

2. A game suspended prior to the completion of the first half shall be continued from the point of suspension (see NF Rule 7-1-3).
3. A game suspended after the completion of the first half shall be considered an official game unless the local supervisor(s) gives permission to complete the game from the point of suspension.

II. REGION AND STATE TOURNAMENTS

A. Tournament Organization

1. Every team is automatically entered into the region tournament unless the MPSSAA office receives written notification to the contrary prior to the seeding meeting. Request for withdrawal shall be by letter, signed by the school principal.
2. A TEAM ENTRY FORM utilized for State Semifinals and Finals must be filled out by teams winning their Section Final. Instructions on filling out the TEAM ENTRY FORM are available on mpssaa.org.
3. Each region will conduct a single elimination tournament, with the champion advancing to state play.
4. Doubleheaders will be played where boys and girls matchups exist for both schools, unless the draw or facility prohibits it. For the 2018 tournament, the Boys game will be the early game. Each subsequent year, the order will be reversed.
5. A suspended tournament game shall be continued from the point of suspension unless the game is declared complete by mutual agreement between the two schools.

B. Playing Rules

1. The State Soccer Committee has adopted the National Federation recommendation that a player or coach disqualified from a region or state tournament game under NF Rule 12-8 (Articles 2, 3) shall be barred from participating in the team's next game. For interpretation, refer to "Misconduct Detrimental to a Tournament", Rule .07C(11) in the MPSSAA Handbook.
2. The overtime procedure for tournament progression is the same as used during the regular season (refer to the preceding section I.H.1). In the event the match remains tied after two sudden victory overtime periods, there will be a penalty kick tiebreaker to determine a winner. The following Penalty Kick Procedure shall be used.
 - a. This procedure will be used for the State Championship matches, as well as all region and State Semifinal matches.
 - b. Organization mechanics: The designated home team or tournament committee, (if the game is being managed by the committee), shall:
 - (1) supply sufficient ball persons to enable the procedure to operate efficiently.
 - (2) be responsible for providing sufficient security for the penalty kick procedure so that it may be conducted without interference to those involved.
3. The officials will:
 - a. gather all eligible field players in the center circle who completed the second overtime period.
 - b. designate the goal at which the penalty kicks will be taken.
 - c. choose three game balls for use.

- d. begin the penalty kick procedure after a three-minute intermission period. The following procedures shall apply:
 - (1) A coin toss shall occur, with the visiting team calling the toss. The winner of the toss will have the choice of shooting first or defending first.
 - (2) The penalty kick tiebreaker will initially be based on the performance of five kickers designated by the coach from each team. Coaches should identify one kicker at a time. Attempts shall be made in alternating order until one team has an insurmountable advantage.
 - (a) If the score is tied after the five designated players have taken their shots, then a sudden-victory round begins which includes the remaining eligible players for each team who were not part of the initial penalty kicking phase.
 - (b) If the score remains tied after the completion of (a) above, then the sudden-victory round continues with all eligible players from each team becoming eligible for a second shot. A coach may change the order from the initial round. No player can take a third shot until all eligible players from both teams have taken their second shot, and so on.
4. Coaches' responsibilities:
- a. Each coach shall be solely responsible for utilizing only eligible players as the team's participants. Participation by an ineligible player will result in forfeiture of the game by the offending team. Ineligible participation would include, but not be limited to: a field player who was not in the game at the end of the second overtime or a shooter taking a second attempt in a cycle before all of the shooter's eligible teammates have taken their first attempts in the same cycle.
 - b. Only the head coach and one assistant will be permitted to join the players in the center circle. Remaining players, coaches, and team attendants shall be completely off the field of play and in their team bench areas.
5. Kicking Procedure
- a. Participants
 - (1) Only those players on the field at the end of the second 10-minute sudden-victory overtime period, including the goalkeeper, are eligible for the penalty kick tiebreaker.
 - (2) If the goalkeeper is injured during the penalty kicks and must be removed, the goalkeeper may be replaced by a substitute. This substitute may be selected from any players on the team. However, a goalkeeper, once substituted for, may NOT be reinstated. The substitute for the goalkeeper will take part in the penalty kicks. If a player already on the field replaces the goalkeeper, an additional kicker may be brought in from the bench, but cannot kick until all of the players from that team have kicked. This substitute must be the team's final kicker in each cycle.
 - b. The eligible shooters for each team shall take scoring attempts in any sequence the head coach desires. The head coach shall direct each shooter to report to the official at the penalty kick stripe immediately after the completion of the previous shooter's attempt. A shooter may not be changed after reporting to the official. The shooting order need not be the same in the subsequent cycle.
 - c. The official shall record the player's name, number, the order in the team's cycle in which the attempt was made, and the result of the kick.
 - d. A goalkeeper who is to defend against the next penalty kick attempt shall be stationed outside the field of play at the intersection of the goal line and the penalty area boundary to the side designated by the officials.

