

VISAA
Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association
Independent State Soccer Tournament



April 16, 2026

Dear Athletic Director and Girls Varsity Soccer Coach:

On behalf of the VISAA and the girl's state soccer committee I welcome you to what I believe will be another very exciting spring for girl's independent school soccer in Virginia. Division I, Division II, and Division III teams are determined on a two-year cycle. School teams will compete in the same division for the 2026 season, as they did in 2025. Enrollment numbers sent in September 2024. Schools may elect to play in the higher division. Any classification election is effective for two years.

There will be separate polls, tournaments and All State awards for the three divisions.

All three tournaments will consist of 12 teams with the top 4 teams earning a bye in the first round. All three divisions will rank 14 teams on a bi-weekly basis. The first three rounds for all three divisions will be held at the higher seed. The site for the championship games is TBD.

The schools invited to participate in the state tournament in May will be notified the evening of Saturday, May 9. The dates for the girl's state soccer tournament are as follows:

Division I, II, & III - First round - May 11 - played at higher seed
Division I, II, & III- Second round - May 12 - played at higher seed
Division I, II, & III- Semi Finals – May 14- played at higher seed
Division I, II, & III - Finals - May 16 - TBD

Schools aspiring to be included in the polls and make the state tournament should ensure that no conflicting events at your school prevent your team from playing on those dates (prom, graduation, etc). Failure to keep these dates available may result in your school being ineligible the following year(s).

The official website for VISAA is the following address. Click on sports then girls soccer www.visaa.org All the forms you will need for the 2026 spring season will be posted on the above state soccer web page. In addition, memberships of DI, DII & DIII 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

The soccer committee, with representatives from each region of the state, will be ranking teams in a bi-weekly poll. The dates that the polls will be posted on the VISAA web page are April 7, April 21, and May 5. **For consideration in the polls, schools must post game results and their scores in MaxPreps by the Saturday of each week.** All of our committee members are volunteers and are teachers/administrators at their respective schools. They cannot take the time to track down your school's scores. Please be respectful of their time and report scores on time.

Not reporting game results may cause your team to be **INELIGIBLE FOR THE TOURNAMENT.** Please note that the committee does not use Max Preps for their bi-weekly rankings or seedings for the state tournament. Max Preps is used to reference results and records only. Rankings and seedings are determined by the criteria listed above.

If a game ends in a tie during the regular season, teams should follow overtime procedures established by the host team's conference. The visiting coach should be informed of these procedures prior to the match. If the home team does not have a conference affiliation, overtime procedures should be discussed at a coaches meeting prior to the match.

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

Sincerely,
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