

SOCCER FORMAT

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2020 TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP DATE:

Saturday, September 26, 2020

Girls:

St. Clairsville High School

1A-3A: 10:00AM; 4A: 12:00PM;

5A: 2:00PM

Boys:

Wheeling Island Stadium

4A: 10:00AM; 5A: 12:00PM;

1A-3A: 2:00PM

FUTURE DATES:

Saturday, September 25, 2021

Saturday, October 1, 2022

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Saturday, September 28, 2024

MANDATORY MEETING:

There will be a mandatory meeting of all coaches on Sunday, August 9, 2020, at Belmont College Dowler Hall 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.

2. The Conference has been divided into three (3) groups based on the 2020-2021 enrollment figures.

1A-3A: Trinity Christian, Madonna, Wellsville, Steubenville Catholic, Caldwell, Wheeling Central, Linsly, Monroe Central, Crestview, Magnolia

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

5A: Steubenville, Warren, Brooke, John Marshall, University, Wheeling Park, Parkersburg South, Morgantown, Dover, New Philadelphia

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. **NOTE: 5A will play the top six teams.** The OVAC Championship Tournament will begin on Monday, September 21, 2020, and run until Saturday, September 26, 2020.

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.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Teams are eligible to participate in OVAC playoffs as prescribed by the respective sport by scheduling at least eight games against OVAC opponents or playing at least six against OVAC opponents. In the event that a team schedules fewer than eight games against OVAC opponents, a minimum of six games must be played against OVAC opponents; if eight or more are scheduled against OVAC opponents, a minimum of four must be played. All Conference games scheduled and played must be done prior to the cutoff date listed for that sport.

Schools who do not play the required matches prior to the cutoff date to be eligible for the championship and who fail to leave the dates open to participate in the championship (or choose not to play in the OVAC Championship Tournament) will not be eligible to have players in the All-Star match, have All-Conference selections, or be eligible for any sport specific scholarships.

Additionally, a \$60 penalty will be added to their dues for the following year.

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 [**six for 5A**] at the cutoff date (Thursday, September 17, 2020) 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 2020 season.

12. All Conference games must be played by Thursday, September 17, 2020, to count in the standings.

SPECIAL NOTE:

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:

STARTING WITH THE 2019 SEASON, CLASS 5A ADVANCES 6 TEAMS TO THE TOURNAMENT.

Monday, September 21, 5A Schools (boys and girls): #1 and #2 teams receive a bye. #6 travels to #3. #5 travels to #4.

Tuesday, September 22, 1A-3A and 4A Schools (boys and girls): #4 travels to #1

Wednesday, September 23, 5A Schools (boys and girls): the lowest remaining seed (4,5,or 6) travels to #1. The second lowest remaining seed travels to #2.

Thursday, September 24, 1A-3A and 4A Schools (boys and girls): #3 travels to #2

Host schools 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 26, 2020, at the following locations:

Girls: St. Clairsville High School

Boys: Wheeling Island Stadium

Times at both sites are as follows:

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

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 following the rules of the state that the game is being played in.

16. Each team 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 sus-

pension 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 tournament champion will place four (4) players; runner-up will place three (3) players; third, fourth, fifth, sixth 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.

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 2020 boys' and girls' All-Star matches will be played on Sunday, November 15, 2020, 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:

Gary Watt, Director

Joe Pepe, Assistant Director

Dirk DeCoy, Executive Director

Jeremy Angelo, Weir

Mario Julian, Wheeling Park

Bob Kolanko, Madonna

Steve Kopcha, Steubenville Catholic

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FUTURE DATES:

2021-2022

Mandatory Meeting: Sunday, August 8, 2021

Cutoff Date: Thursday, September 16, 2021

Semi-Final Matches:

Monday, September 20, 5A Schools (boys and girls): #1 and #2 teams receive a bye. #6 travels to #3. #5 travels to #4.

Tuesday, September 21, 1A-3A and 4A Schools (boys and girls): #4 travels to #1

Wednesday, September 22, 5A Schools (boys and girls): the lowest remaining seed (4,5,or 6) travels to #1. The second lowest remaining seed travels to #2.

Thursday, September 23, 1A-3A and 4A Schools (boys and girls): #3 travels to #2

Championship: Saturday, September 25, 2021

Boys: Wheeling Island

Rotation: 5A, 1A-3A, 4A

Girls: St. Clairsville

Rotation: 4A, 5A, 1A-3A

All-Star Game: Sunday, November 14, 2021

2022-2023

Mandatory Meeting: Sunday, August 7, 2022

Cutoff Date: Thursday, September 22, 2022

Monday, September 26, 5A Schools (boys and girls): #1 and #2 teams receive a bye. #6 travels to #3. #5 travels to #4.

Tuesday, September 27, 1A-3A and 4A Schools (boys and girls): #4 travels to #1

Wednesday, September 28, 5A Schools (boys and girls): the lowest remaining seed (4,5,or 6) travels to #1. The second lowest remaining seed travels to #2.

Thursday, September 29, 1A-3A and 4A Schools (boys and girls): #3 travels to #2

Championship: Saturday, October 1, 2022

Boys: St. Clairsville

Rotation: 1A-3A, 4A, 5A

Girls: Wheeling Island

Rotation: 5A, 1A-3A, 4A

All-Star Game: Sunday, November 13, 2022

2023-2024

Mandatory Meeting: Sunday, August 6, 2023

Cutoff Date: Thursday, September 21, 2023.

Monday, September 25, 5A Schools (boys and girls): #1 and #2 teams receive a bye. #6 travels to #3. #5 travels to #4.

Tuesday, September 26, 1A-3A and 4A Schools (boys and girls): #4 travels to #1

Wednesday, September 27, 5A Schools (boys and girls): the lowest remaining seed (4,5,or 6) travels to #1. The second lowest remaining seed travels to #2.

Thursday, September 28, 1A-3A and 4A Schools (boys and girls): #3 travels to #2

Championship: Saturday, September 30, 2023

Girls: Wheeling Island

Rotation: 1A-3A, 4A, 5A

Boys: St. Clairsville

Rotation: 4A, 5A, 1A-3A,

All-Star Game: Sunday, November 12, 2023

2024-2025

Mandatory Meeting: Sunday, August 4, 2024

Cutoff Date: Thursday, September 19, 2024.

Monday, September 23, 5A Schools (boys and girls): #1 and #2 teams receive a bye. #6 travels to #3. #5 travels to #4.

Tuesday, September 4 1A-3A and 4A Schools (boys and girls): #4 travels to #1

Wednesday, September 25, 5A Schools (boys and girls): the lowest remaining seed (4,5,or 6) travels to #1. The second lowest remaining seed travels to #2.

Thursday, September 26, 1A-3A and 4A Schools (boys and girls): #3 travels to #2

Championship: Saturday, September 28, 2024

Girls: Wheeling Island

Rotation: 4A, 5A, 1A-3A

Boys: St. Clairsville

Rotation: 5A, 1A-3A, 4A

All-Star Game: Sunday, November 17, 2024