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I. SOCCER DATES TO REMEMBER

- A. January 15, 2008 - Organized practice may begin
- B. February 14, 2008 – First scrimmage date
- C. March 1, 2008 - Regular season opens
- D. April 22, 2008 - All district matches shall be completed
- E. April 26, 2008 - Coaches Preferential Officials List due to OSSAA
- F. April 28, 2008 - Academic Application must be postmarked or faxed no later than April 29 - **Form found in the OSSAA Forms and Applications Booklet located in the principal or athletic director's office.**
- I. April 29, 2008 - First round of play-offs
- J. May 2, 2008 - Second round of play-offs
- K. May 6, 2008 - Semi-final round of play-offs
- L. May 9, 2008 - State championship for Class 6A
- M. May 10, 2008 – State championship for Class 4A and Class 5A
- N. Rules meetings: All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.
 - 1. January 16, 2008 - Jenks High School
 - 2. January 23, 2008 – Heritage Hall

II. CLASSIFICATION

- A. Girls - Teams will participate in three classes of competition. Class 6A will consist of the first 32 soccer playing schools on the A.D.M. sheet. Class 5A will consist of the next 32 soccer playing schools, and Class 4A all remaining soccer playing schools.
- B. Boys - Teams will participate in three classes of competition. Class 6A will consist of the first 32 soccer playing schools on the A.D.M. sheet. Class 5A will consist of the next 32 soccer playing schools, and Class 4A all remaining soccer playing schools.

III. Participation and district assignments

- A. Schools participating in soccer will be determined by those that indicate participation on their 2007-2008 OSSAA Membership and Entry Fee Form. **NOTE:** OSSAA Membership and Entry Fee Forms were sent in August to principals.
- B. Girls - There will be four districts in each class. Teams assigned to a district will play each district opponent one district match.
- C. Boys - There will be four districts in each class. Teams assigned to a district will play each district opponent one district match.
- D. District assignments will be released on a two year cycle. The 2007-08 school year is the first year of the current two year cycle. **NOTE:** The Soccer Coaches' Advisory Committee will meet with a representative of the OSSAA to aid in establishing district assignments.

IV. SEASON

- A. Organized practice shall begin no sooner than January 15, 2008.
- B. The first scrimmage date is February 14, 2008.
- C. The regular season shall open on March 1 and close with the state championships.
- D. The State Championships for Class 6A will be May 9, 2008.
The State Championships for Class 4A and 5A will be May 10, 2008.
Classes will alternate dates each year.
- E. From the first day of school until the state championship finals, school personnel or anticipated school personnel (coaches, lay coaches, trainers, etc.) will not be permitted to coach, train, or have any contact with the school's team members or potential school's team members (grades 9-12) on a non-school team. **NOTE:** Boys' coaches may coach girls on a non-school team and girls' coaches may coach boys on a non-school team.

V. SCRIMMAGES, MATCHES, AND TOURNAMENTS

- A. Each team is allowed three scrimmage dates with the first scrimmage date to be no earlier than February 14, 2008. Anytime there is participation against a school team by an amateur team that consists of any player(s) not currently enrolled in your school will be considered a scrimmage. No team shall be allowed to scrimmage in Soccer after March 1. There will be no loss of instructional time for scrimmages.
- B. Definition of a scrimmage tournament: No individual medal or team awards given, a reduced time of thirty minute halves (maximum) except for the championship finals, the maximum number of teams allowed is eight, **and each team is allowed to participate in no more than one scrimmage tournament.** There will be no loss of instructional time for scrimmage tournaments.
- C. A scrimmage date does not have a limit on how many matches a team may scrimmage on that date.
- D. Each day of a scrimmage tournament will count as one scrimmage date. Example: A two day scrimmage tournament will count as two scrimmage dates.

- E. Each team is allowed ten regular season matches and one regular season, eight team maximum, bracket tournament. This total shall include all conference and conference play-off matches, and all district matches. Junior High teams are allowed six regular season matches.
- F. In addition to the Activities Association sponsored Championship Tournament Series, teams and/or individuals shall be limited to not more than the number of matches games and tournaments as established by the OSSAA Board of Directors.

