

The SDHSAA will sanction soccer for both boys and girls beginning with the 2012-13 school year. In order to determine the number of classes, region alignments, state tournament qualifying procedures, etc. we need to know how many schools will be participating in the sport. Teams eligible for the SDHSAA post season must be school sponsored or a school board approved transition team.

SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP

- A. The local governing board of each member school must have taken official action at a regularly scheduled meeting indicating their intention to sponsor a particular sport. Pursuant to board action, it is understood that the local governing board must assume control over activities they are sponsoring.
- B. The local governing board must assume direct control of all financial obligations related to the sponsorship of a sport. The source of revenue, be it taxes, gate receipts, donations, fundraisers, corporate partners, etc., is irrelevant insofar as the SDHSAA is concerned. It is assumed that all revenue, regardless of its source, will be deposited in the general fund or impressed fund of each member school. The local governing board shall assume total control of those funds. Items such as scheduling, hiring of coaches, purchase of equipment, coaches' salaries, official's pay, transportation, meals, lodging, etc., must be under the control of the local governing board.
- C. The eligibility rules of the SDHSAA will apply to all interscholastic sports sponsored by member schools.

SCHOOL BOARD APPROVED TRANSITION TEAM

- A. A school board resolution must state the school district's intent to fully implement soccer.
- B. 5 – year transition period
 - a. A 5-year window of implementation from the date the school board approves soccer as a transition team until soccer is a full status school sponsored sport.
 - b. During the five year window the transition team will be eligible for SDHSAA post-season competition. NOTE: Transition teams are not eligible for the club soccer post season.
 - c. Must follow SDHSAA regulations
 1. Academic eligibility
 2. 8 semester rule
 3. Age rule (become ineligible at age 20)
 4. Enrollment/attendance requirements
 5. Residency requirements
 6. Adopt school colors, logo and nickname
 7. In-season & out-of-season rules apply (Coaches and Athletes)

Member schools must notify the SDHSAA Office no later than January 1, 2012 of their intent to sponsor soccer (fully sponsored or approved transition team) for the 2012-13 school year.

Please complete the following information and return to the SDHSAA no later than January 1, 2012.

Name of Member School _____

Plan to fully sponsor soccer _____ Boys _____ Girls

Plan to begin 5-year Transition _____ Boys _____ Girls

Not participating at this time _____ Boys _____ Girls

Signature _____

Superintendent