



June 24-25, 2021

Welcome to the WIAA State Girls Soccer Championships. Please read the information/instructions carefully and share them with your Athletic Director, assistant coaches, athletes, and spectators who will be attending the event.

STATE SITE: Uihlein Soccer Park, Milwaukee, WI

| TIME SCHEDULE | | Thursday, June 24 |
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| <u>Semifinals Division 2</u> | | |
| 10:00 am | #2 vs. #3 | Pat Jones Field |
| 10:00 am | #1 vs. #4 | Kohler Engines Field |
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| <u>Semifinals Division 1</u> | | |
| 1:00 pm | #2 vs. #3 | Pat Jones Field |
| 1:00 pm | #1 vs. #4 | Kohler Engines Field |
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| <u>Championships</u> | | |
| 4:00 pm | Division 2 Championship | Kohler Engines Field |
| 7:00 pm | Division 1 Championship | Kohler Engines Field |

| TIME SCHEDULE | | Friday, June 25 |
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| <u>Semifinals Division 4</u> | | |
| 10:00 am | #2 vs. #3 | Pat Jones Field |
| 10:00 am | #1 vs. #4 | Kohler Engines Field |
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| <u>Semifinals Division 3</u> | | |
| 1:00 pm | #2 vs. #3 | Pat Jones Field |
| 1:00 pm | #1 vs. #4 | Kohler Engines Field |
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| <u>Championships</u> | | |
| 4:00 pm | Division 4 Championship | Kohler Engines Field |
| 7:00 pm | Division 3 Championship | Kohler Engines Field |

GAME TIME SCHEDULE

The information listed above has been reviewed by Sports Medical Advisory doctors and has been selected as the format for the State Girls Soccer Championship. Determination was based on many factors including, but not limited to

- Completion of Tournament in one day
 - No overnight stays
- Minimizing the number of communities reporting to a single site
- No overlap of fans from each session.

MONDAY, JUNE 21

- BY NOON: Tournament Information Sheet must be e-mailed to WIAA (costertag@wiaawi.org)

COVID ADJUSTMENTS

Pregame Conference (5-2-2d)

- Limit attendees to head referee or center referee, the head coach from each team, and a single captain from each team.
- Move the location of the pregame conference to center of the field. All individuals maintain a social distance of 6 feet.
- Encourage all individuals involved to wear masks.
- Suspend handshakes prior to and following the Pregame Conference.

Ball Holders (6-1)

- Follow social distancing guidelines.
- Gloves are recommended
- A ball that goes out of play, should be disinfected before putting it back in play.

Team Benches (1-5-1)

- Bench personnel shall observe social distancing guidelines.
- Athletes may wear a mask while participating in exertion, but it is not required

Substitution Procedures (3-4)

- Maintain social distancing between the substitute, officials and/or teammate(s) by encouraging substitutions to occur closer to the center line

Officials Table (6-2; 6-3)

- Limit to essential personnel which includes home team scorer and timer, with recommended social distance guidelines.
- Individuals encouraged to wear a mask when social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Visiting team personnel (scorer, statisticians, etc.) are not deemed essential personnel and will need to find an alternative location.

Equipment and Accessories (4-1)

- Cloth face coverings and neck gaiters/buffs are permissible for athletes to wear during play and encouraged for all athletes and sideline personnel.
- Gloves are permissible.

Legal Uniform (4-2)

- Long sleeves are permissible. (4-1-1)
- Long pants are permissible. (4-1-1)
- Under garments are permissible but must be of a similar length for the individual and a solid like color for team. (4-1-1d)

Spectators and non-essential personnel shall not have access to the playing field

- Media should request interviews and should be contained to an area where they can maintain social distance from athletes and other media personnel.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Warm-ups/Stretching – Maintain social distancing between players.
- Congregating of Athletes and/or Coaches – Discourage congregating upon arrival to the field, prior to game warm-ups, and immediately following the game.
- Huddles – Social distancing to be maintained as much as possible when the coach is communicating with the entire team or in smaller groups. All players and coaches must be masked during huddles, especially non-active players.
- Elimination of Team Handshakes – Teams may find other respectful ways to acknowledge each other before or after a competition, while maintaining social distancing.
- National Anthem – Align team members in a manner that allows them to maintain social distancing guidelines.
- Interaction with Officials – Coaches and officials should maintain social distancing when interacting
- Coin Toss – Reduce the number of individuals at the coin toss by allowing 2 captains and 1 coach.
- Starting line-ups/Introductions – Introduce from positions, after players have taken the field, and other athletes are socially distanced in the team box.
- Playing Field and Sideline area
 - Allow only essential personnel on the playing field. These are defined as athletes, coaches, medical personnel/trainers, and officials. Encourage facial coverings.
 - Adhere to social distancing guidelines
- Team Box – Designate “places”, within the team box, for members of the team to be when they are not on the field. Consider paint and/or tape to help athletes recognize social distancing.
- Departing the Field of Play (post game) – The visiting team should depart the field immediately after the completion of the game, followed by the home team. Every effort should be made to ensure that a log-jam does not occur upon departure of the two teams.

