

# WEST HIGH SCHOOL 2024 FROSH-SOPH SOCCER TOURNAMENT TOURNAMENT RULES

## TOURNAMENT FORMAT

This tournament is a mix of pool play and bracket play for the first 2 games. On the second day of the tournament, there will be at least one round of championship/consolation games for each team. Points for pool play: Win-6, Tie-3, Loss-0, and one point per goal up to 4. One additional point is awarded for a shutout. The maximum number of points for one single game is 11.

For comparison between teams in pools and in bracket play on the first day, the same point system will be used as described above. Penalty kicks taken after regulation do not count towards the points. Advancing on penalties in bracket play is recorded as a tie.

### Championship Bracket:

The 3 first place teams and the next team with the most points will advance to the championship bracket. This bracket will have semifinal games, a championship game, and a 3rd place game

### Consolation A Pool Play (5<sup>th</sup> Place):

The remaining second place teams and the next two teams with the most points will advance to the Consolation A bracket. This bracket will have semifinal games and a 5<sup>th</sup> place game.

### Consolation B Single Game (9<sup>th</sup> Place):

The remaining teams advance will advance to the Consolation B bracket. This bracket will have a single 9<sup>th</sup> place game.

## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

ALL TEAMS ARE SCHEDULED TO PLAY ON BOTH DAYS (Dec. 7th & Dec.14th) OF THE TOURNAMENT. Check the master scoreboard/schedule posted at the Tournament Administration table before you leave West on Dec. 7th or check the schedule/results posted on our website ([www.westhighsoccer.com](http://www.westhighsoccer.com)). The schedules for the second day of the tournament will be posted on the website by Monday, Dec. 9th.

## TOURNAMENT MAKEUP DATE

If the tournament needs to cancel a day of play due to weather or unsafe air quality, the makeup date will be Dec. 21.

## TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN

All teams need a team official to check-in on both days of the tournament. At West, check-in is in the press box. At all other fields, check in is at the Administration/Snack Bar table.

## START TIME / MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS

Every effort must be made to begin each game on time because of the tight schedule. Please warm up on practice areas so that games can begin on schedule and remember that halftimes are only 5 minutes long.

Game times are RUNNING TIME (no timeouts or injury time). Referees have been instructed to shorten halves to get back on schedule if a game begins after the scheduled starting time. Teams must field 7 players minimum at start time or forfeit.

## LENGTH OF GAMES

All games are scheduled for regulation length halves of 35 minutes. Halftime is scheduled to be five-minutes for all games.

## LINEUP CARDS

Please complete your lineup cards before coming to the tournament. Two lineup cards are required for each game, one for the referee and one for the opposing coach.

## DETERMINING GAME WINNERS (BRACKET PLAY)

In the event of a tie in the championship game or any semifinal games, the winner will be decided by penalty kicks. No overtime will be played. No overtime or penalty kicks will be taken in pool play, the 3<sup>rd</sup> place game or consolation final games.

## POOL PLAY TIE-BREAKERS

For pool play, bracket ties will be determined by 1) head-to-head, 2) goal differential (maximum of a 5 goal difference per game), 3) goals against, 4) penalty kicks if feasible or a coin toss if penalty kicks are not feasible. No overtime will be played.

## HOME TEAMS/UNIFORMS

The team listed first is designated the Home Team and is required to change uniforms if there is a color conflict. The Home Team is also responsible for providing the two game balls and will occupy the west or north side of the field, with visitors on the east or south side.

## WEATHER AND FIELD ASSIGNMENTS

All games are planned to be played as scheduled, rain, fog or shine. The tournament reserves the right to cancel games for safety purposes or to change field assignments at the discretion of the Tournament Director. All coaches should check in at the Tournament Administration table at least 30 minutes before their first game each day. Continue to check with the Tournament Administration table for any last minute changes. The Tournament Administration table will be located in the press box in the stadium at West. At all other fields, a tournament administration table will be set up on location.

## FACILITIES

Restrooms will be available at both locations. Locker rooms will not be available.

## RED AND YELLOW CARDS

A player sent off for a red card may not play in the next game and may be suspended for additional games at the discretion of the tournament director. A player sent off for two yellow cards can play in the next game. The severity of the foul(s) for which the player was ejected will be the deciding factor. A player cautioned (yellow card) must be substituted for immediately. That player may ask the referee for re-entry into the game the next time that a substitution may be made by that player's team.

## PROTESTS

No protests will be permitted. The referee's decisions are final.

## REFUNDS

In the event the tournament is cancelled for any reason, entry fees will be refunded less any prorated direct costs expended by the Tournament.

## AWARDS

A Tournament Championship Trophy will be awarded to the winning team in the championship bracket of the tournament.

## RUNNING CLOCK

## NO PROTESTS ALLOWED

Tournament Director  
Herb Countee