



SWMSRA Fall 2026



SWMSRA FALL - 2026

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MHSAA

- MHSAA Post-Season Deadline: September 8th 2026
- General – Post-Season Rules Meeting, Availability, 5 games
- Regional – Member in Good Standing, minimum 3.0 over three years
- Semi-final – Pass exam with 80%+
- Final – Pass exam with 80%+



MHSAA

4.4.1.c – Dark socks must be worn by the home team (not their white away)

4.2.7.d,e – Mouth guard guidance – with pacifier ring not allowed

4.2.11a,b,c – Players wearing audio or video devices

5.3.1f-j – Updates officiating procedures for issuing yellow and red cards – now using cautioned and ejected

8.1.2 – Clarifies when a kickoff should be retaken. When all players are not in their own half (retake)

12.1.2c – Emphasizes goalkeeper safety

12.2.3 – Biting is now a direct free kick

NEW 12.3.1, 12.3.2, 12.3.3 – Extends goalkeeper possession limit and the restart with the time limit is exceeded

12.3.5 – Clarifies considerations of dangerous play – nearby opponent from playing the ball for fear of injury

NEW 12.3.6, 12.3.7 – Additional guidance when addressing verbal offenses – categorizing them as IDFK

NEW 12.6.1.b – Additional guidance regarding DOGSO

13.1, 13.2, 13.3 – Reorganizes free kick restart procedures into distinct categories.



MHSAA – PK Situations

PENALTY KICK SITUATIONS (14-1-2, 14-1-3, and 14-1-4)

Offense		Outcome of the Penalty Kick	
		Goal	No Goal
Defender encroaches	Impact	Goal	Retake
	No impact	Goal	No retake
Attacker encroaches	Impact	Retake	Indirect free kick
	No impact	Goal	No retake
Both teams encroach	Impact	Retake	Retake
	No impact	Goal	No retake
Goalkeeper offends	Impact	Goal	Retake (GK is warned or cautioned)
	No impact	Goal	If saved: retake (GK is warned or cautioned); if not saved: no retake
Kicker offends	Wrong kicker	Indirect free kick (wrong kicker is cautioned)	
	Illegal feinting	Indirect free kick (kicker is cautioned)	
	Ball kick backwards	Indirect free kick	
Goalkeeper and kicker offend at the same time		Indirect free kick (kicker is cautioned)	





MHSAA - Weather

NEW IN 2026-27: When lightning has been observed or thunder is heard, the contest must be suspended.

Officials and game management may consult weather applications to make suspension, resumption and continuation decisions using the following policies:

- At night, under certain atmospheric conditions, lightning flashes may be seen from distant storms. In these cases, it may be safe to continue an event before the full 30-minute - 1 - suspension has expired.

If no thunder can be heard and the flashes are low on the horizon, the storm may not pose a further threat. Independently verified lightning detection information would help eliminate any uncertainty.

- If lightning has not been observed and thunder has not been heard, the contest must be suspended if independently validated lightning-detection devices or mobile weather applications indicate a lightning strike within 10 miles of the event location.



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WMYSA – GAME REPORTING

COMPLETE THE REPORT, GOAL SCORERS, YELLOW / RED CARDS, INJURIES

BOTH COACHES MUST SIGN

TAKE A PHOTO OF BOTH GAME SHEETS

GIVE BOTH GAME SHEETS TO THE WINNING COACH OR HOME COACH IF TIE



Have a great Fall season and
contact me, Gil, Joe or Luis if
you have any problems