VI. DISTRICT PLAY AND ADVANCEMENT INTO PLAY-OFF SERIES

- A. All district matches shall be completed by Tuesday, April 22, 2008.
- B. In Classes 4A, 5A and 6A, the first, second, third and fourth place finishers in each district shall advance into the play-off series. **Teams that qualify for the play-offs should notify the OSSAA as soon as a play-off birth is determined. The district chairman (soccer coach) of each soccer district will assist the OSSAA in determining their district team standings throughout the regular season.**
- C. In Classes 4A, 5A and 6A team finishers shall be determined in percentage of games won and lost in district play. In case two or more teams are tied in percentage of games won and lost in district play, the highest available position in the district standings and next highest available position(s) in the district standing shall be determined in the following manner:
 - 1. When two teams are tied in percentage of district games won and lost, the highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other in district play. The team that lost to the other tied team will occupy the next highest available position in the district standings.
 - 2. When three or more teams are tied in percentage of district games won and lost, the highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other tied teams in district play. The next highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the remaining tied team(s) in district play. This procedure shall continue until all available positions are filled.
 - 3. When three or more teams are tied in percentage of games won and lost in district play, and no team is the winner over the other tied teams in percentage of games won and lost in district play, the representative(s) for the highest available position(s) in the district standings shall be determined by:
 - a) Total the marginal points each tied team had in all district games unless one or more teams received a forfeit (see Forfeit Policy, XIII). Marginal points will be the difference in score. Winners will add the difference in score to their marginal point total and losers will subtract the difference in score from their marginal point total. No team will add more nor subtract more than four points in any district game. (Example: Winning score, Team A, 4 points; Team B, 1 point; Team A will add three points to its marginal point total and Team B will subtract three points from its marginal point total.) No team will add more nor subtract more than one point in any district game that goes into overtime. The team with the greatest number of marginal points will occupy the highest available position in the district standings. The team which has the next greatest number of marginal points will occupy the next highest available position in the district standings. This procedure shall continue until all available positions are filled. Any time two teams are tied in marginal points, the teams shall advance in the order as to which team won over the other in district play.
 - b) In the event ties cannot be broken by the criteria in the paragraph(s) above, the highest available position in the district standings shall be determined by lot. After lot has decided the highest available position in the district standings when three teams are tied in marginal points, the next highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other tied team in district play. When four teams are tied in marginal points, the highest available position in the district standings will be decided by lot. The next highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other two tied teams in district play. If the next available position in the district standings cannot be determined by who won over the other tied teams, then lot will determine the next highest available position in the district standings. The two remaining tied teams will determine their district standing position by which team won over the other in district play.
 - 4. Should it become necessary for a representative to be determined by lot, the chairman of the district will call a meeting of the involved schools and conduct the necessary procedure to determine the representative.
 - 5. If the first, second, third, or fourth place team does not elect to play or is ineligible to play in the elimination games, the Board of Directors shall select the next team in line which will represent the district in the play-off series.
- D. The OSSAA recommends the host school provide ball shaggers in all district and play-off matches to eliminate wasted time.
- E. The 16 team bracket for the play-off series has been predetermined. Teams will be bracketed accordingly. A copy of the bracket can be found in the OSSAA Soccer Manual, or at www.ossaa.com.
- F. Teams may suit up a maximum of 22 squad members for the play-off series.
- G. The first round of the play-offs shall be played on April 29, 2008 on the home field of the district winners and runners up.
- H. The second round of the play-offs shall be played on May 2, 2008.
The home field for all second round games shall be played on the home field of the district winner providing the district winner advances. In the event that they do not advance, the team that did not host a game in the first round shall have the home field unless neither team had a home game in the first round, then the team on the even-numbered line of the

respective championship bracket in the even-numbered calendar years will host and the teams on the odd-numbered lines of the respective championship bracket in the odd-numbered calendar years will host.

- I. The semi-final round of the play-offs shall be played on May 6, 2008. Cross-bracketing will occur in the semi-final round. Line 1 will play line 4; Line 2 will play line 3. The home field shall be determined by:
 1. Total the number of home play-off matches each team has played. If one team has played more matches at home than the other team, the home field shall be the team with the least number of home matches.
 2. If both teams have played the same number of home matches, the home field shall be determined by the team which did not host a home match in the immediate preceding round.
 3. If both teams have played the same number of home matches and in the event both teams hosted or did not host a match in the immediate preceding round, the home field shall be determined by the team representing the odd-numbered calendar years and the even-numbered lines in the even-numbered calendar years.
- J. By mutual agreement between schools, either home field or a mutual field may be selected for the play-off site. In the event this occurs, the school that was scheduled to host will be charged the home game.
- K. A representative of the home school shall serve as the play-off match manager. If the match is to be played on a neutral field, a school official shall be mutually agreed upon to serve as match manager. The match manager shall be responsible for all match arrangements.
- L. Delayed telecasts must be approved by the principals of both schools and the OSSAA office. **NOTE:** There will be no radio broadcast fee for any OSSAA sponsored championship series.
- M. The price for tickets of all rounds shall be \$5.00 for adults and students. The OSSAA will send tickets for the first, second, and semi-final rounds. After each play-off match the host schools will be required to submit a financial report form to the OSSAA. The OSSAA will provide these forms.
- N. Complimentary admissions for the play-offs will be as follows:
 1. The OSSAA complimentary pass is the only pass that will admit the holder to a play-off event. A driver's license must be shown with all complimentary passes. These passes are not transferable.
 2. Bands and cheerleaders of competing schools.
 3. Any workers that aid in the administration of the match.
- O. **The match officials will be selected and contracted by the two schools involved in all first, and second rounds of the play-offs.** Officials should be selected from within a reasonable distance. The OSSAA will select and pay the officials for the semi final and state championship matches. A three-person officials' crew will be used in all play-off matches.
If an official has to be replaced after mutual agreement has been reached, the host school should notify the visiting school.
- P. All other expenses incurred in handling the play-off matches shall be borne by the team designated as the home team. The home team shall have all concession rights. The home school shall furnish a new ball or an acceptable used ball for the match. After the fee for the match officials has been taken out, the remainder of the proceeds shall be 40% for the home team, 30% for the visiting team, and 30% for the OSSAA.
- Q. In the championship matches, the OSSAA will only reimburse the traveling teams at a rate set by the OSSAA Board of Directors at their annual June meeting.
- R. Schools should notify the OSSAA in advance of the play-offs of potential prom or end-of-school conflicts. The OSSAA will cooperate with all member schools to aid in avoiding end-of-school conflicts.
- S. A student's current scholastic eligibility status would not change if an OSSAA play-off contest was delayed into the next week due to inclement weather or other extreme circumstance.

