

## **Soccer Regular Season Rules 2022-2023**

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 There is no maximum limit to interschool scrimmages per week. However, a player may not scrimmage on three (3) consecutive days. From the start of the regular season until the end of the State Tournament, regular season interschool scrimmages count toward the maximum number of games allowed (18).

Section 7 Games Per Week Games may not be played on three (3) consecutive days.

Section 8 Maximum Games A member school may play eighteen (18) regular scheduled games, plus one (1) county or league/conference tournament, plus the State Tournament, including regular season interschool scrimmages and postponed games from the start of the Regular Schedule to the end of 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 9 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 10-15 N/A

Section 16 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.*