



WASHINGTON INTERSCHOLASTIC
ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

WIAA / GESA CREDIT UNION

2022-23 Bound for State Regulations



November 18-19, 2022

1B/2B Boys & Girls	Renton Memorial Stadium	Renton
1A, 2A Girls	Shoreline Stadium	Shoreline
3A, 4A Girls	Sparks Stadium	Puyallup

May 26-27, 2023

1A, 2A Boys	Renton Memorial Stadium	Renton
3A, 4A Boys	Sparks Stadium	Puyallup

Allocations

Allocations in soccer are made to the WIAA Districts.

Substitution of Players on Roster

When a team qualifies for postseason competition, the school shall submit the roster to the appropriate tournament manager. Changes in the roster are permitted from one (1) level of competition to the next level. Except in baseball, basketball, football and soccer where changes are allowed between each round of play except at the final site. A league tournament would be considered the first level; a district tournament would be considered the next level; a combined district/regional tournament would be considered the next level; and the state tournament would be considered the final level. No changes are permitted at that level once the tournament begins. The first games played as determined on the tournament bracket would be considered the first round; the quarter final games would be considered the second round; the semifinals would be considered the third round; and the championship game would be considered the final round. If games are played at the same site during a two-day period, changes in the roster are not allowed.

In the event of an emergency, unforeseen circumstances, or catastrophe after the tournament **begins and a substantial number of team members are unable to participate**, team members may be replaced if approved by the WIAA Executive Director or designee, thereby permitting a school to add eligible players to restore the team to the original number for tournament play.

ROSTER CHANGES ALLOWED >

League > District > 1st round > 2nd round > Semifinals & Finals

Schedule, scores, and photo are pulled from Arbiter / WPA.

Squad Size

22 players

All pass gate information for school personnel must be entered into the schools FinalForms account

6 designated team/school personnel (coaches, adult/student managers, and statisticians)

1 medical (must be licensed health care provider)

Team Roster

One copy of the roster is to be provided by the participating school to the game and/or tournament manager prior to each game.

Game Ball

The Baden Perfection Thermo ST7 ball shall be used during the semifinal and final games.

Player Conduct on Sidelines

Players should not be changing their practice and/or team jerseys on the sidelines prior to, during or after the game. Locker rooms and restrooms are provided for this purpose.

Practice Sessions at Sites

Practice will be allowed only if each qualifying team can be provided with equal access. Any expenses involved in this practice will be paid by the individual schools using the facility for practice.

Coaches at State Tournaments

The only coaches permitted to be on the sidelines during a state playoff contest shall be limited to the coaches who have been named as soccer coaches by the school district for the regular season.

Warm-up

Teams will have a 15 minute pregame warm-up at the competition unless coaches of both teams mutually agree to shorten the warm-up time.

Playing Rules

The FIFA "Laws of the Game", NFHS Rules and the WIAA modifications will be the official rules for all regular season and playoff games. Any exceptions to any of the rules by league or individual school must receive Executive Board approval.

Length of Periods

All regular season and playoff games are to be played in two equal halves of 40 minutes each. All schools must follow playing time rules. The referee is responsible for keeping the time of the game. If the field site has a clock, it shall be run to 2:00 then official time will be utilized which includes stoppage time kept on the field. The referee will indicate to both coaches as to how much time remains. Any exception must receive Executive Board approval.

Tie Games - State Tournament

In all State playoff games the method of breaking ties will be as follows. – Two (2) golden goal (5) minute overtimes. A coin toss shall be held prior to the first overtime as per Law 8. A (5) minute break will be given to both teams prior to the beginning of the first overtime. At the end of the first overtime period, teams shall change ends. If still tied at the end of the second overtime, penalty kicks will decide the outcome. The head referee shall choose the goal at which all of the kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken. Each coach will select five (5) players, including the goalkeeper, only players who are on the field of play at the end of the match are eligible take the kicks. A coin toss shall be held with the winning team having choice of kicking first or second. Teams will alternate kickers. There is no follow up on the kick. The defending team may change goalkeepers with an eligible player prior to each penalty kick. Following the five (5) kicks, the team scoring on the greatest number of kicks shall be declared the winner. If the score remains tied, each coach shall select five (5) different players than the first five to take kicks until one team has scored a goal more than the other from the same number of kicks.

Format for the First Round and Quarterfinals

Round 1 must be played no later than the Wednesday prior to Round 2. Round 2 must be played no later than the Saturday prior to the semi-finals & finals. If the District Directors fail to reach an agreement, the default date for Round 1 will be the Wednesday prior to Round 2. The default date for Round 2 will be the Saturday prior to the semi-finals & finals.

Finances for the First Round and Quarterfinals

Profit and/or loss will be shared by the participating WIAA Districts. A check for a share of the profits or a notification of a loss should go to each WIAA District involved, not the participating schools.

Ticket prices for First Round and Quarterfinals

Tickets prices will be set by the WIAA Executive Board and are included in the Tournament Ticket Price List (refer to the General Tournament Regulations).

SITE SELECTION AND ADMINISTRATION

Procedure for Selection of First Round & Quarterfinals Sites

1. The WIAA HOME DISTRICT will pre-select a minimum of three (3) to five (5) sites to be named for each classification and submitted to the WIAA office by OCTOBER 1 of each year. **Only those sites that meet NFHS field specifications should be selected for postseason contests.** The WIAA District Directors will provide the WIAA Staff the sites annually.

