

2024 VHSAA Soccer Tournament Rules and Information

1. VHSL rules will be used unless otherwise noted differently in this rule sheet.
2. On the attached schedule, the home team is listed first and will be required to provide balls for the game.
3. The home team will wear their dark colored uniform.
4. For pool play, the middle school games will be played with 30-minute halves and the high school matches will be 35-minute halves except for the final which will consist of 40-minute halves. The referees will report the game scores and any players who receive cards to the tournament directors.
5. There is no OT in pool games. They can end in ties. For the two finals, OT will consist of two 5-minute OT periods followed by penalty kicks if still tied. There is no golden goal.
6. In pool play, points are accrued as follows:
 - a. Win – 3 points
 - b. Tie – 1 point
7. The top 2 teams in the Middle School and High School brackets will advance to the finals on Friday afternoon. Should there be a tie for either first or second the tie will be broken using the following criteria:
 - a. Head to Head
 - b. Goal differential – (there is a max of differential of +/- 5 that can be accrued during any one match)
 - c. Total goals allowed.
 - d. Coin Toss.
8. Player Substitutions – There are unlimited substitutions. Substitutions can occur:
 - a. After any goal or between halves
 - b. Before goal kicks are taken.
 - c. On throw ins for the team taking the throw in. The opposing team can also sub if the team taking the throw in is also substituting.
 - d. For an injured player. The opposing team can also sub during an injury. A like number of player as the injured team subs.
9. Red/Yellow Cards
 - a. Red cards/Two Yellow cards in the same match will result in ejection from that match and being ineligible for the next match.
 - b. Three yellow cards accumulated in pool play will result in the player being ineligible for the finals.