

## NORTH SUBURBAN CONFERENCE GUIDELINES

### GIRLS' SOCCER

#### I. SEASON LIMITATIONS

Practice may begin Monday of week 36 of the I.H.S.A. standardized calendar. The first contest may be no earlier than Monday of week 38. The season shall end no later than Saturday of week 48.

#### II. CONTEST LIMITATIONS

The Girls' Soccer schedule shall consist of a single round-robin within each Division and three crossover contests against the opposite Division.

Varsity - JV - Freshman  
17 games - 0 tournaments  
16 games - 1 tournament  
15 games - 2 tournaments

#### III. LEVELS OF COMPETITION

- A. A player may participate at only one level of competition for a given playing date/round.
- B. Participation: Refer to Article IX of the N.S.C. Constitution regarding eligibility.

#### IV. COACHES' MEETING

The Conference coaches will hold a meeting the Monday following the North Suburban Conference championship game.

#### V. CHAMPIONSHIP

The Division Championships shall be determined by the best record within Division play. Crossover contests do not count in Division standings. In case of ties, duplicate trophies will be awarded. Division standings are to be determined by the following system:

Win - 3 points  
Tie - 1 point  
Loss - 0 points

The Conference Championship shall be determined by a single championship game between the Division champions. In the case of ties for Division champions, the following tiebreaking criteria will be used:

1. Division record
2. Head to head
3. Point System (Division games)  
Win = 6 points; Tie = 3 points; Goals scored (1 point per goal up to 3 per game);  
Shut out = 1 point
4. If two teams are still tied, the team that has not been to the Championship game from that division for the longest period of time will be the representative.

Note: If only two teams remain tied after any criterion is applied, head to head competition between those teams will be the deciding factor. Ties which remain after all criteria have been applied will be broken by a coin flip conducted by the Resource Athletic Director.

In the event of a tie at the end of regulation time in the Conference Championship game, the IHSA State series procedure (Terms and Conditions VI. E. 3 - Resolution of tie games) will be used to determine a champion.

## VI. CONDUCT OF CONTESTS

- A. Varsity teams will play two (2) forty (40) minute halves. No overtime for games that are tied.
- B. Freshman and JV teams will play two (2) thirty-five (35) minute halves. No overtime for games that are tied.
- C. Starting times for Monday through Friday games will be 4:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted or arranged. Saturday games will be at 10:00 a.m. or determined by the host school. Second game twenty minutes after the first game. All teams must have at least 15 minutes warm-up time.
- D. Home team will wear LIGHT jerseys and visiting team will wear DARK jerseys. If a team does not have both light and dark jerseys, the opponent must be notified at least one day in advance of the scheduled contest so contrasting jerseys can be arranged.
- E. Games will be played unless severe conditions endanger the safety of participants (i.e. electrical storms). Postponed games should be rescheduled at the earliest date available to both schools.
- F. All players must wear shin guards in all NSC contests.
- G. On ACT test dates, all games will start at 1:30 P.M.

## VII. OFFICIALS

Officials will be assigned by the Conference Assignment Chairman. Officials are to be rated and ratings submitted to the Conference Assignment Chairman.

## VIII. AWARDS

A team trophy will be awarded to championship team(s). Fifty (50) players will be selected to the All-Conference Team without regard to position. Conference points earned will be divided by four to determine the number of selections per school. Each school may nominate a maximum of two at-large candidates. Those at-large candidates not selected for the All-Conference team will be named Honorable Mention. Remaining positions, if any, will be voted on as at-large selections. The Honorable Mention team may contain no more than one half the number (25) of All-Conference players.

## IX. MISCELLANEOUS

All scores are to be called in to the Soccer Resource Athletic Director the next school day after the contest.

### **Selected Highlights from the NSC Constitution**

**From Article VIII:** The Resource Athletic Director for each respective Varsity sport shall be responsible for compiling and distributing Conference Varsity standings and scores on a weekly basis. Each school shall be responsible for reporting Varsity scores to the Resource Athletic Director each week. The North Suburban Conference only recognizes championships at the Varsity level.

**From Article IX:** A player may participate at only one recognized level of competition on any given playing date or round of play against a Conference opponent, except where noted in individual sport Guidelines. In sports where there is a Conference tournament at the Varsity level, if a Conference school also hosts a Prairie-Lake (under-level) Invitational in that sport, an athlete is prohibited from competing at more than one level. Only freshmen may compete at the freshman level in any sport or contest. Member schools are required to field teams in recognized levels from the top down.

**From Article X:** It is agreed by all member schools that the use of video equipment for the purpose of scouting is allowed unless prohibited by individual NSC sport Guidelines or NFHS rules.

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