VII. TIES IN REGULAR SEASON AND PLAY-OFF MATCHES

- A. Regular Season Matches - If the match is tied at the end of regulation time, teams will go directly to the penalty kick tie-breaking procedure (see #2 below). The penalty kick procedure will apply only to high school varsity games.
- B. District and Play-off Matches - When the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the referee will instruct both teams to return to their respective team boxes. There will be five minutes during which both teams may confer with their coaches and the head referee will instruct both teams as to proper procedure.
 1. There shall be two **ten**-minute sudden victory overtime periods. The team who scores the first goal will be declared the winner and the match will be terminated.
 - a. At the end of the first sudden victory period, teams shall change ends.
 - b. There shall be a two-minute interval between periods.
 2. If the score remains tied, all coaches, officials, and team captains shall assemble at the halfway line to review the penalty kick procedure as outlined below:

PENALTY KICK PROCEDURE:

- a. The head referee shall choose the goal at which all of the kicks from the penalty line shall be taken.
- b. Each coach will select any five players, including the goalkeeper, at the conclusion of sudden victory overtime periods, (or in regular season games at the end of regulation) with the exception of those that may have been disqualified, to take the kicks.
- c. A coin toss shall be held as in 5-2-2 (e). The team winning the toss shall 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 goal keeper prior to each penalty kick.

- f. Following five kicks for each team, the team scoring on the greatest number of these kicks shall be declared the winner.
 - g. Add one goal to the winning team score and credit the team with a victory.
3. If the score remains tied after each team has had five 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.
 - 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 still remains, repeat 3-a.

C. MISCONDUCT PROCEDURES

1. Cautioned Players
 - a. One of the five players listed to take a kick is cautioned after he/she takes the kick. That player is not eligible to kick again until one complete set of five kicks has been completed beyond the set of kicks in which the caution was issued.
 - b. One of the five players listed to take a kick is cautioned before he/she takes the kick. That player is not eligible to kick until the next set of five kicks. Another eligible player not listed in that set of kicks must take the cautioned player's original turn.
 - c. When a goalkeeper is issued a caution during any set of five kicks, he/she cannot re enter until the next opponent completes his/her kick. A substitution is permitted for the cautioned goalkeeper.
2. Disqualified Players
 - a. Any player, including the goalkeeper, who is disqualified may not participate any further. If his/her kick is not already completed, a substitute is permitted.

Examples:

 - a. Player "X" is one of the first five kickers, and is cautioned after taking his/her kick. Player "X" is not eligible to kick again until the set beginning with the 11th kick.
 - b. Player "X" is one of the second set of five kickers and is cautioned after taking his/her kick. Player "Y" is not eligible to kick again until the set beginning with the 16th kick.
 - c. Player "X" is a kicker in any set of five kickers and is cautioned before taking his/her kick. Player "X" is not eligible to kick until the next set of five kicks. Player "X's" kick in the set of five in which he/she was cautioned must be taken by another eligible player not listed in that set of kicks.

