with the agreement of both coaches.
  - b. Attempt to secure an acceptable substitute registered official who may be affiliated with either school with the agreement of both coaches.
  - c. If VII B.2.a or VII B.2.b. cannot be fulfilled at the Varsity level, the game needs to be rescheduled.
  - d. Attempt to secure an acceptable person considered by the two (2) coaches to be competent to officiate the contest, at lower levels only.
  - e. In the event no one is available other than the coaches, they shall officiate the contest, at lower levels only.

### **VIII. Reporting Results**

- A. Each team's designated representative is responsible for submitting scores to the Resource Athletic Director via FAX or e-mail. The Division win-loss records and scores will be verified at the post season meeting to determine the Division champions and final standings.

### **IX. Miscellaneous Information**

- A. Scheduling
  1. The soccer schedules will rotate every 2 years with the top set of games moving to the bottom and the other sets of games moving up. Varsity and Sophomore levels will rotate bottom to top in the Silver Division, top to bottom in the Gold Division. The Freshmen and Junior Varsity will play a single round-robin through both the Silver and Gold Divisions.
- B. Playing Sites
  1. Gold Division
    - a. Addison Trail - all levels on campus
    - b. Downers Grove South - V,JV,S on campus; F @ Powers Park
    - c. Hinsdale South - all levels on campus
    - d. Leyden - all levels at West campus
    - e. Morton - V,JV,S @ West campus; F @ East Campus
    - f. Proviso East - all levels on campus
    - g. Willowbrook - all levels on campus
  2. Silver Division
    - a. Downers Grove North - V,S @ Carstens Field; JV @ Carstens Field; F @ Whitlock Park
    - b. Glenbard West - V @ Memorial Park; S,J, F @ Ackerman Park
    - c. Hinsdale Central - all levels on campus
    - d. Lyons Twp. - all levels at North campus
    - e. Oak Park-River Forest – V,S,JV on Campus, F @ Lindborough Park
    - f. Proviso West - all levels on campus

g. York - V on campus; S,J,F @ Berens Park