

SOCCER FORMAT

Effective 2018 - 2019

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2018 TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP DATE:

Saturday, September 29, 2018

Girls:

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

Boys:

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

FUTURE DATES:

Saturday, September 28, 2019
Saturday, September 26, 2020
Saturday, September 25, 2021
Saturday, October 1, 2022

MANDATORY MEETING:

There will be a mandatory meeting of all coaches on Sunday, August 12, 2018, 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 13, 2019.

2. The Conference has been divided into three (3) groups based on the 2018-2019 enrollment figures.

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

4A: Edison, Cambridge, Harrison Central, Oak Glen, St. Clairsville, East Liverpool, Beaver Local

5A: Indian Creek, Steubenville, Weir, 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 Championships 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 24, 2018, and run until Saturday, September 29, 2018.

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 20, 2018) 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 2018 season.

12. All Conference games must be played by Thursday, September 20, 2018, to count in the standings.

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

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

Monday, September 24, boys #4 travel to boys #1

Tuesday, September 25, girls #4 travel to girls #1

Wednesday, September 26, boys #3 travel to boys #2

Thursday, September 27, 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 29, 2018, at the following locations:

Girls: St. Clairsville High School

Boys: Wheeling Island Stadium

Times at both sites are as follows:

	Girls	Boys
10:00AM	4A	5A
12:00PM	5A	1A-3A
2:00PM	1A-3A	4A

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 \$60.00 entry fee. Checks must be made out to the OVAC and mailed or given to the OVAC Executive Director 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. Player-of-the-Year and Coach-of-the-Year winners will be voted for on line (see Soccer All-Conference Format).

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 2018 boys' and girls' All-Star matches will be played on Sunday, November 11, 2018, at St. Clairsville High School. Boys will play at 1:00PM, girls 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
Aubrey Taylor, Assistant Director
Thomas E. Rataiczak, Executive Director

Jeremy Angelo, Weir
Mario Julian, Wheeling Park
Bob Kolanko, Madonna
Steve Kopcha, Steubenville Catholic
Sam Paletta
Joe Pepe, Brooke

UPDATED: 11.17.17

FUTURE DATES:

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
Rotation: 5A, 1A-3A, 4A
Girls: St. Clairsville
Rotation: 4A, 5A, 1A-3A
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
Rotation: 5A, 1A-3A, 4A
Boys: St. Clairsville
Rotation: 1A-3A, 4A, 5A
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
Rotation: 1A-3A, 4A, 5A
Boys: Wheeling Island
Rotation: 4A, 5A, 1A-3A
All-Star Game: Sunday, November 15, 2020

2021-2022

Mandatory Meeting: Sunday, August 8, 2021
Cutoff Date: Thursday, September 16, 2021
Boys' Semi-Finals (1 v. 4): Monday, September 20, 2021
Girls' Semi-Finals (1 v. 4): Tuesday, September 21, 2021
Boys' Semi-Finals (2 v. 3): Wednesday, September 22, 2021
Girls' Semi-Finals (2 v. 3): Thursday, September 23, 2021
Championship: Saturday, September 25, 2021
Girls: Wheeling Island
Rotation: 4A, 5A, 1A-3A
Boys: St. Clairsville
Rotation: 5A, 1A-3A, 4A
All-Star Game: Sunday, November 14, 2021

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE CALENDARS.