VIII. OFFICIALS FOR NON-DISTRICT AND DISTRICT MATCHES

- A. Three certified OSSAA soccer officials (have paid enrollment fee and passed the current season National Federation Soccer Test) should be used in all varsity high school soccer matches. **NOTE:** This includes both non-district and district matches.
- B. If an official fails to arrive for a scheduled match and a replacement official is needed, the coaches will attempt to find an enrolled OSSAA soccer official to officiate the match. If a certified official cannot be secured, the best qualified person that is available may be used. If an additional official cannot be found, the match may be played by using the dual system of officiating.
- C. It is recommended that an administrator of all athletic contests meet the game officials prior to the contest advising them of the game time, dressing facilities, pre-game and half-time activities, etc. The game administrator should also record the official's identification numbers. After the officials enter the field or court, the administrator in charge should advise the head official as to the location where the game manager will be during the contest(s) should a problem arise. Also, someone should be designated to meet the officials to assure their safe return to the dressing room after the contest. **NOTE:** This applies to regular season as well as play-off contests.
- D. Schools may experiment with the three whistle system of officiating during scrimmage matches and scrimmage tournaments only.

IX. RULES

The National Federation soccer rules shall be the official rules for soccer along with any modification or exceptions as designated by the OSSAA.

X. YELLOW CARDS, RED CARDS, AND PLAYER EJECTION RULES

- A. Yellow card – by National Federation Rule: A cautioned player shall leave the field and may be replaced. Should the team with the cautioned player elect to play shorthanded, the cautioned player may not re-enter nor be replaced until the next legal substitution opportunity. **Any player receiving 3 yellow cards in a season must sit out the next contest at the same level of play. Coaches shall report yellow cards to the District Chair. Game officials will report all cards issued in a contest to the accumulator. (District chairpersons will be designated by the OSSAA.) District chairpersons will be listed first in the Districts. A violation of this rule may result in a penalty imposed on the coach and/or team by the O.S.S.A.A.**

- B. Any player ejected must miss the next regularly scheduled match on the same level of competition and any other games in between. This will include all red card situations with no exceptions. This rule applies to scrimmages, regular season and play-off matches.
- C. Any player disqualified (red card) during the course of the game, for whatever reason, cannot be replaced.
- D. Any player whose flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct consists of fighting, cursing or using foul language toward a match official will be automatically suspended from participating in the next **THREE** regularly scheduled matches on the same level of competition that his/her team plays and any other games in between. This rule applies to pre-season, regular season, and play-off matches.
- E. Any player ejected for spitting at an opposing player or official shall be suspended from participating in the next **THREE** regularly scheduled matches on the same level of competition that his/her team plays and any other games in between.
- F. Any team receiving three red cards during the soccer season will be placed on warning for one year and any additional red cards issued during that season could result in additional penalties.
- G. A student who is disqualified during a game or contest because of a flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible until reinstated by the principal. It is recommended that a disqualified student forfeit the right to participate in at least one contest before he/she is reinstated by the principal (exception: soccer). A student whose flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct consists of fighting, cursing or using foul language toward a game official will be automatically suspended from participating in a minimum of the next two regularly scheduled games or contests on the same level of competition that his/her team plays (exception: soccer). Fighting is defined, but is not limited to, any player or non-player (bench personnel) striking an opponent with arm(s), leg(s), foot(feet), or other object(s); attempting to strike an opponent with arm(s), leg(s), foot(feet), or other object(s), regardless if there is contact with an opponent; biting an opponent or instigating a fight by committing an act(s) that causes an opponent to retaliate by fighting related to an OSSAA sponsored activity in which the players and non-players are participating. A player or non-player who retaliates by fighting is in violation of the fighting rule. The fighting rule will apply to pre-contest and post-contest sponsored activities. It is mandatory that all head coaches remind his/her team that fighting during the post game hand shaking ceremonies or conducting themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner after the game will be severely penalized. The head coach and team will be subject to additional suspension penalties beyond the normal penalties imposed on fighting and unsportsmanlike acts that occur during the contest. Injuries have occurred because of fans climbing over walls and fences, being trampled, or partaking in dog-pile celebrations, etc. at the conclusion of a contest. The celebration by fans, players, or coaches acting in an unsportsmanlike manner (example: pouring water on the coach) after a contest will result in possible penalties imposed against the school. School administrators should be aware that if their student body and fans come onto the playing area after a contest, penalties may be imposed.

Any substitute or team member who leaves the team bench and enters the playing area during a fight or any other serious unsportsmanlike act, shall be ejected. Those players or team members identified by game officials, school administrators, or video tape will be suspended a minimum of one game if they were not involved in the altercation and a minimum of two games (exception: soccer) if they were involved in the altercation. This rule applies to both regular season and play-off games. The suspension applies to individual/teams on the same level of competition; i.e., varsity to a varsity game, junior varsity to a junior varsity game, etc. Any additional penalties by the National Federation Rule Book and the OSSAA Rules and Regulations Handbook would also apply. The rule would apply to all OSSAA sponsored activities. Any student involved directly or indirectly for fighting or any other serious unsportsmanlike act a second time during the season shall be suspended for the remainder of the season.