2. Potential game-site managers, and their home and business phone numbers, should be indicated on the submitted list whenever possible.

3. In the event a District has not notified the WIAA office by October 1 of the first and second round playoff sites and managers, the Executive Director of WIAA is authorized to name sites and managers.

4. Site conflict Criteria for first and second round football/soccer sites.

Sites for all 1st and 2nd round state football and soccer contests will be determined by the District Directors of the districts involved. In the event the two District Directors cannot resolve site issues, the WIAA Executive Staff will resolve the dispute in consultation with District Directors.

5. Sites will be determined based on suitability of the facility and to maximize revenues, which means there is no guarantee that contests will be played on neutral sites. Suitability of potential sites will be determined based on the following criteria.

1. Condition of playing field.
2. Ability to control admission for ticket sales.
3. Adequate seating for anticipated crowd – both home and visitor.
(For Western Washington sites covered seating is preferable)
4. Availability of conveniently located locker rooms/meeting rooms, rest rooms for both teams.
5. Availability of conveniently located rest rooms for both home and visitor spectators.
6. Equal access to press box facilities (when available) for both teams.
7. Adequate parking for anticipated crowd.
8. Availability of emergency medical treatment.

6. 1st and 2nd Round Dates/Times - The District Directors of the Districts involved will determine the date and time of Round 1 & 2 soccer contests. If the District Directors fail to reach an agreement on date/time, weekday contests will be Wednesday at 5:00 pm; weekend contests will be on Saturday at 1:00 pm. In the case of multiple contests at a single site, weekday game times will be 4pm and 7pm, weekend end game times will be 1pm and 4pm for two games, 1pm, 4pm and 7pm for three games. The visiting team with the furthest to travel will have choice of game time.

7. Notification of Playoff Sites: Each participating school shall be notified by the potential home District prior to playing the first round game of the schedule and selected site for the second round game(s), should their school win. First round winners (participating schools) are tied to the named sites.

8. All State playoff games will utilize 4 officials. Game officials will include the center referee, 2 assistant referees and the fourth official.

9. Games Committees -Each Event Manager shall appoint and name a Games Committee for all postseason contests. The Games Committee will be on site or readily accessible by phone for all postseason qualifying and/or state contests. Participating coaches will be informed of the process and makeup of the Games Committee prior to each postseason event.

Duties of the Games Committee shall be as follows:

- A. Assist the tournament director as needed and be immediately available to him/her at all times during the event.
- B. Act as an arbitration board of dispute on questions or protests that might arise. The final decision will be the consensus of the Games Committee.
- C. Questions concerning infractions may be brought to the Games Committee by the head coach or school administrator responsible for the team, not by a contestant, parent or spectator.

- D. The Games Committee shall be composed of no fewer than three, nor more than five, members. Games committee members will include 1) the event manager or designee; 2) the head official; 3) a coach, athletic director or school administrator; and may include 4) the official scorekeeper or 5) another event staff member. The Games Committee members may not have a conflict of interest with the teams/individuals involved with the game under dispute.

10. Protests - In all WIAA-approved state tournaments, protests must meet the following requirements in order to be heard:

- A. Protests of an official's judgment will not be heard. When a head coach feels that there has been a misinterpretation or misapplication of a specific playing rule, the coach shall notify the game officials following the incident in question and prior to the resumption of action that the contest is under protest.
- B. The official(s) will suspend the contest until a decision of the Games Committee has been determined.
- C. The Games Committee will meet immediately or as soon as is reasonably possible upon receiving notification of the protest. During the meeting of the Games Committee, the coach shall be afforded the opportunity to present rationale and justification including the specific rule(s) in question, how the tournament officials misapplied or misinterpreted the rule(s), and the desired outcome of the protest. The official(s) shall be afforded the opportunity to present the rule and its implementation in the protested situation.
- D. The Games Committee will consult with the WIAA staff member who oversees that sport; will follow any additional protest procedures covered in the sport specific rule book; and will utilize the FIFA and/or WIAA playing rules, scorebook, and/or statistics to determine the appropriate ruling.
- E. The Games Committee will deliberate in closed session.
- F. The decision of the Games Committee is final.

11. Postponement/Rescheduling/Emergency Site Changes: Postponement is defined as the rescheduling at a different time or location.

Rounds 1 and 2

Final decision for any postponement shall be that of the Home District Games committee as well as rescheduling of sites.

Each WIAA District is to develop and adopt a policy granting authority for the final decision regarding postponement to be that of the District Games Committee during the first and second round play-off contests.

Postponed games shall be played only on listed sites unless otherwise mutually agreed upon by all involved WIAA Districts.

PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF SEMIFINALS AND FINALS SITES

1. Sites for semifinals and finals will be set by the WIAA. The authorization and responsibility to change sites, if conditions are unsafe, may be required of a participating school. The WIAA Executive Director shall have final decision-making authority.
2. Beginning with the 2022-23 school year, when two classifications of schools play their semifinals, consolation, and championship games at the same site, the smaller classification will play the later game times during the school years ending with an even number and the larger classification will play the later game times during the school years ending with an odd number.
3. Postponement of games will be impacted by a school district's decision to not travel due to safety conditions. Forfeiture should not be a consequence if possible.