Athletic Director and Coach Information
VISAA Division I and Division II Tournament 2019

It is tournament time. There are several details that you need to be aware of so that everyone can stay informed and avoid confusion. If you have a question or want to clarify something, please contact James Brown (540) 819-5650 jbrown@northcross.org with questions.

It is the responsibility of the two Athletic Directors involved in a match, in the first two rounds, to contact each other and arrange details of the match. The games should start at 3:00 pm for round two on Monday, November 4 in both Division I and II due to the time change and the possibility of overtime and penalty kicks. **The first round must be played November 1 with the inclement weather date Saturday, November 2. The second round is played Monday November 4 with the inclement weather date of Tuesday Nov 5.**

If there is the possibility of inclement weather the day of a match the Athletic Directors of both schools involved must do everything to get the match in that day. If the match is abandoned due to field conditions or inclement weather and at least one half (40 minutes) has been played and there is a result; then that team will advance to the next round. However, if less than 40 minutes has been played the match must be replayed in its entirety the following day. If more than 40 minutes have been played when the match is abandoned due to field conditions or inclement weather and the match is tied then the match is replayed from the point of stoppage to the conclusion of the match. If the match cannot be replayed or finished before the next round and all potential game sites (home or away) are unplayable the higher seed will advance.

The VISAA Executive Committee expects all hosting schools to charge admission for the first round and the quarterfinals. Please use your school’s normal admission procedures for keeping track of the number of paid spectators.

The final four for both Division I and II will be held at City Stadium in Richmond. We will be charging a gate fee of $10 single tickets (ages 7 and up), $30 family pass (2 adults plus children) for the Division I evening semi-finals November 6 (5:30 and 7:30), the Division II evening semi-finals November 7 (5:30 and 7:30) and the evening championship matches November 8 (DII 5:30 and DI 7:30). There will be concessions available at City Stadium.

Match results must be reported or text to James Brown (see contact information above), within two hours after the contest, by the hosting soccer coach or Athletic Director. Any ejections of your players (name and number) or coaches must be reported to James Brown as well.

The home team is responsible to provide at least two competent ball runners, 3 quality game balls, secure **3 USSF certified officials** from your local assignor and **arrange for the**
officials payment. If no USSF official are local then the host school must pay officials travel fees and secure them from another area.

The higher seed will have choice of uniform jersey and sock color and must inform their opponents of what uniform color to bring. The uniform jersey and socks must be the same color.

All matches will play two 40 minute periods. If it is tied, then two five minute sudden victory periods will follow. If still tied then FIFA penalty kicks (only the 11 players on the field at the end of the second overtime period are eligible for the penalty kicks).

For a list of specific soccer rules to be followed for the matches refer to the attachment entitled “Tournament Rules”. The hosting AD is responsible to get a copy of these rules to the officials at least two days in advance of the match so that the officials are aware of any modifications to the Modified FIFA laws.

Checklist for Hosting Athletic Director

The following are basic responsibilities of the higher seeded school in hosting a first/second round State Soccer Tournament match:

- Make accommodations to charge admission for Rounds 1 and 2. VISAA mandates that each host school must charge admission (see attached financial form).
- Contact opposing school’s AD to set the date and time for the match.
- The higher seed will be considered the home team and have choice of uniform jersey and sock color and must inform their opponents of what uniform color to bring. The uniform jersey and socks must be the same color.
- Inform opposing school that admission will be charged.
- Contact referee assignor – notify assignor of uniform colors of both teams - must have a 3 person crew, USSF certified. NO EXCUSES, NO EXCEPTIONS (go outside the area if needed to get qualified officials).
- Field specifications - the field to be played on must be a minimum of 110 yards long and 60 yards wide. It is up to the hosting school to find a site with these requirements. Email the field specifications sheet to James Brown by Wednesday October 30.
- Inform the officials that Modified FIFA rules will be played with some tournament rule modifications. See Laws of the Game document (attached in email).
- Provide 3 quality game balls and at least 2 competent ball runners.
- Contact James Brown with the result of the match and any player ejections (player name and number) within two hours of the completed contest.
- Notify the opposing team if the field conditions are less than ideal (ie. you had a lot of rain and the field is very soft and torn up) or your game time needs to be moved up due to anticipated inclement weather and you are concerned about getting the whole match in.
- It is strongly recommended that the host school have an athletic trainer on site for the first two rounds of the tournament. If no Athletic Trainer is available by the host school then it is strongly recommended to hire an EMT for the match.

It appears to be a very interesting and entertaining tournament. Good luck to each school as you compete for the 2019 VISAA State Soccer Championship.
Sincerely,

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