- H. All red cards issued to underclassmen will be carried over to the next season if the athlete has not sat out his/her required number of matches. Matches must be at the same level of competition and any other games in between and will begin with the regular season on March 1. An athlete may participate during the pre-season.
- I. It is the coach's/school's responsibility to make sure a player or coach sits out the next match or matches when he/she has been red carded regardless of whether or not the school has received the official's report.
- J. If a fight between players occurs after a soccer match, both teams could be subject to probation and any other appropriate penalties by the OSSAA.

XI. GENERAL REGULATIONS AND POLICIES

- A. From the first day of school until the state championship finals, school personnel or anticipated school personnel (coaches, lay coaches, trainers, etc.) will not be permitted to coach, train, or have any contact with the school's team members or potential school's team members (grades 9-12) on a non-school team. **NOTE:** Boys' coaches may coach girls on a non-school team and girls' coaches may coach boys on a non-school team.
- B. Anytime during a match when the score differential reaches ten, the match will be over.
- C. A preferential list of officials form will be used by coaches for their input on selecting soccer officials for the state championship finals (**form is located in OSSAA Soccer Manual**).
- D. Teams and fans shall be placed on opposite sides of the playing field unless facilities would prohibit it.
- E. It is mandatory for all head coaches or a designated school representative to attend one of the OSSAA state rules meetings for soccer. Penalty for failure to attend will result in penalties against the team and/or coach.
- F. Junior Varsity games will not be counted towards an individual limit of ten matches.
- G. When there is not organized physical education class scheduled during the school day, a school may schedule an additional class period immediately after the close of the school day, not to exceed in length that of a regular school hour (60 minutes), for the purpose of conducting a physical education class. A school that is bringing its freshmen and sophomore athletes from another site may schedule its practice period immediately upon the arrival of these athletes,

not to exceed in length that of a regular class period, for the purpose of conducting a physical education class. The practices will be conducted by the certified school coaching staff. Any individual is limited to the maximum time of a regular class period.

- H. A certified faculty member designated as sponsor or coach shall be in charge of the training and participation of contestants. Any voluntary assistance rendered by parties other than a designated sponsor or coach must be with the approval of the administration and will not relieve the designated sponsor or coach of his responsibility.
1. When an official banished a coach or sponsor from the vicinity of the contest and there is not other designated assistant or faculty member present to assume full responsibility of the team or organization, the game or contest must be forfeited.
 2. Any school in violation of this section of the rules shall forfeit the game, meet, or contest to the offended school, and the school or team in violation shall be placed on warning.
 3. Any coach who is ejected from an interscholastic game, meet, or contest shall be suspended from coaching the next regularly scheduled game, meet or contest (same team and level) in which the team participates. This includes all OSSAA sponsored and playoff activities. A coach who has been suspended from coaching may attend the contest, but he or she must be seated in the spectator area and may not give instructions to the players or the individual who has been assigned to coach the team anytime during the contest. The coach may not coach directly or indirectly in any capacity. The coach may not enter the dressing room at half time, nor will he or she be allowed to be on the court, field, etc., before or during the contest. Any coach who is ejected from a contest a second time during the same activity season shall be suspended from coaching until reinstated by the OSSAA Board of Directors.
- I. When an athletic coach removes his/her team from the playing area, the game shall be forfeited and the school automatically placed on probation.
- J. Schools may use volunteer lay coaches to assist in their athletic program. These lay coaches cannot be in the team or squad area during contest unless the school's certified coach(es) is/are present in the same area. Under no circumstance may lay coaches be the person in charge of the school teams. Under no circumstances may a lay coach confer with game officials about interpretation of the rules. If a lay coach is ejected by a game official he/she is not permitted to be with that team for the remainder of the school year.
- K. Only the team, coaches, trainers, managers, school personnel, etc., shall be permitted on the sideline during a contest.
- L. If junior varsity matches are played on separate nights from varsity matches, junior varsity teams may have the option of playing 40 minute halves. If junior varsity matches are played on the same nights of varsity matches, halves will be limited to 30 minutes.
- M. Junior high teams will play 30-minute halves.
- N. Rosters shall be presented to the opposing coach and center official before each contest (form is located in OSSAA Soccer Manual).
- O. Any time one team is competing against another, they may film without the consent of the other team.
- P. A team will not be allowed to play any home matches unless its soccer goals meet National Federation soccer regulations. **NOTE:** Refer to the 2007-2008 National Federation Soccer Rules Book.
- Q. Practice or competition in athletics will not be allowed on a site, after the site has been announced, in any play-off activity except for a regularly scheduled contest or the host school may practice at the site if that is the team's regular practice site.
- R. Boom boxes or any type of device that plays music, sounds, or voices, and noise makers of any kind such as air horns, cow bells, etc., that interrupt the normal game/contest procedures of announcers, bands, cheer squads, drill teams, or any other game/contest related activities, will not be allowed to function/operate. This will also apply to pre-game/contest and post-game/contest activities. This rule applies to both regular and post-season games/contests.
- S. The OSSAA disapproves of any form of taunting which is intended or designed to anger, bait, embarrass, ridicule, or demean others on the basis of race, religion, gender, or national origin.
- T. Please see your athletic director or principal for precautionary recommendations concerning AIDS and Hepatitis B.