HEAT/ MULTI-GAME ADJUSTMENTS

- Games will be played in 45-minute halves, in order to cut down on the total number of minutes being played on one single day.
- Shade – teams are asked to bring a team tent for the sideline to take cover from the sun.
- Cold/Ice Towels – large coolers filled with ice and water will be provided. Teams are encouraged to bring personal towels that can be immersed in the ice water for purposes of cooling off on the sideline
- Additional Heat breaks – Officials will provide additional heat breaks during the game, if the field temperatures become a cause of concern.

OFFICIALS

- **Officials are not responsible for monitoring activities on the sidelines, such as social distancing, hand washing, symptoms of illnesses and other such issues. This monitoring remains with the coaching staff and school personnel.**
- By state association adoption, long-sleeved shirt/jackets are permissible. (Rule 5-1-3)
- Don't share uniforms or equipment.
- Electronic whistles are permissible. Bring an extra battery. Choose a whistle whose tone will carry outside.
- Bring your own water bottle(s).
- Bring your own supplies (gear, pencil, headset, etc.).
- Coin Toss – check with game administration regarding their decision on the coin toss protocol.
- Bring personal hand sanitizer.
- Wash hands frequently.
- Gloves are permissible.
- Eliminate hand shake and follow social distancing guidelines.

- Follow social distancing protocols
- Eliminate handshakes, etc.

ANNOUNCER

- State Tournament Host sites are encouraged to secure an experienced announcer, however if no announcer can be found, please notify the WIAA immediately.

SPECTATORS

- Attendance will not be limited at Uihlein Soccer Park. The WIAA respectfully asks spectators to do their best to socially distance, and not attend the games at all, if not feeling well.
- Hosts shall consult with their local health department when determining whether or not they can meet the spectator requirements listed above.
 - State tournament tickets are \$11 per session (one game)

Timing of Spectators

- Spectators should arrive as late as possible and leave the site immediately after the conclusion of the game.
- Family groups may sit together, but must maintain social distancing from other spectators
- Spectators should have no contact with the athletes while on the competition site.
 - Parents of competing athletes may not wait on-site to see their child.
- Masks – are recommended when social distancing cannot be maintained
- Social-distancing shall be maintained throughout the venue.

TICKETING

- **Schools:** Each school will have access to tickets starting on Sunday, June 20. The admissions will be handled via an Excel document that will be generated by Kassie Mortimer kmortimer@wiaawi.org. Athletic Directors will complete and submit the spreadsheet with names of who is to receive the admissions by 4:00 on Tuesday, June 22.
- In addition, the WIAA will open ticketing online for purchase by the general public. The tickets will be available on Sunday, June 20.
- For Championship game, winning teams will use their semi-final ticket list and additional tickets will be available on-site for purchase.

EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES

Set-up and Breakdown Equipment

- Any equipment used for competition should be disinfected prior to and immediately following the game. Only one individual should handle the equipment on any given day (i.e. resistance bands, mats, cones/flags, etc.).

Balls

- Sanitized before and after each game.
- Switch the ball at intervals during play
- Have multiple available on the sideline
- Sanitize the ball that is removed from play, before entering it back into the game.
- Ball chasers shall disinfect the balls between use, and must wear a mask and may wear gloves.

Other Equipment

- Towels – Athletes and officials must bring their own towels, if needed.
- Foam Rollers, Resistance Bands, etc. – Shall not be shared among athletes.

MEDICAL

- State Championship venues will have medical professionals on site.
- EMS will be available via 911
- Pre-Contest Screening
 - Athletes and coaches shall check their temperature at home before attending games. If a student-athlete or a coaching staff member has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or above, they should not attend the State Tournament games.
 - Any student-athlete that has symptoms and/or fever should not travel with the team or participate in any competition or team activities and should begin self-quarantine immediately.

- What if athlete is sick or exposed? – refer to the WIAA Fall Return to Play Considerations
- A tracing sheet shall be kept of all individuals traveling with the team to the contest verifying that the traveling party has been prescreened that day before departure.
- Trainers will be available at the state tournament site. Their responsibilities will be to assist teams with any special medical needs experienced during the tournament. They will not be available for taping of your squad members prior to the game.
- If you have your own trainer, he/she may assume the responsibility regarding your player, if you so desire. They will NOT, however, be allowed on the field without wearing a "Field Pass Badge."

