

# Oregon School Activities Association

## Soccer Bulletin #2

### 2018

The new season has begun! Some teams played in jamborees last week and other teams played their first full games this week. There are a huge number of games being played this year, over 5,000 in the state, and the schools, coaches and players appreciate you being there. Yes, really!

There are always things that happen once the games actually begin. These are just reminders of things you already knew but, perhaps, have slipped the minds of at least a few of us since our last high school game 10 months ago.

Please be sure that you collect and keep the rosters. Rosters should be returned to the coach if they do not have the players first and last names, their shirt number and the names of all adults who will be on the bench today. Do not start the game without a complete, correct roster. You may need that information for your game report.

If there is a scoreboard clock in use, it is the official time. You must back it up, however. If the clock is not being stopped and started at the correct times, do not just let that go! Either the referee or another crew member should be just taking a glance at the clock when it should stop or be restarted. If the clock is off significantly (more than, say, 15 seconds), wait for a stoppage, stop your watch and then go get the clock operator to put the correct time back on the clock. Do not restart the game until they have done so. If they repeatedly fail to stop the clock, you must instruct the clock operator to shut off the clock and you keep the time on your watch.

Occasionally, a referee crew member's game report notes that the field has a "dangerous" condition. If you notice this before the game started, you must report it to the home school's game manager and ask them to correct it before the game begins. In high school, however, determining whether the field is safe is up to the home school, up until the game begins. If something changes during the game that makes the site unsafe, then the referee can stop the game until the condition is fixed. In any event, you should include the problem in your game report and note that you reported it to the home school's representative.

If you give an adult on the bench a red card, they must leave. Do not compromise on this. They must be out of your sight and hearing before you restart the game. If they refuse to leave, terminate the game. As soon as you are away from the venue, you must contact your commissioner to report any such game termination. A coach refusing to leave when they have been disqualified is a VERY serious offense for OSAA.

Unfortunately, sometimes when we have a player who is cautioned, they want to express their opinion of that decision as they are leaving the field. They leave the referee no option at that point but

to issue a second caution and a red card. That player is still the player of record until you have beckoned on their replacement. If they receive a second caution for behavior while they were still the player of record, their team will play short for the rest of the game. If, however, you have beckoned on the substitute, then the team does not play short. In all second caution cases, you must report both cautions separately and the disqualification for receiving a second caution. You will need to make three separate reports, although the red card's description would simply be "second caution."

After the game, please verify the score and any cards with the rest of your crew. It is embarrassing to see both AR's, for example, reporting one score and the referees has something completely different. And, finally, leave the site as quickly as possible, avoiding any post-game interaction with parents, coaches or players, if feasible. If one or both teams are already on you to shake hands/fist bump, go ahead and shake hands.

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