XII. FORFEIT POLICY AND SUSPENDED GAME

- A. The minimum penalty for the participation of an ineligible student during the regular season is the forfeiture of all contests involved in with the following exception: Refer to Forfeiture For Use of Ineligible Athlete Policy in the 2007-08 OSSAA Administrators Handbook.
- B. The minimum penalty for the participation of an ineligible student during the play-offs is the forfeiture of most recently played game. The exception in A above will also apply.
- C. Any high school team that is unable to play a district soccer match and forfeits, will be eliminated from the OSSAA play-off system.
- D. Due to the four point marginal point system used to determine tie breakers for the first, second, third, and fourth place finishers, any previously forfeited or remaining matches played by a team that is unable to play a district match will not count in the district standings.
- E. Suspended game: By National Federation Rule, in the event a district or play-off game must be suspended because of conditions which make it impossible to continue play, the head referee shall declare it an official game if one complete half or more of the game has been played. If less than one-half of the game has been played, or if the game is tied, the suspended game shall continue from the point of suspension on the earliest possible day including all yellow or red cards that were issued.

XIII. SANCTIONING RULE

- A. No member school shall compete in any interstate tournament or meet in which three or more schools participate unless such event has been sanctioned by all interested State Associations including the National Federation, if required.
- B. All athletic events where three or more schools participate in grades 7 through 12 related directly or indirectly to any activity in which the OSSAA sponsors a play-off series leading to a state championship should be sanctioned. The responsibility lies with the participating schools as well as the host member school, non-public school, or any non-school individual host. When more than two schools or teams participate, the students may not be covered by catastrophic insurance unless the event is sanctioned.
- C. All entries for out-of-state tournaments and meets shall be forwarded to the OSSAA for endorsement and approval.

XIV. AWARDS

- A. Semi-final round - Team plaques will be presented to winners of semi final matches.
- B. State - Team trophies will be presented to the state champions and runner-ups. Individual medals will be given to 22 team members of the state champions and runners-up along with a coach's achievement plaque to the head coach.
- C. The OSSAA will send the appropriate trophies, plaques, and medals to the play-off sites.

XV. POINTS OF EMPHASIS

- A. When available, the official time should be kept on a field clock. If a field clock is not available, the time shall be kept by the head referee.
 - 1. Before the match starts, the head referee should notify the head coaches of where the official time will be kept.
- B. The jurisdiction of the officials begins when they enter the field of play. The officials' jurisdiction ends when they leave the field of play at the conclusion of the match.
 - 1. Officials should be receptive to administrative input concerning inclement weather. Remember, at all times, the safety of the players is top priority.
- C. Officials Jersey - In the event of a color conflict between the officials and either team, the officials shall change to a jersey of a color distinct from both teams.
- D. Legal goals and field markings should be used. Refer to the 2007-2008 National Federation Soccer Rules Book.
 - 1. Coaches and officials should notify the OSSAA of any problems related to goals and field markings.
- E. Schools must provide a safe field and environment for teams to play within. An administrator from the home team should be present to monitor crowd control. Fans are not to be allowed on the sidelines or in the team box.

XVI. OFFICIALS AND PROTEST

- A. The regulations of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association provide that all officials used in regular season basketball and football competition and OSSAA sanctioned tournaments where participants are 7th-12th grades must be enrolled with the OSSAA and have passed Part I of the current National Federation rules examination for that sport.
 - 1. These regulations also apply to regular season competition in baseball, **soccer**, softball, volleyball, and wrestling where participants are 9th-12th grades. It is strongly recommended that certified officials be used in all competition where participants are 7th-12th grades.
- B. One of the calculated risks that coaches must accept is that he/she, his/her players, or the officials may make mistakes during the course of the game or contest. The OSSAA Board of Directors has established a policy of not honoring a protest based upon a rule situation, nor a situation which involves judgment on the part of the game officials.

