

# **SOCCER FORMAT**

## **Effective 2017 - 2018**

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### **2017 TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP DATE:**

**Saturday, September 30, 2017**

Boys:

St. Clairsville High School  
4A: 10:00AM; 5A: 12:00PM;  
1A-3A: 2:00PM

Girls:

Wheeling Island Stadium  
4A: 10:00AM; 5A: 12:00PM;  
1A-3A: 2:00PM

### **FUTURE DATES:**

Saturday, September 29, 2018  
Saturday, September 28, 2019  
Saturday, September 26, 2020  
Saturday, September 25, 2021

### **MANDATORY MEETING:**

There will be a mandatory meeting of all coaches on Sunday, August 13, 2017, at Wes-Banco Arena starting at 6:00PM. **All schools MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE. A \$100 fine will be assessed for schools missing the meeting.**

1. There will be three (3) Tournament Champions in both boys' and girls' divisions. The Tournament champion will be recognized at the Banquet of Champions on Monday, May 14, 2018.

2. The Conference has been divided into three (3) groups based on the 2017-2018 enrollment figures.

**1A-3A:** East Richland Christian, Trinity Christian, Madonna, Caldwell, Steubenville Catholic, Linsly, Wheeling Central, Monroe Central, Magnolia, Tyler Consolidated, Crestview, Union Local

**4A:** Edison, Harrison Central, Oak Glen, St. Clairsville, East Liverpool, Steubenville, Cambridge

**5A:** Beaver Local, Weir, Indian Creek, Warren, Brooke, John Marshall, University, Wheeling Park, Parkersburg South, Morgantown

3. Each team is required to play a minimum of six (6) Conference matches to qualify for their Divisional Championship. Division Champions will be determined by tournament play with the top four (4) teams in each division advancing. The OVAC Championship Tournament will begin on Monday, September 25, 2017, and run until Saturday, September 30, 2017.

4. The following point system, based on classification, will be used to determine rankings:

1A-3A = 50 points

4A = 60 points

5A = 70 points

Non-Conference schools are assigned points based on OVAC enrollment figures.

Non-Conference schools **must be members of their state association** to be counted in the standings.

5. First level points are awarded based on using the OVAC classifications in correlation with the enrollment of the opponent school. First level points will be awarded for each win over an opponent. First level points for a tie will be awarded 1/2 of the opponent's total first level points.

6. FIVE (5) Bonus Points will be awarded for all wins by defeated OVAC opponents. NO BONUS POINTS will be awarded for any wins by defeated non-Conference schools. No bonus points will be awarded for a tie.

7. If any team plays an opponent on its regular season schedule more than two (2) times, only the first two matches played will count in the OVAC standings or toward minimum OVAC game requirements.

8. Once the first and second level points are determined, the total points accumulated by the school will be divided by the total number of matches played by the cutoff date. The top four (4) teams at the cutoff date (Thursday, September 21, 2017) will enter into tournament play.

9. The average for each school will determine the seeding for the OVAC Championship Tournament.

10. The following procedures will be used to break any ties concerning average point standings:

- A. Head-to-head competition
- B. Record against common opponents
- C. Goals allowed in Conference matches
- D. Goal differential in Conference matches (up to a maximum of four per game)
- E. Coin toss

11. This format will be reviewed by the soccer committee after the 2017 season.

12. All Conference games must be played by Thursday, September 21, 2017, to count in the standings.

13. The OVAC Championship Tournament will be played at Wheeling Island Stadium (girls) and St. Clairsville High School (boys).

For semi-final matches, the following schedule will be used:

Monday, September 25, boys #4 travel to boys #1

Tuesday, September 26, girls #4 travel to girls #1

Wednesday, September 27, boys #3 travel to boys #2

Thursday, September 28, girls #3 travel to girls #2

Host schools (#1, #2) are responsible for securing officials [three (3) officials must be used] and workers. They maintain all profits and absorb any losses.

**Starting time for semi-final matches is 5:00PM unless otherwise approved by Soccer Director.**

The Championships will be on Saturday, September 30, 2017, at the following locations:

Boys: St. Clairsville High School

Girls: Wheeling Island Stadium

Times at both sites are as follows:

4A: 10:00AM

5A: 12:00PM

1A-3A: 2:00PM

14. All regular games will be determined by the regular time result. If a match must have a winner (i.e. tournament), it will not affect the previous tie in regulation time.

15. All championship matches must have a conclusion. If the score is tied at the end of regulation play, two five (5) minute halves will be played using the golden goal rule. If there is no score or it remains tied, it will immediately move to a shootout.

16. Each team that plays in the championship will pay a \$40.00 entry fee. Checks must be made out to the OVAC and mailed or given to the OVAC Executive Secretary/Treasurer before their first game. If this entry fee is not paid before the first game, that team will not be permitted to participate.

Gate prices for all Championship games will be: Adults: \$6.00  
Students: \$4.00

OVAC passes are good for all Championship games.

