

**ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER BY-LAWS
Updated August 3, 2021**

1. The current year National Federation Soccer Rules and the NYSPHSAA Rules and Regulations with following OCIAA modifications shall apply:
 - a. One of the following balls is required to be used as the game ball for all OCIAA league contests: Spalding TF-5000, Ultra-Umbro, Royal-Umbro, Brine International 32 or better, Supers-Challenge, Mohinder, America, Italia, Ultra-MG Pro, Adidas Tango.
 - b. Yellow Card Rule: An athlete who receives a yellow card must leave the field of play and may return to the game the next time a substitution may be made. Yellow cards must be reported to the Regional Office of Interscholastic Athletics.
 - c. In the event that the player receives two yellow cards in the same game, resulting in a red card, the two yellow cards will not count towards the season total; since the player will receive a one game suspension as a result of the misconduct and ejection.
 - d. Deliberate handball to stop an attack.
2. Red Card Rule – Unsportsmanlike Conduct
3. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct Rule**

Sportsmanship: The NYSPHSAA and Section IX recognizes and appreciates that the influence and responsibility of the school administration with regard to good sportsmanship extends to all levels of competition. However, it must also be seen that the NYSPHSAA AND Section IX has been vested with the responsibility to ensure that all contests under its jurisdiction are conducted satisfactorily. This standard applies to all regular season and post schedule play.

I. Coach (There is no appeal to a coach ejection. The official's decision is final). (Please refer to the NYSPHSAA Handbook – Sportsmanship; Standard 27b):

1. Any coach excluded by a certified official from an interschool competition for unsportsmanlike conduct is ineligible to coach any interschool competition in that sport until after the next previously scheduled contest at the same level (e.g. junior varsity, varsity, etc.) has been completed. **The coach may not be present at the game site. NOTE:** "Not being physically present at the site" means the disqualified coach is not to be present in the locker room, on the sidelines, in the stands or site area before, during or after the game/meet.
2. A coach who strikes, shoves, kicks or makes other physical contact with the intent to do so to another person (e.g. official, another coach, player, fan) shall be expelled immediately and banned from further participation or coaching in all sports for one year from the date of the offense.

3. The coach that was ejected will notify his/her Athletic Director of the incident on the same day that it occurred. The Athletic Director will then contact the League Coordinator as the coach(s) will not be allowed to participate in the school's next scheduled game/games as above.

II. Player Ejections: (There is no appeal to a player ejection. The official's decision is final).

1. Any member of a squad ruled out of a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct (flagrant foul, two technical fouls in basketball, two yellow cards, red card, inappropriate language or taunting, fighting, etc.), the following action is **required** by the NYSPHSAA Regulations detailed in Standard #27b:

A. First Ejection – that player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next scheduled contest **in that sport**. If the season has ended the player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next scheduled contest in his/her next season of participation.

B. Second Ejection – that player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next two scheduled contests **in that sport**. If the season has ended the player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next two scheduled contests in his/her next season of participation.

C. Third Ejection – that player(s) cannot attend or participate in any remaining scheduled contests for the remainder of that sports season – including sectional, regional and state contests. If the season has ended the player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next three scheduled contests in his/her next season of participation.

***Please note: Disqualifications from one season will carry over to the next season of participation.**

2. Any member of the squad who strikes, shoves, kicks or makes other physical contact with the intent to do so to an official shall be expelled from the game immediately and banned from further participation in all sports for one year from the date of the offense. **NOTE:** "Member of the squad" includes player, manager, scorekeeper, timers, and statisticians.

3. Communication Responsibilities regarding ejections:

A. The coach of the player(s) who was/were ejected will notify his/her Athletic Administrator by 12 noon the following day. The Athletic Administrator must report the ejection to their respective League Coordinator by 12 noon the following day.

III. Official:

1. Unprofessional conduct on the part of official such as, but not limited to, taunting, baiting, use of profanity, shall be reported by a school administrator from the aggrieved school to the Section Executive Director. A request will be made to the appropriate sport officials' chapter to investigate the incident and to report their action to the Section in a timely manner.

2. The official who ejected the player(s) or coach shall notify the League Coordinator prior to 12:00 Noon the following day of the name(s) of the player(s) or the coach and the infraction(s). The League Coordinator shall notify the Athletic Director of the offending school.

3. **Field of Play:** It is recommended that Varsity fields will have a perimeter fence or roping, 15-25 feet from playing field on the official side and at least 10 feet on the other side of the playing field and end lines. If field configuration, the use of public parks or elementary school fields prohibits full adherence to the 15 or 10 feet requirement, large rubber cones or other temporary markings may be used. The home school is responsible for keeping unauthorized personnel out of teams' area and at least 10 feet from the field of play at all times, which may require adult supervision.

4. Interruptions of a Match: If any circumstances, or series of circumstances, prevent the completion of a match (such as bad weather, failure of equipment, etc.) the match shall be considered an official match if at least one-half (1/2) of the match has been completed.
5. Championships:
 - a. The OCIAA Soccer League will consist of divisions for girls and divisions for boys.
 - b. Each division will recognize a champion based on win/lose record within their divisional play. In order to determine a division champion, a team shall receive:
 - (1) 2 points for a win, within a Division
 - (2) 1 point for a tie, within a Division
 - c. If there is a tie based on division records, the following will be used to determine that division champion:
 1. Head to Head overall for current season between teams that are tied.
 2. Goals allowed between tied teams
 3. Record vs. the team occupying the next highest position in division standings
 4. Goals allowed vs. the team occupying the next highest position in division standings
 - d. It has been determined that Division I will cross over and play against Division II in boys and girls soccer. This is for Section IX seeding purposes.
6. Awards:

Plaques - Will be awarded to the Division Champions.

OCIAA Patches - Each individual school may purchase their own patches if they choose to do so.
7. Evaluation of officials – Ratings and scores **MUST** be reported on the rSchool Today mobile app. Coaches are encouraged to send scores to the local media.