

## 2019 Soccer Season Information

**Online Rules Meeting:** All head varsity soccer coaches must view the online Coaches Rules Meeting by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Failure by any head soccer coach to view the online rules meeting may result in sanctions. The Coaches' Rules Meeting will be on the IGHS AU website in the Soccer section under the Coaches & Administrators tab the week of February 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Practice and Playing Dates:**

First Practice Date: March 18  
First Competition Date: April 1

### **2019 Classification:**

Class 3A – 40 teams  
Class 2A – 48 teams  
Class 1A – 67 teams (approximate)

### **Regional Tournament Dates:**

Class 1A: May 28, 31, June 3  
Class 2A: May 23, May 28, June 3  
Classes 3A: May 23, May 29, June 3

### **State Tournament – June 6 - 8:**

The State Soccer Tournament will be held at Cownie Soccer Complex in Des Moines.

**Game Limitations:** Each school is allowed 17 games. No more than five matches may be played in one tournament, and no more than three matches can be played in one day. An individual player may not play more than six halves in a calendar day.

**Scrimmages:** Each school is allowed one scrimmage to be used anytime during the entire season.

**Jamborees:** Each school is allowed one 40-minute half jamboree. The jamboree is permitted between the first date of practice and the date the school plays its first game.

**Uniform Changes (NEW for 2019):** Teams will be reversing their home and visiting uniforms this season. The home team will wear dark jerseys and socks and the visiting team will wear solid white jerseys and solid white socks. Dark jerseys are defined as any color which contrasts with white. Undergarments can be a different solid color than the uniform, although the length and color of the undergarments must be the same for all members of the team.

**Complete Game Ending in Tie:** A game that has met the complete game requirements (one half of play completed), but has ended due to weather/facility/injury may now be recognized as a complete game, even if it ends in a tie. *By NFHS rule: 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, then game may be rescheduled...from suspension of play according to state association adoption.*

**Rainout Protocol:**

- Regular Season – It is the responsibility of the host institution, up until the moment the game begins, to judge whether or not the condition of the field, the elements and other conditions affecting the safety of the field of play allow for a safe game to begin. Once the game begins and until it ends, the determination of whether or not a game may be safely continued shall be made by the head referee.
- Regional Tournament – The regular season weather protocol should be followed. With one addition, if the game needs to be rescheduled, then it shall be played the next day. The IGHS AU must be contacted immediately to approve the rescheduling.
- State Tournament – IGHS AU tournament coordinator and the head official(s) will make weather determinations and communicate with participating teams.

**Site Availability:** If you would like your soccer complex considered for a Regional Tournament site, please have your athletic director fill out the site availability form on our website ([ighsau.org](http://ighsau.org)) in the Online Forms section by April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**QuikStats:** Varsity coaches are required to submit their varsity roster and schedule through [Quikstatsiowa.com](http://Quikstatsiowa.com) before March 18<sup>th</sup>. **Varsity coaches are now required to have their individual game results updated on QuikStats every Tuesday during the regular season.** Coaches are also expected to update their Quikstats throughout the Regional Tournament series. Failure to submit the required information by the mandatory dates may result in the suspension of the coach.

**Online Game Report:** The IGHS AU has implemented a post-game soccer survey to gather information from coaches and officials following each of their games. Please take a moment to fill out the 12-question form following each of your soccer games. The post-game soccer survey link is located on the IGHS AU website in the Soccer section under the Coaches & Administrators tab.

**Entering Daily Scores:** Daily scores will be posted on the IGHS AU website. Please enter your score on QuikStats as soon as your match ends. When you hit submit, the score should post automatically on the IGHS AU Soccer score page and on the ighsauscores Twitter account.

During the course of the season, the IGHS AU makes mention of superlative accomplishments from our female student-athletes. If you have a significant accomplishment you would like to mention (school record broken, coaching milestone wins, etc.), let us know and we'll do our best to mention your athletes' accomplishments on our Twitter account. Feel free to email Jason Eslinger any news at [jasoneslinger@ighsau.org](mailto:jasoneslinger@ighsau.org).

**Regional/State Tournament Entry Forms:** Regional roster forms will be on the IGHS AU website in the soccer section. Schools are required to print, complete and submit the form to their Regional tournament host five days (or as early as possible) prior to the match.

**Awards:** State qualifier medals and banner will be presented at each Regional Final site after the completion of the match to each state qualifying team and \$300 meal allowance. Schools over 125 miles will receive a housing stipend of \$450/night.

Each State participant team will receive a trophy, which will be presented following each team's final game.

**State Tournament Travel Expense:** The IGHSAU will reimburse State qualifying schools for travel expenses at the rate of \$1.25 per mile one way per team.

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