

**MSHSAA Soccer Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Via Zoom**  
**Thursday, December 10 2020 – 10:00 a.m.**  
**AGENDA**

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\*\* Agenda may be amended

**Old Business**

1. Approval of December 2019 Committee Minutes
2. Review of Board Action from December 2019 Meeting

**New Business**

1. **Yellow Card/Red Card** (Dan Porter)  
2 yellow cards result in a red card and player sits remainder of game and the next. Or a direct red card that should not result in missing remainder of game and the next. There are instances where a soft red would be more effective.

**Rationale for Change/Addition:**

I believe there should be a soft red card that would only have a player sit the remainder of that game. I had a goalkeeper come out of the box to play a ball an unintentionally had a hand ball. He was given a red card and had to sit that entire game plus the next. This is too harsh for an incidental foul. A soft red would only have him sit the remainder of that game. This is just one instance of where a soft red card rule be more effective. Incidental fouls and fouls that are in no way violent in nature, cause another player harm, or use foul language should not result in two game suspensions. Another example I had this year was a JV player grabbed the ball with his hands before allowing it to cross the goal line. He acted out of pure instinct. There was no deliberate harm hear whatsoever. The other team was awarded an obvious PK. My player was red carded and sent off in the first 15 minutes of that game and had to sit the next. Again, this is too harsh for the foul committed.

These type red cards put a negative mark on our sport. Coaches are scrutinized by their administration for their team getting red cards when these red cards were incidental fouls that in most other sports would simply be a foul. A hard red card should only be used for the most severe situations. We need a red card rule that distinguishes between harsh, or severe fouls and fouls that deserve only a soft red and a player only sits remainder of that game. *(Michael Palermo)*

2. **14 Games and 4 Tournaments Option, 4<sup>th</sup> Tournament must be a conference tournament**  
(Dan Porter)  
MSHSAA Handbook Diagram 3.29.6

### Rationale for Change/Addition:

Currently, many conferences are playing a home and home series, which leads to a lot of games, and not necessarily quality games for both the top teams in the conference and the bottom teams in the conference. Adding the option to play a 4<sup>th</sup> Tournament only if it is a conference tournament, would alleviate the necessity to play all conference teams twice, would allow more non-conference schedule flexibility, mimic the collegiate schedule, allow for a more competitive environment amongst conference teams, allow you to prepare for the district tournament through this conference tournament. The suggestion would be to play the conference tournament two weeks prior to the district tournament. The winner of the conference would be decided by the home or away scores earlier in the year, however, the conference tournament would be a tournament championship (no bearing on the winner of conference).

The format of the tournament depending on number of teams would allow for byes for the top seeded teams based on finish from the home or away schedule, and play in games for teams that are better matched for each other. The losers of the play in games, could then play each other, and there would be a third place game option, so no team would have fewer than two games. Thus reducing conference schedules of 14-games to 9 or 10 games, which would allow 4-5 games of schedule flexibility for coaches to find more relevant non-conference games if interested. We are currently asking too many games of our players, and too many of the games we are required to play are over before they begin, so again, this would create schedule flexibility and increase the competitive nature of our seasons. (*Zac Ganzer – Excelsior Springs*)

### 3. **Championship Factor** (Ethan Weller)

#### Rationale for Change/Addition:

- I believe that the Championship factor should be modified from the current version. There should be a certain amount of points given to public/private schools for winning games post season and if they reach a certain amount of points then they should not be able to drop down a class because of their school population. There is no reason why Southern Boone who has won their districts for the last 10 years in a row and made several appearances in the Class 2 final four the last few years be dropped down to Class 1. There should not be blow outs in the semi-final games like 0-8 and 0-6 in Class 1 this year. I like the Championship factor and feel that private schools need to be bumped up after performing so well (especially Class 1) but it does need to be modified on who drops down. An idea would be to get a point for getting 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Districts and adjust all other points accordingly.

For Class 1, 3 out of the 8 teams who made quarter finals were Class 1 last year. All other schools were dropped down from Class 2. I feel like if the Championship factor did not go into effect this year then there would have been closer outcomes between all the teams who played. (*Sean Hutchinson*)

- Due to the number of classes in soccer versus other sports, we would ask that the committee consider a point totals adjustment in regards to the championship factor. We propose an adjustment to a two-year tabulation instead of the current 6-year format. (*Sean Hutchinson*)

4. **Review of field dimensions prior to season** (Shannon Grable)

**Rationale for Change/Addition:**

It has been observed that fields are not meeting the required dimensions and can cause an unfair advantage to those visiting schools. (*Jimmy Chapman – Chillicothe Girls Soccer*)

5. **Overtime** (Matt Fennessey)

**Rationale for Change/Addition:**

Overtime for regular season games is okay for larger schools but smaller schools who struggle to have both JV and Varsity is just too much soccer. (*Clint Dobry*)

6. **Date & Time of Next Meeting**

7. **Adjourn**