



# 2022 AIA Fall State Soccer

## TOURNAMENT GUIDE

Schedule, Rules, Regulations, Instructions

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### **RULES**

Rules for the tournament shall be those of the current National Federation Soccer Rule Book.

**26.1.5.2** Mercy Rule: A soccer game shall end any time after the 60<sup>th</sup> minute of play when a team is 8 or more goals behind.

### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- Each team is to provide at least *two ball boys/girls* for each game. Please report to site Director for instructions and ground rules.
- Teams must use Wilson Forte 2 or the Wilson Veza soccer balls that have the approved NFHS stamp.
- **It is required that a MD, DO, Physician's Assistant, Nurse Practitioner or Certified Athletic Trainer be at the game site. The game cannot be played without one of the above mentioned health care professionals present.**
- Each coach will furnish official scorer with starting lineup and rosters, complete with names and numbers, 15 minutes prior to start of game.
- NO PETS ARE ALLOWED—unless they are service animals. Comfort animals will not be allowed into the facility at Williams Field High School.

## **PLAYER BENCH OCCUPANTS**

- During a State Tournament contest, **no more than 30 dressed players, board certified coaches, two bona fide team managers, and two bona fide team statisticians** may occupy the players' bench.
- For scoring purposes, home team is the highest seed on the bracket, and they will be seated on the right side of the scorers' table as you face the field.

## **SPECTATOR BEHAVIOR**

AIA Bylaw; Article 16.3.4 stipulates that student spectators, parents, or other non-school personnel that initiate or use profanity in cheers or chants having the intent of sounding profane, single out opposing players personally and/or heckle them by directing derogatory or profane statements or chants at them, use racist remarks or direct offensive cheers /chants at opposing individuals, teams or fans are in violation of the AIA sportsmanship rules. At all contests, including State Tournament contests, participating school's administrators have the responsibility to control their fan behaviors, either student or adult.

Any spectator conduct that becomes unruly or interferes with the orderly progress of the game will result in the suspension of the game until offending spectator(s) are removed from the game site. Artificial noisemakers are prohibited at state playoff venues. If any artificial noisemaker is brought into a game site, the item will be confiscated. The playing of music/sound effects shall only be permitted during pre-game, time-outs, intermission and post-game and will be under the control of the site game announcer.

## **PROGRAMS AND SOUVENIRS**

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- PepWear is the official merchandise partner of the AIA.
  - Sale or distribution of AIA State Tournament merchandise by any individual or company other than PepWear at any AIA state tournament or championship event is prohibited.
- Programs can be viewed for free on the AZPreps365 Live Mobile App, available on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.
- The NFHS Network is the exclusive broadcast partner of the AIA for state tournament and championship events.
  - Video recording for live streaming of the event or for purpose of resale by any individual or company other than the NFHS Network is strictly prohibited.

**STATE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

Girls Championship Information

<http://www.azpreps365.com/championships/soccer-fall-girls>

Girls State Tournament Bracket

<https://www.azpreps365.com/brackets/soccer-fall-girls/2a>

Boys Championship Information

<http://www.azpreps365.com/championships/soccer-fall-boys>

Boys State Tournament Bracket

<https://www.azpreps365.com/brackets/soccer-fall-boys/2a/916-2020-aia-boys-fall-soccer-2a-state-championship>

**Westwood High School:**

**945 W. Rio Salado Pkwy, Nesam AZ 85201**

**2021 ADMISSION PRICE Tickets are purchased through GoaFan.co**

**All Rounds Prior to State Championship:**

\$10.00 – adults

\$5.00 – Students with High School ID

**State Championship:**

\$15.00 – adults

\$7.50 – Students with High School ID

**FREE ADMISSION**

Children five or under

Teams (in uniform) entering with their Coach(es)

Twenty Spirit Line (in uniform) with their Sponsor(s)

Media with proper credentials

AIA Lifetime Pass Holder and One Guest

AIA Complimentary Pass and One Guest

***Photo ID required for AIA Pass Holder and all AIA Complimentary Passes***

### **26.9.5 Unmanned aerial systems at AIA post season events**

26.9.5.1 The use of unmanned aerial systems, often referred to as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at all AIA post season events. This policy includes not only the restricted playing area of the venue(s), but also the physical confines of the entire stadium/field/area structure. For the purpose of this policy, an unmanned aerial system is any aircraft without a human pilot on board.

### **MEDIA CREDENTIAL POLICY**

AIA has a Media Policy that needs to be followed to protect the proprietary rights of the Association and to protect the student-athletes and coaches at region and state tournament events. The following link ([http://aiaonline.org/news/press\\_center.php](http://aiaonline.org/news/press_center.php)) is to the AIA Media Center which houses the AIA online media credential form and the AIA approved media list (those that have requested and been granted AIA media credentials). The editor/manager of an outlet already granted access to AIA media credentials must go online and order credentials for a member of the media not on the master list. Please note that some members of the media might show up with freelance credentials. These have no pictures on them, but do allow for access to the event per the designated media outlet on the AIA media credential. Additionally, all member schools were allotted a number of school-based credentials for the school year. These will allow admittance equal to a media or freelance credential.

**AIA365.com Video Streaming:** Any school wanting to video stream a playoff game in any round must contact Brian Bolitho, [bbolitho@aiaonline.org](mailto:bbolitho@aiaonline.org). The exclusive rights for post season tournaments belongs to the NFHS Network; however, schools may broadcast a first round through semi-final game through AIA365.com/NFHSNetwork.com and not have to pay a rights fee. Any school wishing to broadcast on a third party website will be subject to the rights fee of that sport.

## **SECTION 26**

### **ADA COMPLIANCE NOTICE**

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#### **26.1 ADA NOTICE**

It is the policy of the Arizona Interscholastic Association not to discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operation of its programs, services and activities, or in its hiring and employment practices.

Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as sign language interpreter, by making a request to the office staff. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

#### **26.2 AIA ADA COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

Questions, concerns, complaints, or requests for additional information may be forwarded to the AIA ADA Compliance officer:

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