

Soccer

Section 1 Rules National Federation Soccer Rules shall govern all NJSIAA games.

Section 2 Start of Practice Provided for in Program Regulations, Section 6.

Section 3 Start of Regular Schedule Provided for in Program Regulations, Section 8.

Section 4 End of Season Provided for in Program Regulations, Section 10.

Section 5 Transfers A student who transfers after the NJSIAA Competition Start Date for each sport, regardless of whether the transfer was the result of a bona fide change of residence, shall be ineligible to participate in any post-season championship competition at the new school.

Section 6 Scrimmages Interschool scrimmages are to be limited to three (3) per week until the first starting date; thereafter, including the week of the first starting date.

CL: Scrimmages during the regular season count toward the allowable number of games

Section 7 Games Per Week Not more than a total of three (3) soccer games may be played per week beginning with the week of the start of the regular schedule (this includes interschool scrimmages, regular games, postponed games, and tournament games), but games may not be played on three (3) consecutive days. This section does not apply to State Tournament scheduling. You may play one four-game week

Section 8 Halves Per Day A soccer player shall play in no more than three (3) halves during the same calendar day, with a maximum of nine (9) halves per week. If a school elects to play one four (4) game week, an individual may not exceed twelve (12) halves in that four-game week. This would include any combination of freshman, sophomore, junior varsity and varsity competition. NOTE: Overtime periods are a continuation of the second halve.

Section 9 Maximum Games A member school has the option of playing one of the following maximum game schedules:

- Option 1 Sixteen (16) games (including scrimmages, see Program Regulations, Section 7 Practices/Scrimmages/Games/Meets), plus two (2) tournaments, plus the State Tournament; or
- Option 2 Eighteen (18) games (including scrimmages, see Program Regulations, Section 7 Practices/Scrimmages/Games/Meets), plus one (1) tournament, plus the State Tournament; or
- Option 3 Twenty (20) games (including scrimmages, see Program Regulations, Section 7 Practices/Scrimmages/Games/Meets), plus the State Tournament.

A tournament shall be of the single elimination type not to exceed thirty-two (32) teams, limited to a maximum of five (5) games.

Section 10 Championship Eligibility A student competing on an interscholastic soccer team must play as a member of his/her high school team in at least 50% of the school's total games to be eligible for the

NJSIAA Championship Tournament.

CL: This means a student must be eligible to play in at least 50% of the school's games up to and including cut-off date while he/she was properly enrolled and eligible at said school according to NJSIAA regulations. Extraordinary circumstances (i.e. injuries or participation on US National teams) will be reviewed on a case by case basis for the purposes of this clarification.