XVII. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- A. Each class of boys and girls soccer teams may apply for the following OSSAA academic achievement awards. Grades are based on the first semester GPA. (Non-traditional semester: An approximate 18-week grading period used to divide the school year in half.)
The 22 players (all players suiting up if less than 22) who suit up for the last district game.
- B. Awards will be given for each class based on 4.0 grading system and computed to the nearest thousandth percentile. If you have a weighted grading system, you must still use the 4.0 system for computing qualifications for this award.
 - 1. Academic Achievement Certificate - Teams must have a minimum of a 3.25 GPA and rank in the upper 1/3 of their classification to qualify.
 - 2. Distinguished Academic Plaque - Teams must have a minimum of a 3.50 GPA and rank in the upper 10% of their classification.
 - 3. State Soccer Academic Champion Trophy - The team with the highest qualifying GPA will be declared the state academic champion for their respective class.
- C. Awards presentations will be as follows:
 - 1. Certificates and plaques will be mailed to the winning schools following the state championship tournament.
 - 2. The state championship trophy for each class will be presented to the winning teams at the state soccer championship tournament.

- D. It is your responsibility to complete the academic achievement application and return it to the OSSAA postmarked no later than April 28, 2008 or faxed no later than April 29, 2008 **(form found in the OSSAA Forms and Applications Booklet located in the principal or athletic director's office).**

XVIII. COACHES' ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

- A. Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior and leadership.
- B. Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete.
- C. Abide by the rules of the game in letter and in spirit, regardless of the consequences.
- D. Respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials, never baiting or taunting officials in any way, or seeking out an official during half-time or at the conclusion of a contest.
- E. Demonstrate a mastery of and continuing interest in, coaching principles and techniques through professional improvement.
- F. Encourage and respect all athletes and their values.
- G. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- H. Promote ethical relations among coaches.
- I. Fulfill responsibilities to provide emergency health procedures and ensure an environment free of obvious safety hazards.
- J. Encourage the highest standards of conduct and scholastic achievement among all athletes.
- K. Seek to inculcate good health habits, including the establishment of sound training rules.
- L. Strive to develop in each athlete the qualities of leadership, initiative and good judgment.
- M. Achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.

