



COVID 19 Protocols & Procedures – Boys Soccer

The MHSAA/NFHS Guidance For Re-Opening School Sports lists Soccer as a **moderate risk sport**. *Moderate risk sports involve close, sustained contact, but with protective equipment in place that may reduce the likelihood of respiratory particle transmission between participants OR intermittent close contact OR group sports OR sports that use equipment that can't be cleaned between participants.*

Competition and Spectator Limitations

- 2020 Fall regular season tournament competition limit – no more than 4 teams at a site.
- No scrimmages allowed.
- Spectators will be limited. The number of spectators and individuals allowed for indoor and outdoor events will be based on future guidance from the governor's office, and will be posted prior to the first dates of competition.

Practice

- Balls may be passed/shared, provided students wash their hands before and after practice.

Competition

- No pre-game and post-game handshakes/high-fives/fist bumps.
- All equipment should be cleaned and sanitized after set up and before contest.
- Athletes should not share pennies.
- Face coverings be worn during the captains meeting.
- Only athletes will touch the balls.
- Sanitized back up ball(s) should be available and should be rotated in regularly (someone needs to be designated to sanitize the ball.) Keep sanitized and non-sanitized balls separated.
- Players should use hand sanitizer before entering and when exiting the game during substitutions; no hand touching allowed during substitutions.
- Create additional space if possible, between officials and sideline benches. If benches are used for subs, maintain physical distancing.
- Limit sidelines to essential people.
- World Cup Walk out not allowed.
- Limit captain meeting to 1 athlete per school and officials, maintaining physical distance.

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