

2015-2016 Rule Changes

- When bench personnel (coaches or players) are cautioned or disqualified, substitutes from both teams who have already reported may be beckoned on by the referee and may enter the field of play. 3-3-3(e)
- Currently the jersey of the goalkeeper must be distinctly different in color from his/her teammates and opposing field players. To differentiate opponents, it is important that the goalkeeper's socks be included in this rule. Therefore, the goalkeeper's socks must differ in color from the opposing field players. 4-1-1(h)3

Points of Emphasis

- Home team jerseys must be "light colored" and away team jerseys must be dark colored or a color that contrasts with the light color.
- Players are not allowed to wear shoes with metal cleats OR any metal on the cleat. (MIAA 78.1.4)
- If players' socks are taped or held up with guard stays they must be of a similar color as that part of the sock to which they are applied. Contrasting socks or braces worn over the team socks: height and color determine if they should be allowed. They should not come up past the lower ankle.
- Electronic devices are NOT to be used to communicate with on-field players during the game. Tablets or smart phones can be allowed educate an off-field player while time is out.
- Rosters forms MUST be used for all varsity, JV and freshmen games. You are responsible for the record of game, especially if there are cautions or disqualifications. Keep extra copies of the roster form as well as the player and coach DQ forms.
- Players can be added to a team's roster up until the end of the game. They remain "open" until you close them after the contest. Your authority extends until you leave the immediate environs of the field and your administrative authority extends until all reports are finalized.
- Timeouts: one per team per half, lasting one minute or less from the time the teams get to the sideline. Coaches may enter and players remain on the field.
When can timeouts be called by a team owning a re-start?
- Penalty kick, corner kick, goal kick, throw-in, or free kick (direct or indirect)
When can timeouts be called by EITHER team ?
- a dead ball after a card (red or yellow), a goal, an injury stoppage, or a dropped ball.

- **Game lengths: 40 minutes for varsity. 30 – 40 minutes for JV or freshmen games if agreed upon by both coaches.**
- **It is preferred that sunglasses not be worn by officials unless they are prescription or if field conditions require you to wear them to safely see play on the field. Same with hats.**
- **Shaving cream is not to be used as a marking on the field during free kick re-starts.**