

Soccer Advisory 11-6-25

Attendees: Nick Christianson, Matt Pfau, Tom Marcis, Ian Costello, Kevin Morast

Discussion items:

1. Out of season coaching
 - a. Kevin gave an update to the out of season coaching rule changes that may take place as the NDHSAA board of directors reviews the current language.
2. All-tournament team selections
 - a. Added two members to the all-tournament team – 1 each for the consolation semi-final losers
3. Proposed regulation change allowing for 9 halves to be played in a week and increase of one from the current allowable 8.
4. Elimination of the countdown by the announcer in the last 10 seconds
5. Adding two officials to the state tournament roster utilizing 4-man crews for each match.
 - a. Rationale
 - i. Allows for cleaner substitutions
 - ii. Another official to assist with bench control/behavior
 - iii. More options for officials
 - iv. Additional experience for younger officials
6. Officials' education
 - a. A weekly or bi-weekly professional development document sent to officials regarding pertinent information in the sport of soccer
 - b. Mandated in-person workshops for all soccer officials similar to other sports
 - c. Member schools to be responsible for using officials during their team scrimmages and early season scrimmages. This would allow for unbiased feedback to officials prior to the season.
7. Recommend all schools use the Select ball as it is the state tournament ball.

Proposed Regulation Change

1. Adding two more officials to the state tournament roster, utilizing 4-man crews
2. Mandated in-person officials' workshops for certification
3. Increase the number of allowable halves in a week from 8 to 9