TEAM PACKET & COVID PAPERWORK

- **Each team must have a completed the COVID-19 – Coach/Athlete Symptom Checklist Verification Form.**
 - COVID paperwork should be collected by the site manager, or someone acting in official capacity, in the parking area, prior to teams unloading their bus.
 - If paperwork is not collected upon arrival, the head coach shall present the paperwork to game management, prior to the start of the game.
- Failure to produce the verification form and/or the tracing sheet may result in a forfeit.

COVID-19 – Coach/Athlete Symptom Checklist Verification Form:

<https://www.wiaawi.org/Portals/0/PDF/Health/Covid/WIAA-Fall-Culminating-Event-Req-Verification.pdf>

SUBSTITUTIONS – Please review the following:

- There is a provision per WIAA Board of Control Covid-19 accommodations permitting replacement of a team or individual who has qualified from one level to the next but is unable to continue due to Covid-19 related circumstances.
- The provision extends ONLY to the most recently defeated team or the individual in the next place. Note: if the next place finisher is two individuals or more tied, there will be no replacement.
- There is no provision for moving up any other team or individual.
- Notification should be given as early as possible so the most recently defeated team or the individual in the next place can prepare. There is, however, no deadline. Substitution can be made up to the day of the event.
- If a vacancy occurs because there is no available or eligible team or individual, the scheduled opponent receives a forfeit.
- **A school whose team or individual is unable to continue in the tournament program is expected to IMMEDIATELY notify the following:**
 1. WIAA office.
 2. School hosting next round of competition.



COVID-19 - COACH/ATHLETE SYMPTOM CHECKLIST VERIFICATION FORM 2020-2021

I certify that our school has completed the prescreening of each person in our traveling party and team today before traveling to our WIAA Tournament contest. We have read, understand, and agree to abide by all of the information contained within the WIAA Return to Fall Sports Considerations. I further certify that if I have not understood any information contained in this document, I have sought and received an explanation of the information prior to signing this statement.

_____ **Circle one:** Regional | SubSectional | Sectional | State Sport

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| Opponent | Contest Date |
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School Name _____

Coach's Signature _____

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| Please Print Name | Date |

Athletic Director's Signature _____

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| Please Print Name | Date |

This form must be completed and carried to the WIAA Tournament contest. Schools involved in the contest will exchange a copy of this form. Coaches must also carry with them a copy of the COVID-19 Coach/Athlete Symptom Checklist and produce it if requested by the opposing team and/or host school.

LOCKER ROOMS

Please plan on arriving dressed in your playing apparel. All personal belongings will need to be taken to the game field.

JERSEY COLOR

Higher seeded team will wear dark uniforms. The school wearing dark will be designated as the home team on the scoreboard.

STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHER & VIDEOGRAPHER GUIDELINES

School photographers must have a ticket to gain entrance. Each participating school will determine if they will use one of their allotted tickets for a school photographer/videographer.

- Schools requesting a photographer/videographer badge for field access, must contact the WIAA office to obtain the pass. The individual must already be on the school pass list.

TEAM PACKETS

Team packets can be picked up upon arrival at the Learning Center. Your packet will contain complimentary nontransferable participating team passes (29) for your team and coaches, and field passes for your first game. Anyone without a ticket must not be admitted except through the team pass list, even if they are in uniform. No more than 25 uniformed players may be on the field area.

- Field passes must be worn by all nonplayer personnel (coaches, managers, trainer, etc.) that require access to the field.
- This year there will be no additional field passes for purchase. Teams are limited to 29 in the team box.

SUBSTITUTIONS, TIMING AND TEAM BENCHES

The official time will be kept on the scoreboard. Substitutions will be in accordance with the National Federation Soccer Rule Book (Rule 3, Section 3, Article 1, page 16). Team benches will be on the same side of the stadium with the official scorer located at a table between the team bench areas. Remember, players must report to the scorer's table after a goal is scored and between periods.

UAVS (DRONES)

- Refer to Policy for UAV's at WIAA Tournament Series Event
- <https://www.wiaawi.org/Portals/0/PDF/Media/wiaadronepolicy.pdf>

AWARDS

An awards ceremony will take place for each Championship game. The Runner Up team will be awarded their medals and trophy first, followed by the Championship team. It is expected that the runner-up team respectfully observe the championship awards and vice versa. Coaches please talk to your players about the value of the State Runner Up title. We are looking for better sportsmanship in the response to receiving the runner-up trophy.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Pre-order State Tournament apparel (T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Joggers, Bags, Stocking Caps, etc.) at www.Madacustom.com
 - Store will remain open approximately a week after the State Meet has concluded.
- Programs – Available on line only this year at www.wiaawi.org
- Important Phone Numbers
 - Kate Peterson Abiad WIAA (715) 344-8580 (office)/(715) 496-0456 (cell)

NO PRACTICE AT FACILITY/PRACTICING AT STATE SITE

- Host schools are not permitted to allow participating schools to practice at their facilities prior to tournament competition. Schools are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for sectional and State Tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.