

2009-10 TSSAA Handbook

GIRLS SOCCER, SOCCER REGULATIONS

I. GENERAL REGULATIONS

- A. Girls soccer shall be played in the fall. Soccer shall be played in the spring. If a school does not have a girls soccer team, girls may participate on the soccer team.
- B. In Division I, TSSAA schools shall be divided into eight regions in Class A-AA and eight regions in Class AAA for soccer competition. In Division II, TSSAA schools shall be divided into two regions (East/Middle and West) in Class A and two regions (East/Middle and West) in Class AA for soccer competition.
- C. Invitational tournaments must be approved in writing by the Executive Director of TSSAA. Schools that enter invitational tournaments shall be charged with two matches for each tournament in which they participate. A member school shall not participate in more than two such tournaments per season.
- D. Video taping or filming is permitted if the taping or filming is for private use or use by the two schools involved and not for public or commercial use. Video taping or filming must be done from the individual's seat. Individuals will not be allowed to use tripods. A school taping or filming its own game may use a tripod. A school will not be allowed to tape or film a game unless its team is involved in the game. All taping or filming by a school may be approved by the local Game Director or Tournament Director, and the Tournament Director or Game Director shall assign space, when available, from which the school may tape or film.

II. DISTRICT AND REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

- A. All tournament play shall be single elimination in Division I and Division II.
- B. In Division I, tournament play shall begin at the district level if both districts in the region have three or more teams. If not, tournament play shall begin at the region level with a tournament for all schools in the region.
- C. In Division I district play, the district winner and runner-up teams shall advance to the regional tournament. Since each district sends two teams to the regional tournament, the Board of Control has approved a set bracket for tournament play as shown below:

| Top Bracket | Bottom Bracket |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Winner District 1 | Winner District 2 |
| Runner-Up District 2 | Runner-Up District 1 |

- D. In Division II Class A, the East/Middle Region and the West Region shall determine the top four teams in any manner they choose.

III. STATE TOURNAMENT (Division I: Class A-AA, AAA)

- A. The regional tournament winner and runner-up shall advance to the sectional round. The Executive Director of TSSAA shall set the sectional sites in the area of the regional winner. In order to obtain adequate facilities, the game may be set at the regional winner's field. There will be one game at each site.

- B. In sectional play, the sites shall be as follows:

- Site 1: Winner Region 1 vs. Second Region 2
- Site 2: Winner Region 2 vs. Second Region 1
- Site 3: Winner Region 3 vs. Second Region 4
- Site 4: Winner Region 4 vs. Second Region 3
- Site 5: Winner Region 5 vs. Second Region 6
- Site 6: Winner Region 6 vs. Second Region 5
- Site 7: Winner Region 7 vs. Second Region 8
- Site 8: Winner Region 8 vs. Second Region 7

The Executive Director has the authority to select another site if the host's facilities are not adequate to host the match.

- C. In soccer, when the established starting time of a playoff contest between two schools conflicts with the previously scheduled Commencement Exercises of one of the schools, and that school has Senior roster player(s), then at the request of the affected school, the contest will be rescheduled for a mutually agreed upon time and site that falls within the playoff timeline established by the TSSAA. In the event the two schools do not agree on a rescheduled time and site, the TSSAA office will designate a starting game time and site.

This applies to regional semifinals, regional finals and sectional contests only.

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- D. The eight winners of the sectional games shall advance to the central tournament site. The Board of Control shall make the draw for play at the central tournament site. The draw will be made such that if two teams from the same region qualify for the state, they will be drawn to opposite brackets.

IV. STATE TOURNAMENT (Division II: Class A and Class AA)

- A. In Class A, the top four teams from the East/Middle Region and the West Region shall be eligible to enter the state tournament. The quarterfinal round of the State Tournament shall be as follows:

