

# 2008 Boys & Girls Fall Soccer Policy

## I. LEAGUE / REGION TOURNAMENTS

### *1. 1A Northern and Southern Leagues*

The Class 1A will combine with the Class 2A and 3A in its league tournaments.

### *2. 2A Northern and Southern Leagues*

The Class 2A will combine with the Class 3A in its league tournaments.

### *3. 3A Northern and Southern Leagues*

The top four (4) teams from the Humboldt League and the top four (4) teams from the Sagebrush League, based on regular-season standings, qualify for the eight-team Northern Region championship / state qualifying tournament.

The top four (4) teams from the Southern League, based on regular-season standings, qualify for the four-team league championship / state qualifying tournament.

Both league championship / state qualifying tournaments will be single-elimination brackets.

### *4. 4A Northern, Sunrise and Sunset Regions – BOYS*

The top four (4) teams from the Northeast League and the top four (4) teams from the Southeast League, based on regular-season standings, qualify for the eight-team Sunrise Region championship / state qualifying tournament.

The top four (4) teams from the Northwest League and the top four (4) teams from the Southwest League, based on regular-season standings, qualify for the eight-team Sunset Region championship / state qualifying tournament.

The top four (4) teams from the Sierra League and the top four (4) teams from the High Desert League, based on regular-season standings, qualify for the eight-team Northern Region championship / state qualifying tournament.

All three region championship / state qualifying tournaments will be single-elimination brackets.

**4b. 4A Northern Region – GIRLS**

The top four (4) teams from the Sierra League and the top four (4) teams from the High Desert League, based on regular-season standings, qualify for the eight-team Northern Region championship and the Class 4A Nevada State High School Championship tournament.

**4c. 4A Sunrise and Sunset Region – GIRLS (winter)**

Please note that the CCSD's Class 4A girls soccer season was scheduled (per Board approval in 2005 and 2008) to move to the fall – thus joining the Northern Nevada large school girls soccer season – beginning with this 2008 fall season. Pending litigation has put that move in jeopardy.

**II. STATE TOURNAMENTS**

**1. Class 1A**

The Class 1A will combine with the Class 2A and 3A in its state championship tournament.

**2. Class 2A**

The Class 2A will combine with the Class 3A in its state championship tournament.

**3. Class 3A**

The Class 3A boys and girls soccer format will be based on a 2-2, 3-1 rotation.

In 2008, the top two (2) teams from the Southern League championship tournament and the top two (2) teams from the Northern Region championship tournament qualify for the four-team, single-elimination state championship tournament.

Both leagues will have two representatives in the semifinals when the state championship tournament is set to be played in the South (even years). The Northern League will have three representatives and the Southern League one representative in the semifinals when the state championship tournament is set to be played in the North (odd years).

NOTE: The state bracket (semifinals) will rotate in odd years with regards to the Northern League's No. 2 and No. 3 seeds playing the Southern League's tournament champion in the state semifinals. Please refer to the current bracket in this section and the future brackets at the back of this book for information.

**4. Class 4A – BOYS**

The Class 4A boys soccer format will be based on a 3-1, 2-2 rotation. In 2008, the top one (1) team (champion) from the Sunrise Region championship tournament, the top (1) team (champion) from the Sunset Region championship tournament and the top (1) team (champion) from the Northern Region championship tournament qualify for the four-team, single-elimination state championship tournament.

One team from each region will automatically qualify and the fourth team (from Southern Nevada) will be determined by a playoff game between the #2 Sunrise and #2 Sunset teams when the state tournament is set to be played in the South (even years).

If #2 Sunrise wins – #1 Sunrise vs. #1 Northern and #1 Sunset vs. #2 Sunrise in state semifinals round

If #2 Sunset wins – #1 Sunset vs. #1 Northern and #1 Sunrise vs. #2 Sunset in state semifinals round

The Northern Region will have two representatives and the Sunrise and Sunset regions will have one representative each in the semifinals when the state tournament is set to be played in North (odd years).

***2009 -- #1 Northern vs. #1 Sunset and #1 Sunrise vs. #2 Northern in state semifinals round***

2007 – #1 Northern vs. #1 Sunrise and #1 Sunset vs. #2 Northern in state semifinals round

2005 – #1 Northern vs. #1 Sunset and #1 Sunrise vs. #2 Northern in state semifinals round

2003 – #1 Northern vs. #1 Sunrise and #1 Sunset vs. #2 Northern in state semifinals round

If a region is to have two entries into the state championship bracket, both teams participating in the region championship game advance to the state tournament. If the region is to have one team advancing, only the region champion will qualify for the state tournament.

**4b. Class 4A – Northern Region GIRLS**

The Class 4A Northern Region Girls Soccer Championship tournament (please see information outlined on previous page) will also serve as the Nevada State High School Championship tournament.

