



CSAA 4TH GRADE SOCCER SPECIAL RULES

CSAA Soccer adheres to the National Federation of High School Rules except for the special rules listed below. All CSAA teams must also abide by all policies and procedures in the CSAA Handbook.

Official Rosters must be posted on Gameday before the first league game. **Players may be added** to the roster at any time during the regular season. No additions may be made to the roster after the end of the regular season. Make sure to have enough players on the roster for post season play.

Approved shin guards must be worn at all times, and they must meet the standards outlined in the NFHS rule book. Team socks shall be one solid color, and all be the same. See the NFHS rule book for further details and information.

The **official ball** for the 4th grade divisions is size 4,

4th Grade Division games will consist of eight (8) players and a team must have seven (7) players to start a game. This division will not have league standings and no post season tournament. The CSAA considers this league a non-competitive league and encourages equal playing time for all participants.

No intentional heading of the ball allowed at the 4th grade level. Play is restarted at spot of infraction by opposing team. If inside goal area the ball is placed on goal area line parallel to goal line nearest to spot of infraction.

Offside Rule – Offside is not called at this level unless blatantly obvious as determined by referee discretion. This **is not** an arguable call!

Mercy Rule - does not apply to the 4th grade division.

Game Times are listed on the schedules. There will be a maximum of 10 minutes from the regular scheduled starting time as a grace period before a forfeit is called. The **4th Grade Division** will play 20-minute halves with a 5-minute half time break.

Only 3 coaches allowed on the sidelines during CSAA games.

A player or coach disqualified or **receiving a Red Card** related to a CSAA soccer game automatically receives a one game suspension. The disqualified party must also contact the CSAA soccer director and the CSAA Executive Director for re-instatement before they are allowed to play or coach again in any CSAA sponsored event. A **disqualified player** must remain in the bench area and under the close control of the coach for the remainder of the game. A **disqualified coach** must leave the immediate facility. Any coach who remains in the viewing area of the game for any period of time after receiving the red card will be suspended indefinitely.

If a head coach receives a Red Card, **there must be an official assistant coach available** for the game to continue. The assistant coach must be on the roster in Gameday. If an official assistant coach is not present, the game will be terminated and be considered a forfeit by the offending team.