- e. If a player who is participating in the tiebreaker is issued a caution, then that player becomes the last player to kick in their next eligible round of kicks. For instance if a player has not kicked in the round of kicks in which the player is cautioned, then that player must be the last kicker in that round. If a cautioned player has already kicked in the round of kicks in which the player is cautioned, then the player may not kick again until the end of their next eligible round of 11 kicks.
 - f. If a goalkeeper is cautioned, then rule II.B.5.e. above applies. In addition the cautioned goalkeeper may not defend the next opponent's kick but may return to goal on the subsequent kick. The player replacing the goalkeeper in this situation must be from the players already participating in the tiebreaker.
 - g. Any player, including the goalkeeper, who is disqualified may not participate any further and may not be replaced. Any player disqualified who has not kicked in the cycle of 11 becomes the last kicker and the kick is considered a miss. The same applies to subsequent cycles of 11.
6. The game shall end and the team declared the winner which has:
- a. attained an insurmountable lead over its opponent before the initial phase of five penalty kickers is completed; or
 - b. scored more goals than its opponent upon completion of the initial phase of five penalty kickers; or
 - c. scored one more goal than its opponent at any point after each has taken an equal number of shots during the "sudden victory" phase of the penalty kick tiebreaker.

III. REGION TOURNAMENT

A. Tournament Organization

1. The region director is responsible for the assignment of officials and the notification of schools as to the tournament bracket, site, and starting times.
 - a. The region director is responsible for the employment of local officials for region games plus qualified adults as scorers and timers. Two- or three-person crews will be used based upon the wishes of the local jurisdiction of the designated home team.
 - b. The region director shall inform the State Committee Director and the MPSSAA office of the schedule established for competition.
2. The seeding meeting for bracket positions (including the breaking of ties) will take place Monday, October 22 in the MPSSAA office via conference call with the state tournament chair. Tournament pairings will appear on the MPSSAA web site <mpssaa.org> the same day.
 - a. Region directors will verify and submit the official records of all teams through October 20 to the respective state director by noon on October 21.
 - b. All teams in each section will be seeded as determined by regular season winning percentage, excluding the one additional tournament and any city, county, or conference championship.
 - c. Teams with less than nine varsity games played will be seeded based on a regular season winning percentage using a divisor of nine games.
 - d. Ties among teams in a section will be first broken by head-to-head competition to determine the higher seed. This applies if all tied teams meet the criteria. If head-to-head does not break the tie, a coin toss will be used to determine the order of seeding.

- e. The higher-placed team is defined as one who occupies the lower-numbered line position (the favored position), on the bracket in any given round.
3. Unless a specific alternative plan has been approved, all teams in sectional and regional play will abide by the following guidelines.
 - a. All sectional games will be played at the site of the higher seed throughout the tournament.
 - b. All regional championship games will be held at the home site of the school with the higher regular season winning percentage. If head-to-head does not break the tie, a coin toss will be used to determine the order of seeding.
 - c. The MPSSAA Executive Director may grant permission for sectional and region games to be scheduled at a site other than the higher seed. This may be done upon a written request of the region director, with approval by a two-thirds representative vote of athletic supervisors of schools in that region. Each athletic supervisor's vote will be weighed proportionally to the number of schools he or she represents in that region/section. The request must be received prior to October 1st.
 - d. If circumstances render a home site unplayable and the game is scheduled at any alternate site, the designated home team will remain unchanged.
 - e. A site suitable for a regular season game may be unsuitable for a playoff game. Region directors should work with local supervisors to assure that region sites meet field and safety criteria.

4. Uniforms shall comply with current NFHS rules. **The designated home team will wear the dark jersey and dark socks. The designated visiting team will wear solid white jersey and solid white socks.**

5. The Soccer Committee will approve for use only those sites that meet the following field criteria:
 - a. The field shall be a minimum size of 110 yds. x 55 yds.
 - b. The field of play shall conform to current NF Rule 1-2, (Articles 1-11).
 - c. It is the responsibility of the host school to provide and enforce crowd control measures.
 - d. There must be a qualified game manager other than the participating coach.
6. When a school cannot meet the game site criteria above, the region director shall designate an alternative site, after consultation with the local supervisor(s) of athletics.
7. When a school cannot meet the NFHS uniform specifications, the region director in consultation with local supervisor(s) of athletics may assign the designation of home team (including site of contest) to the opposing school without change of tournament seeding.
8. Region playoffs will begin October 26th and be completed by November 6th. The last play date for regular season games shall be October 24th.
9. Local MPSSAA districts will collect all revenue and pay all expenses. Site directors shall pay officials and required workers. When funds are not available, fees should be referred to the host district.

