September 2, 2014

Dear Athletic Director and Boys Varsity Soccer Coach:

This year there will be two separate divisions with Division I, being the larger school division, with schools having 160 or more boys enrolled in grades 9 - 12 for the 2014-15 school year. The Division II will be 159 or less boys enrolled in grades 9 - 12 for the 2014-15 school year. However, a school qualifying for Division II may elect to play in the Division I, if they choose, for a two year commitment. However, a school in Division I may not elect to play in Division II.

There will be separate polls, tournaments and All State awards for the two divisions. Each division will have a separate polling committee representing different regions around the state.

Both tournaments will consist of 12 teams with the top 4 teams earning a bye in the first round. Both divisions will rank 16 teams on a bi-weekly basis. The first two rounds of both divisions will be held at the higher seed. The final four and the championship will be held at Sports Backers Stadium in Richmond.

The schools invited to participate in the state tournament in November will be notified the evening of Sunday October 26. The dates for the boy’s state soccer tournament are as follows:

Division I & II - First round – October 31 - played at higher seed; rain date Nov 1
Division I & II - Second round - November 3 - played at higher seed; rain date Nov 4
Division I - Semi Finals - November 5 - Sports Backers Stadium, Richmond, VA
Division II - Semi Finals - November 6 - Sports Backers Stadium, Richmond, VA
Division I & II - Finals - November 8 - Sports Backers Stadium, Richmond, VA

Your school must have the tournament dates listed above reserved on your calendar. By joining we assume that there are no conflicting events that your school is participating in that would prevent your school from playing on these dates. Failure to keep these dates available may result in your school being ineligible the following year(s).

The official web site for VISAA is the following address. Click on sports then boys soccer www.visaa.org All the forms you will need for 2014 fall season will be posted on the above state soccer web page. In addition, memberships of DI, DII and the regional representative contact information will be posted. I would strongly encourage you to bookmark this web site now for future easy reference.
Criteria for Determining State Poll
The following is used, but not limited to, in determining state polls:

- Strength of schedule
- Head to head competition
- Results against common opponents
- Results with divisional ranked teams
- Performance against ranked teams
- Lack of ranked teams on schedule

Criteria for Determining State Tournament Seeding
The following is used, but not limited to, in determining state seedings:

- Strength of schedule
- Head to head competition
- Results against common opponents
- Results with divisional ranked teams
- Performance against ranked teams
- Lack of ranked teams on schedule
- Performance in conference tournament
- Appearance in the top 12
- Team travel
- Two teams that play in the same conference playing in the first round

We are ranking teams in the state in a bi-weekly poll. The dates that the polls will be posted on the VISAA web page are September 24, October 8, and 22. By every Saturday beginning with September 13 you must report your game scores using Max Preps website. The regional representatives will be compiling the team scores to be distributed to the other polling representatives.

Not reporting game results may cause your team to be INELIGIBLE FOR THE TOURNAMENT

If you have any games played on Saturday October 25, contact your regional rep with the results.

The email distribution list I am using is based on last fall. I do not get an updated one from VISAA Executive Committee until mid-September. If Athletic Directors or boys soccer coaches have changed at your school please email me that information so I can update my distribution list.

I look forward to an exciting fall of private school soccer in the state of Virginia.

Sincerely,
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