17. Results of all matches should be called into your local paper **IMMEDIATELY** after the game. **Divisional match results must be texted to OVAC MESSAGE CENTER (740.279.1999).** **The score MUST BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY for every game.**

18. Suspensions for red cards will follow established State rules with this exception: ALL red cards will be reviewed from the referee's game report by the OVAC. Multi-game suspensions may be assessed for deliberate fouls with intent to injure, fighting, language, or anything else deemed to be detrimental to the game. A player who receives a second red card multi-game suspension could be suspended from the OVAC. **There are absolutely no appeals to red cards.**

19. An OVAC All-Conference soccer team will be selected by the coaches for each division.

The champion will place four (4) players; runner-up will place three (3) players; third and fourth places will each place two (2) players; and all other teams will receive one (1) selection on First Team All-OVAC.

In addition, all schools will receive two (2) Honorable Mention selections. There will be no other additions, **PERIOD!**

20. A meeting of all head coaches will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at 7:00PM at WesBanco Arena, Wheeling, WV. Coaches are encouraged to be there at 6:00PM to work on their 2018 schedules.

Player-of-the-Year and Coach-of-the-Year winners will be announced at this time.

21. **All coaches are reminded of their State limits for number of games played. Possible championship games must be included in that total.**

22. The 2017 boys' and girls' All-Star matches will be played on Sunday, November 12, 2017 at St. Clairsville High School. Girls will play at 1:00PM, boys will play at 3:30PM.

## **NOTICE:**

**Schools who can not compete in the tournament to its completion due to overscheduling the State limits of their respective state will not be allowed to participate in the tournament. In this case, each team will move up and the next team in order of finish will be elevated to fill the vacant spot.**

**In the event that a school should schedule a game between the quarter-final/semi-final game and the championship that should put them over the State limit, they will not be permitted to compete in the playoffs and will be ineligible for competition in that sport the following year.**

**Executive Board order  
May 28, 2003**

## **SOCCER COMMITTEE:**

Chuck Robinson, Soccer Director  
Gary Watt, Assistant Director  
John Destefano, Assistant Director  
Thomas E. Rataiczak, Executive Secretary

Jeremy Angelo, Edison  
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Bob Kolanko, Madonna  
Steve Kopcha, Steubenville Catholic  
Sam Paletta  
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# **FUTURE DATES:**

## **2017-2018**

Mandatory Meeting: Sunday, August 13, 2017  
Cutoff Date: Thursday, September 21, 2017  
Boys' Semi-Finals (1 v. 4): Monday, September 25, 2017  
Girls' Semi-Finals (1 v. 4): Tuesday, September 26, 2017  
Boys' Semi-Finals (2 v. 3): Wednesday, September 27, 2017  
Girls' Semi-Finals (2 v. 3): Thursday, September 28, 2017  
Championship: Saturday, September 30, 2017  
Boys: St. Clairsville  
Girls: Wheeling Island  
Rotation: 4A, 5A, 1A-3A  
Voting/Scheduling Meeting: Tuesday, November 7, 2017  
All-Star Game: Sunday, November 12, 2017

## **2018-2019**

Mandatory Meeting: Sunday, August 12, 2018  
Cutoff Date: Thursday, September 20, 2018  
Boys' Semi-Finals (1 v. 4): Monday, September 24, 2018  
Girls' Semi-Finals (1 v. 4): Tuesday, September 25, 2018  
Boys' Semi-Finals (2 v. 3): Wednesday, September 26, 2018  
Girls' Semi-Finals (2 v. 3): Thursday, September 27, 2018  
Championship: Saturday, September 29, 2018  
Boys: Wheeling Island  
Girls: St. Clairsville  
Rotation: 5A, 1A-3A, 4A  
Voting/Scheduling Meeting: Tuesday, November 6, 2018  
All-Star Game: Sunday, November 11, 2018

## **2019-2020**

Mandatory Meeting: Sunday, August 11, 2019  
Cutoff Date: Thursday, September 19, 2019  
Boys' Semi-Finals (1 v. 4): Monday, September 23, 2019  
Girls' Semi-Finals (1 v. 4): Tuesday, September 24, 2019  
Boys' Semi-Finals (2 v. 3): Wednesday, September 25, 2019  
Girls' Semi-Finals (2 v. 3): Thursday, September 26, 2019  
Championship: Saturday, September 28, 2019  
Girls: Wheeling Island  
Boys: St. Clairsville  
Rotation: 1A-3A, 4A, 5A  
Voting/Scheduling Meeting: Tuesday, November 5, 2019  
All-Star Game: Sunday, November 10, 2019

## **2020-2021**

Mandatory Meeting: Sunday, August 9, 2020  
Cutoff Date: Thursday, September 17, 2020  
Boys' Semi-Finals (1 v. 4): Monday, September 21, 2020  
Girls' Semi-Finals (1 v. 4): Tuesday, September 22, 2020  
Boys' Semi-Finals (2 v. 3): Wednesday, September 23, 2020  
Girls' Semi-Finals (2 v. 3): Thursday, September 24, 2020  
Championship: Saturday, September 26, 2020  
Girls: St. Clairsville  
Boys: Wheeling Island  
Rotation: 4A, 5A, 1A-3A  
Voting/Scheduling Meeting: Tuesday, November 10, 2020  
All-Star Game: Sunday, November 15, 2020

**DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE CALENDARS.**