B. General Policies

1. Individuals 7 years of age and older will be charged an admission of \$6.
2. Region champions will receive a team plaque and 25 individual certificates.
3. Region champions will complete the Media Information Form (found on the Soccer page of mpssaa.org) and bring the requested copies to the State Semifinals and Finals with updated information.

IV. STATE TOURNAMENT

A. Tournament Organization

1. Both the Boys and the Girls Tournament Finals will be held at Loyola University's Ridley Athletic Complex on November 15th-17th, with times and pairings to be determined. Check MPSSAA.org for the "Fan Focus" with details on directions and parking information.
2. Member schools shall not schedule practice or scrimmage sessions at the site of the final championship games.
3. Three-person crews will be assigned through the MPSSAA office.
4. The Soccer Committee shall appoint a Game Manager for each semifinal and final game. The Game Manager is responsible for the field preparation, finances, the safe conduct of the game, and should be in contact with both teams as to time, uniforms, and game procedures. The manager is responsible for tickets received, monies collected, monies paid out, and shall submit a financial report to the Association following the game.
5. 2018-19 Semifinal pairings: **No. 1 South vs. No. 4 North and No. 2 East vs. No. 3 West.**
6. Both the Boys and the Girls Semifinals will be played at 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, and 7:30 p.m. on November 10th except Class 1A. Class 1A will play two games on November 9th at 5:00 and 7:30 pm and two games on November 10th at 12 and 2:30 pm. Schedules and times will be set after teams have advanced out of their regional tournament. Locations for each boys and girls classification are as follows:

DATE	CLASS	TENTATIVE SITES
November 9 & 10	1A.....	Northeast-AA High School
November 10	2A.....	River Hill High School
November 10	3A.....	Linganore High School
November 10	4A.....	Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School

7. For the Finals, two games will be played on Thursday, November 15th at 5:00 and 7:30 p.m. and two games will be played on Friday, November 16th at 5:00 and 7:30 p.m. Four games will be played on Saturday, November 17th at 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, and 7:30 p.m.

B. General Policies

1. Individuals 7 years of age and older will be charged the following admission:
 - a. State Semifinals - \$8.
 - b. State Finals - \$10.
2. If a final game is tied at the end of the overtime periods, The penalty kick procedure will be used to determine a State Champion.
3. The team champion in each classification will receive a plaque, 25 individual awards, and the game ball. The finalist team will receive a plaque, 25 individual awards, and a game ball.

