

Soccer – Suspended Games

Submitted on Fri, 10/13/2023 - 11:35 AM

Indicate the category of the proposed recommendation

Regular Season and Section Tournament Format Recommendations

Authors of the Proposal

Tracey Griess, Keith Randa, Greg Juba, Aaron Percy, Jens Levisen

Activity/Activities (Check all that apply)

Soccer, Boys, Soccer, Girls

Current Rule/Policy

State the rule/policy as it appears in the current MSHSL Handbook or Activity/Sport Specific Rules and Policies.

MN Modifications:

Suspended Games (Rule 7-1-3): If less than one-half of the game has been played, the game will be replayed from the start of the game. The host school has the authority to suspend a game for inclement weather.

Rules and Policies under Post Season:

SUSPENDED GAMES: Games that have been suspended before the completion of the first half, or are tied at the point of suspension, shall be replayed from the start.

Proposed Recommendation

Submit your proposed change to the above-stated rule/policy.

Suspended Games (Rule 7-1-3): If less than one-half of the game has been played, the game will be replayed from the point of suspension unless game completion is mutually agreed upon by head coaches in which case the existing score would be final. The host school has the authority to suspend a game for inclement weather.

Post Season:

SUSPENDED GAMES (Rule 7-1-3): Games that have been suspended before the completion of the first half, or are tied at the point of suspension, shall be replayed from the point of suspension unless game completion is mutually agreed upon by head coaches and tournament manager in which case the existing score would be final.

Include any other policies that are impacted by this proposal.

None

Rationale

What is the history of the proposal?

Last year we had a situation in the State Tournament where two teams were tied in overtime of a quarterfinal game and the game was suspended due to lightning. According to the current rule, the game needed to be replayed from the beginning. Since this occurred in the State Tournament, the timeline was tight and the winning team had to play almost three entire games in a very short

period of time.

How does your proposal benefit education-based opportunities and MSHSL Mission and Beliefs for all Minnesota students?

We believe that the health and safety of our student-athletes is a priority and playing so many minutes in such a short time period is not beneficial to any of them.

What other policies are significant in this proposal?

N/A

Provide evidence of support for the proposal from other groups

We surveyed the coaches in our association and spoke with some Activities Directors regarding our concerns and the consensus was overwhelmingly in favor of limiting the stress of so many minutes on student-athletes in that situation.

Impact

How does your proposal affect this activity, including its impact on all classes, areas of the state, and variety of schools

This proposal would apply to all classes, areas of the state, and variety of schools where student-athletes would be put in this situation.

Administration

How does your proposal impact section and state tournaments?

This proposal would ensure that teams/players do not have to endure excessive minutes in playoff games where suspension due to weather conditions impact the games and time to replay games is short. This proposal is in line with preserving the health and safety of our student-athletes.

Length of Tournament

How does your proposal impact the needed competition time for section and state tournaments?

This proposal would lighten the load of time needed for competition in section and state tournament games that are suspended due to weather conditions or other factors outside the control of administrators and tournament directors.

Participants

How does your proposal impact the number of participants/teams?

This proposal impacts any players/teams/participants that participate in suspended games. This could be a few games, or it could be none each season.

How does your proposal impact the percentage of participants/teams that would qualify for the state tournament?

This proposal would have no impact on the percentage of teams that would qualify for the state tournament.

Facilities

How does your proposal impact the facilities needed to accommodate your recommendation at both the section and state level?

This proposal would not impact the facilities needed at both the section and state level. Extra facilities would be needed to accommodate suspensions of games anyway. In fact, this may lighten the duration of time needed from a facility if only a partial game was needed.

Awards

How does your proposal impact the number of awards at both section and state?

This proposal does not impact the number of awards at both the section and state level.

Other

Provide any other pertinent information not included in this proposal

None

Primary Author and Contact for Proposal

Proposal submitted by

Tracey Griess

Andover Girls Soccer

Section 7AAA rep

MSHSSCA President Elect

Position

Coach

Phone number

[\(763\) 486-3312](tel:7634863312)

Email

andovergirlssoccer@gmail.com