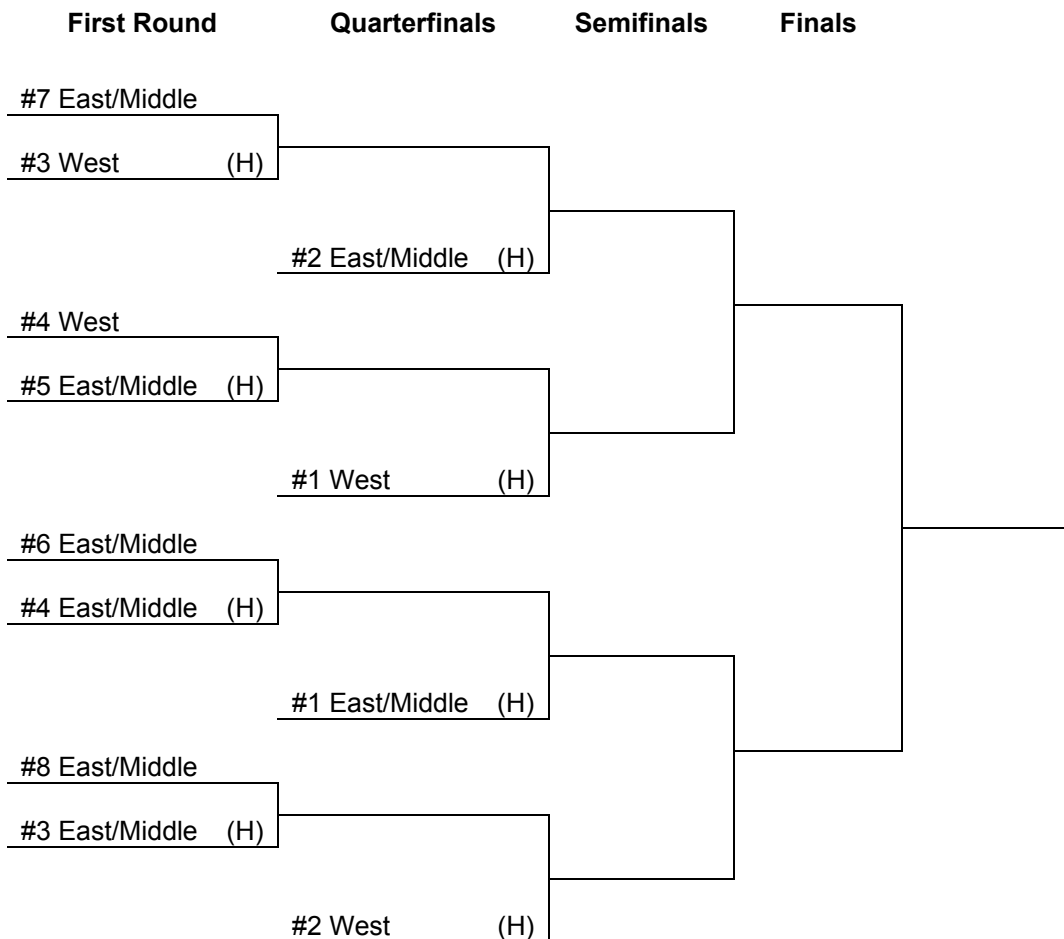
- Site 1: #4 West @ #1 East/Middle
- Site 2: #3 East/Middle @ #2 West
- Site 3: #3 West @ #2 East/Middle
- Site 4: #4 East/Middle @ #1 West

The Executive Director has the authority to select another site if the host's facilities are not adequate to host the match.

The winners of the quarterfinal round matches shall advance to the central tournament site.

The State Tournament shall be a four team double elimination tournament. The bracket shall be set by the Executive Director upon completion of the quarterfinal round matches.

- B. In Class AA, there will be an East/Middle and a West Region. There shall be twelve teams that qualify for the post-season tournament. The top eight teams from the East/Middle Region and the top four teams from the West Region shall qualify for the post-season tournament. Seeding will be based on regular season records. The bracket shall be as follows:



In the First Round and Quarterfinals, the bottom of the bracket will host the match.

The Executive Director has the authority to select another site if the host's facilities are not adequate to host the match.

The winners of the quarterfinal round matches shall advance to the central tournament site.

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- C.** In soccer, when the established starting time of a playoff contest between two schools conflicts with the previously scheduled Commencement Exercises of one of the schools, and that school has Senior roster player(s), then at the request of the affected school, the contest will be rescheduled for a mutually agreed upon time and site that falls within the playoff timeline established by the TSSAA. In the event the two schools do not agree on a rescheduled time and site, the TSSAA office will designate a starting game time and site. This applies to region tournament and quarterfinal round of the State Tournament.

V. OFFICIALS

- A.** Only TSSAA registered officials may be used in regular-season or tournament competition.
- B.** A minimum of two officials shall be used in each contest, but three may be used.
- C.** In district tournaments the officials shall be assigned by the assigning officer of the recognized local association.
- D.** In the regional, sectional, and state tournaments the state office shall select tournament officials.