PROJECTED MPSSAA SOCCER TOURNAMENT DATES

2019 - November 14/15/16

2020 - November 19/20/21

2021 - November 18/19/20

2018 ALIGNMENT FOR BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER

CLASS 4A-WEST		CLASS 4A-NORTH		CLASS 4A-SOUTH		CLASS 4A-EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Bethesda-Chevy Chase	Mtg	1. Catonsville	B Co	1. Bladensburg	PG	1. Arundel	AA
2. Winston Churchill	Mtg	2. Dulaney	B Co	2. DuVal	PG	2. Glen Burnie	AA
3. Albert Einstein	Mtg	3. Perry Hall	B Co	3. High Point	PG	3. Meade	AA
4. John F. Kennedy	Mtg	4. Mergenthaler (B only)	Balt	4. Laurel	PG	4. North County	AA
5. Walt Whitman	Mtg	5. Western (G only)	Balt	5. Northwestern	PG	5. Old Mill	AA
6. Walter Johnson	Mtg	6. Howard	How	6. Parkdale	PG	6. Severna Park	AA
7. Wheaton	Mtg						
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Clarksburg	Mtg	1. Urbana	Fre	1. Bowie	PG	1. Annapolis	AA
2. Gaithersburg	Mtg	2. Montgomery Blair	Mtg	2. Charles H. Flowers	PG	2. Broadneck	AA
3. Northwest	Mtg	3. Northwood	Mtg	3. Eleanor Roosevelt	PG	3. South River	AA
4. Quince Orchard	Mtg	4. Paint Branch	Mtg	4. Suitland (G only)	PG	4. North Point	Cha
5. Richard Montgomery	Mtg	5. Sherwood	Mtg	5. Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr.	PG	5. Leonardtown	StM
6. Thomas Wootton	Mtg	6. Springbrook	Mtg				
CLASS 3A-WEST		CLASS 3A-NORTH		CLASS 3A-SOUTH		CLASS 3A-EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Manchester Valley	Car	1. Franklin	B Co	1. Baltimore City College	Balt	1. Atholton	How
2. Westminster	Car	2. Lansdowne	B Co	2. Digital Harbor	Balt	2. Centennial	How
3. James Hubert Blake	Mtg	3. Milford Mill	B Co	3. Baltimore Polytechnic	Balt	3. Long Reach	How
4. Col. Zadok Magruder	Mtg	4. Parkville	B Co	4. Oxon Hill	PG	4. Mt. Hebron	How
5. Rockville	Mtg	5. Towson	B Co	5. Potomac	PG	5. Reservoir	How
6. Watkins Mill	Mtg	6. Woodlawn	B Co				
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Frederick	Fre	1. Dundalk	B Co	1. Huntingtown	Cal	1. Chesapeake	AA
2. Linganore	Fre	2. Kenwood	B Co	2. Northern	Cal	2. Northeast	AA
3. Gov. Thomas Johnson	Fre	3. Patapsco	B Co	3. St. Charles	Cha	3. James M. Bennett	Wic
4. Tuscarora	Fre	4. Aberdeen	Hfd	4. Chopticon	StM	4. Stephen Decatur	Wor
5. North Hagerstown	Was	5. Bel Air	Hfd	5. Great Mills	StM		
6. South Hagerstown	Was	6. C. Milton Wright	Hfd				
7. Edgewood		7. Edgewood	Hfd				
CLASS 2A-WEST		CLASS 2A-NORTH		CLASS 2A-SOUTH		CLASS 2A-EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Century	Car	1. Eastern Technical	B Co	1. Glenelg	How	1. Elkton	Cec
2. Liberty	Car	2. Hereford	B Co	2. Hammond	How	2. North East	Cec
3. South Carroll	Car	3. New Town	B Co	3. Marriotts Ridge	How	3. Rising Sun	Cec
4. Winters Mill	Car	4. Owings Mills	B Co	4. Oakland Mills	How	4. Fallston	Hfd
5. Oakdale	Fre			5. River Hill	How	5. Harford Technical	Hfd
				6. Wilde Lake	How	6. North Harford	Hfd
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Damascus	Mtg	1. Patterson	Balt	1. Southern	AA	1. North Caroline	Cln
2. Poolesville	Mtg	2. Central	PG	2. Calvert	Cal	2. Kent Island	QA
3. Seneca Valley	Mtg	3. Crossland	PG	3. Patuxent	Ca	3. Queen Anne's	QA
4. Middletown	Fre	4. Gwynn Park	PG	4. La Plata	Cha	4. Easton	Tal
5. Walkersville	Fre			5. Thomas Stone	Cha	5. Parkside	Wic
6. Williamsport	Was			6. Westlake	Cha	6. Wicomico	Wic
CLASS 1A-WEST		CLASS 1A-NORTH		CLASS 1A-SOUTH		CLASS 1A-EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Allegany	All	1. Carver A&T	B Co	1. Chesapeake Science Pt.	AA	1. Bohemia Manor	Cec
2. Fort Hill	All	2. Chesapeake	B Co	2. College Park Academy (B only)	PG	2. Perryville	Cec
3. Mountain Ridge	All	3. Loch Raven	B Co	3. Fairmont Heights	PG	3. Havre de Grace	Hfd
4. Northern	G	4. Overlea	B Co	4. Frederick Douglass	PG	4. Joppatowne	Hfd
5. Southern	G	5. Pikesville	B Co	5. North CMIT	PG	5. Patterson Mill	Hfd
		6. Randallstown	B Co	6. Intl. School at Langley Park	PG	6. Colonel Richardson	Cln
		7. Sparrows Point	B Co	7. Largo	PG	7. Kent County	K
		8. Western STES	B Co				
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Francis Scott Key	Car	1. AACE	Balt	1. Henry E. Lackey	Cha	1. Cambridge-SD	Dor
2. Brunswick	Fre	2. Paul Laurence Dunbar	Balt	2. Maurice J. McDonough	Cha	2. North Dorchester	Dor
3. Catocin	Fre	3. Forest Park (B only)	Balt	3. Friendly (B only)	PG	3. Crisfield (B only)	Som
4. Boonsboro	Was	4. Benjamin Franklin	Balt	4. Intl. School at Largo	PG	4. Washington (B only)	Som
5. Clear Spring	Was	5. Reginald Lewis (B only)	Balt	5. South CMIT	PG	5. St. Michaels (B only)	Tal
6. Smithsburg	Was	6. NAF (B only)	Balt	6. Surrattsville	PG	6. Mardela	Wic
		7. New Era (B only)	Balt			7. Pocomoke (B only)	Wor
		8. The SEED School of MD	MD			8. Snow Hill	Wor

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