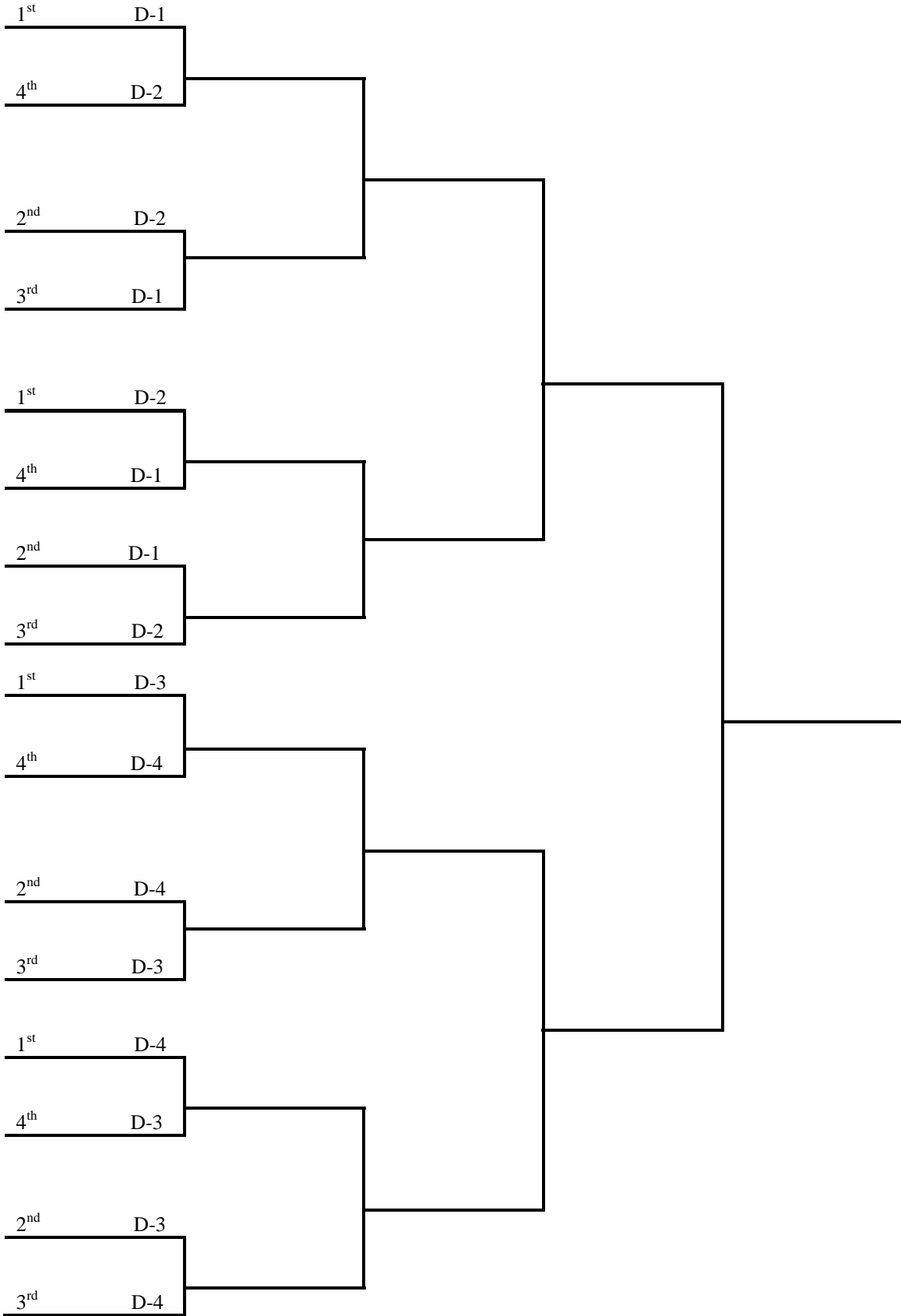
XIX. HISTORY OF BOYS' SOCCER CHAMPIONS

2007	6A	Union
	5A	Bishop McGuinness
	4A	Cascia Hall
2006	6A	Jenks
	5A	Bishop Kelley
	4A	Cascia Hall
2005	5A	Union
	4A	Bishop Kelley
2004	5A	Edmond North
	4A	Catoosa
2003	5A	Norman North
	4A	Bishop McGuinness
2002	5A	Broken Arrow
	4A	Chickasha
2001	5A	Broken Arrow
	4A	Booker T. Washington
2000	5A	Norman North
	4A	Booker T. Washington
1999	5A	Norman
	4A	Chickasha
1998	5A	Union
	4A	Booker T. Washington
1997	5A	Norman
	4A	Booker T. Washington
1996	5A	Edmond Santa Fe
	4A	Chickasha
1995	5A	Tulsa Union
	4A	Chickasha
1994	5A	Edmond Memorial
	4A	Tulsa Edison
1993	5A	Norman
	4A	Tulsa Edison
1992	5A	Booker T. Washington
	4A	Tulsa Edison
1991	5A	Jenks
1990	5A	Jenks
1989	5A	Jenks
1988	5A	Tulsa Edison
1987	5A	Jenks
1986	5A	Norman
1985	5A	Booker T. Washington

HISTORY OF GIRLS' SOCCER CHAMPIONS

2007	6A	Union
	5A	Bishop Kelley
	4A	Cascia Hall
2006	6A	Jenks
	5A	Bishop Kelley
	4A	Cascia Hall
2005	5A	Norman
	4A	Bishop Kelley
2004	5A	Norman
	4A	Bishop Kelley
2003	5A	Jenks
	4A	Bishop Kelley
2002	5A	Jenks
	4A	Bishop Kelley
2001	5A	Jenks
	4A	Bishop Kelley
2000	5A	Jenks
	4A	Bishop Kelley
1999	5A	Jenks
	4A	Bishop Kelley
1998	5A	Broken Arrow
	4A	Chickasha
1997	5A	Norman
	4A	Pryor
1996	5A	Norman
	4A	Catoosa
1995	5A	Norman
	4A	Deer Creek-Edmond
1994	5A	Broken Arrow
	4A	Edmond North
1993	5A	Jenks
1992	5A	Norman
1991	5A	Norman
1990	5A	Edmond Memorial
1989	5A	Broken Arrow
1988	5A	Jenks
1987	5A	Broken Arrow
1986	5A	Broken Arrow
1985	5A	Broken Arrow

XX. OSSAA CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFF BRACKET



Cross bracketing will occur in the semi-final round. Line 1 will play line 4; line 2 will play line 3.

XXII. COACHES PREFERENTIAL LIST

TO: Soccer Coaches
FROM: Amy Cassell
SUBJECT: Preferential List of Soccer Officials

Please return this form by April 25, 2008.

In the spaces below indicate your preference of officials to be used in the state championship game.
The officials listed may be from any geographic location.

Mail to: Amy Cassell, Assistant
OSSAA
P. O. Box 14590
Oklahoma City, OK 73113-0590

Please list in preferential order.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

School: _____ Class: _____

Coach: _____ Circle: BOYS GIRLS

Principal: _____

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 organized practice may begin	16

February, 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 First scrimmage date	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	21

March, 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Regular Season Opens	2

April, 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Academic Applications Due	29 First round	30			

May, 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Second round	3
4	5	6 Semi final found	7	8	9 6A State Championship	10 4A and 5A State Championship
11	12	13	14	15	16	17

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