**III. UNIVERSAL TIE-BREAKER (qualifying for the league/region tournaments)**

1. The win-loss record(s) of the teams in league play shall determine seeding into the league/region playoffs. The league's administrators will determine win-loss records based on previously approved schedules. In the event of a tie, the tie shall be broken using the following procedures:
2. Tie between two (2) teams
  - A. Head-to-head competition in league play among tied teams.
  - B. If the tie remains, each tied team shall receive one point for each game won in league play by their defeated opponents. The team with the most points will receive the highest seed.
  - C. If the tie remains, if applicable, the team that won the second scheduled league game between the tied teams will receive the higher seed.
  - D. If the tie remains, the team with the fewest total goals given up against all scheduled league opponents will receive the higher seed.
  - E. If the tie remains, a coin flip will be used to determine the higher seed.

EXCEPTION: Steps 'C', 'D' and 'E' are only to be used for seeding. A team shall not be eliminated from the league/region playoffs by the application of steps 'C', 'D' and 'E'. If the tie is not broken in steps 'A' and 'B' and a team will be eliminated, a playoff game will be played following the end of the regular season. The NIAA Executive Director will select a neutral site for this contest.

3. Tie between three (3) or more teams
  - A. In all cases of ties involving more than two teams, as each team is removed from the tie, all other tied teams revert back to head-to-head to break the tie and the process continues.
  - B. Head-to-head competition in league play among tied teams.

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Example of Multiple Team Ties:

- i. Games  
Team A defeated Team B twice and split with Team C  
Team B lost to Team A twice but defeated Team C twice  
Team C lost to Team B twice and split with Team A
- ii. Mini Standings  
Team A        3-1  
Team B        2-2  
Team C        1-3
- iii. Results  
Team A is awarded highest seed  
Team B is awarded second highest seed because of its  
head-to-head record against Team C

C. Goal Differential

If the tie remains, tied teams will compare their goal differential with each other in league play. Each team will total their margin of victory against the other tied teams with marginal goals being the difference in the scores of a contest. Winning teams will add the margin of goals while losing teams will subtract the margin of goals. No more than five (5) goals will be added or subtracted in any league contest. The team with the highest number of marginal goals will receive the highest seed. If there is a tie for highest marginal goals, then those tied teams shall revert back to the respective tie-breaking procedure based on the number of teams remaining in the tie.

Example of goal differential (5 maximum) system:

- i. Games  
Team A defeats Team B, 5-2  
Team B defeats Team C, 3-0  
Team C ties Team A, 1-1.
- ii. Goal Differential  
Marginal goals for Team A: +3  
Marginal goals for Team B: 0  
Marginal goals for Team C: -3
- iii. Results  
Team A is awarded highest seed  
Team B is awarded second highest seed because of the  
head-to-head record against Team C

- D. If the tie remains, each tied team shall receive one point for each game won in league play by their defeated opponents. The team with the most points will receive the highest seed.
- E. If a tie still exists and all tied teams, by virtue of the number of teams accepted into the league/region playoffs, are guaranteed entrance into the tournament, then a coin toss will be used to determine seeding. The winner of any coin flip will receive the highest seed. Remaining teams would revert back to head-to-head competition based on the number of teams remaining in the tie.
- F. If a tie still exists and one or more of the tied teams, by virtue of the number of teams accepted into the league/region playoffs, must be eliminated, a playoff game(s) will be played following the end of the regular season. The NIAA Executive Director will select a neutral site for the contest.

Note: In the event of a multiple team tie as outlined in step 'F,' the tied teams will draw numbers. The team drawing #1 will have a bye and will play the winner of the first playoff game. All games will be scheduled as soon as possible. Seeding will be established by the results of the playoff.

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#### **IV. (In-Game) OVERTIME PROCEDURES, for post-season games only**

- I. Ties at the end of regulation will follow rules set by the NIAA.
  - A. The referee will designate which captain will call the coin toss. The team winning the coin toss shall choose a goal to defend or to kick-off first.
  - B. Two 15-minute sudden-victory (golden goal) overtime periods will be played. The first team to score wins. The teams will change goals at the end of the first 15-minute sudden-victory overtime period if there is no score.
  - C. If a tie still exists after the two 15-minute sudden-victory (golden goal) overtime periods have been played, the coaches, officials and team captains shall assemble at midfield to review the shootout procedure as outlined below.
  - D. Each coach will select any five players, including the goalkeeper, on or off the field (except those who have been disqualified) but who are on the roster to take penalty kicks. The referee will designate which captain will call the coin toss. The team winning the coin toss has the choice of shooting first or second. The teams will alternate kickers for five penalty kicks. There is no follow-up on the kick. The defending team may change the goalkeeper prior to each penalty kick.
  - E. The team scoring the greater number of goals following the completion of the five rounds shall be the winner.
  - F. If the score is still tied, a sudden victory penalty kick shootout will occur. Each coach will select five different players than the first (previous) five who already have kicked to take the kicks in a sudden-victory situation, wherein if one team scores and the other team does not in the same round, the game is ended without more kicks being taken.
  - G. If the score remains tied, the teams will continue the sudden-victory kick format with the coach selecting any five players to take the next set of five alternating kicks. If a tie still exists, repeat from Step F.

#### **V. HOME TEAM (Universal)**

In all post-season soccer brackets, the higher seed will be the home team. If the teams are equally seeded, the top team on the bracket will be considered the home team.