



# 2018 NFHS Soccer Rules Questionnaire

|   | Coach |     | Official |     | State |      |
|---|-------|-----|----------|-----|-------|------|
|   | #     | %   | #        | %   | #     | %    |
| <b>1. PART I – Checkup on present 2018-19 Rules – Were the following rule changes satisfactory?</b>   |       |     |          |     |       |      |
| 1. Altering the jersey colors required for teams so that the home team wears dark jerseys and socks and the visiting team wears all-white jerseys and socks.                        |       |     |          |     |       |      |
| Yes   | 3350  | 87% | 3369     | 91% | 27    | 90%  |
| No  | 501   | 13% | 353      | 9%  | 3     | 10%  |
| 2. Allowing visible undergarments to be worn if they are of similar length and of a solid color.  |       |     |          |     |       |      |
| Yes   | 3555  | 92% | 3439     | 92% | 30    | 100% |
| No  | 301   | 8%  | 285      | 8%  | 0     | 0%   |
| 3. Allowing state associations (or delegate) to permit the wearing of head coverings or wraps if criteria are met for medical/cosmetic and/or religious reasons.                    |       |     |          |     |       |      |
| Yes   | 3716  | 96% | 3521     | 95% | 30    | 100% |
| No  | 136   | 4%  | 200      | 5%  | 0     | 0%   |
| 4. Permitting the kicker, on a kickoff, to be in the opposing team's half of the field to make the kick.  |       |     |          |     |       |      |
| Yes   | 3590  | 93% | 3549     | 95% | 28    | 93%  |
| No  | 261   | 7%  | 173      | 5%  | 2     | 7%   |
| 5. Penalizing a player in an offside position who becomes involved in active play.  |       |     |          |     |       |      |
| Yes   | 3359  | 87% | 3584     | 96% | 28    | 97%  |
| No  | 485   | 13% | 137      | 4%  | 1     | 3%   |
| 6. Clarifying the penalty for a player who denies an obvious goal-scoring opportunity.  |       |     |          |     |       |      |
| Yes   | 3501  | 91% | 3514     | 95% | 29    | 97%  |
| No  | 330   | 9%  | 203      | 5%  | 1     | 3%   |
| 7. Adding a penalty for a player(s), coach or bench personnel who enters or leaves the field without permission from the official and does not interfere with play or the official. |       |     |          |     |       |      |
| Yes   | 2645  | 69% | 3214     | 87% | 28    | 93%  |
| No  | 1189  | 31% | 497      | 13% | 2     | 7%   |
| 8. Approving a new definition of deliberate act, which provides guidance for interpreting rules that contain the word deliberate or the phrase deliberate act.                      |       |     |          |     |       |      |
| Yes   | 3448  | 90% | 3402     | 92% | 30    | 100% |
| No  | 387   | 10% | 310      | 8%  | 0     | 0%   |
| <b>2. PART II – Observations – Have you observed any of the following this year?</b>  |       |     |          |     |       |      |
| 1. Players wearing inappropriate-sized shinguards.  |       |     |          |     |       |      |
| Yes   | 1333  | 35% | 1600     | 44% | 12    | 41%  |
| No  | 2461  | 65% | 2068     | 56% | 17    | 59%  |
| 2. Teams playing with soccer balls that do not have the NFHS Authenticating Mark.   |       |     |          |     |       |      |
| Yes   | 1232  | 32% | 1488     | 41% | 5     | 17%  |
| No  | 2566  | 68% | 2179     | 59% | 24    | 83%  |

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| <b>3. Dissent from players, but no caution given.</b>  |       |     |          |     |       |     |
| Yes  | 2636  | 69% | 2291     | 63% | 19    | 66% |
| No   | 1163  | 31% | 1373     | 37% | 10    | 34% |
| <b>4. Dissent from coaches, but no caution given.</b>  |       |     |          |     |       |     |
| Yes  | 2288  | 60% | 2501     | 68% | 19    | 66% |
| No   | 1508  | 40% | 1162     | 32% | 10    | 34% |
| <b>5. Away teams wearing dark tape/stays on white socks.</b>   |       |     |          |     |       |     |
| Yes  | 1445  | 38% | 1894     | 52% | 11    | 38% |
| No   | 2352  | 62% | 1768     | 48% | 18    | 62% |
| <b>6. Officials showing a card to a player, but not notifying coaches of the nature of the card.</b>                               |       |     |          |     |       |     |
| Yes  | 2517  | 66% | 1850     | 50% | 14    | 48% |
| No   | 1276  | 34% | 1817     | 50% | 15    | 52% |
| <b>7. Multi-use fields that are not marked correctly, i.e., different-colored lines, end lines not correct width.</b>              |       |     |          |     |       |     |
| Yes  | 1133  | 30% | 1575     | 43% | 14    | 50% |
| No   | 2662  | 70% | 2085     | 57% | 14    | 50% |
| <b>8. A decrease in dangerous play.</b>  |       |     |          |     |       |     |
| Yes  | 1861  | 49% | 1757     | 48% | 10    | 36% |
| No   | 1922  | 51% | 1893     | 52% | 18    | 64% |
| <b>3. PART III – About the rules for 2019-20 – Would you favor:</b>  |       |     |          |     |       |     |
| <b>1. Allowing the head coach to leave the coaching area during a fight to assist in restoring order.</b>                          |       |     |          |     |       |     |
| Yes  | 3424  | 91% | 2524     | 69% | 27    | 90% |
| No   | 339   | 9%  | 1129     | 31% | 3     | 10% |
| <b>2. The official keeping the official time on his/her watch, instead of the scoreboard.</b>                                      |       |     |          |     |       |     |
| Yes  | 1799  | 48% | 2253     | 62% | 10    | 33% |
| No   | 1960  | 52% | 1396     | 38% | 20    | 67% |
| <b>3. Eliminating the automatic caution (yellow) to the head coach for illegal equipment violations.</b>                           |       |     |          |     |       |     |
| Yes  | 3112  | 83% | 2157     | 59% | 14    | 47% |
| No   | 657   | 17% | 1487     | 41% | 16    | 53% |
| <b>4. Allowing captain's band to be worn on either the leg or the arm.</b>   |       |     |          |     |       |     |
| Yes  | 2797  | 74% | 2243     | 61% | 17    | 57% |
| No   | 968   | 26% | 1407     | 39% | 13    | 43% |
| <b>5. Changing the coin toss, throw-in and restart rules that would more closely mirror United States Soccer Federation rules.</b> |       |     |          |     |       |     |
| Yes  | 3173  | 85% | 2781     | 76% | 19    | 63% |
| No   | 577   | 15% | 860      | 24% | 11    | 37% |
| <b>6. Not allowing white to be a part of the home jersey; in other words, enforcing the rule as written in the rules book.</b>     |       |     |          |     |       |     |
| Yes  | 1581  | 42% | 2032     | 56% | 15    | 52% |
| No   | 2173  | 58% | 1603     | 44% | 14    | 48% |

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| <b>7. Changing to 45-minute halves.</b>   |       |     |          |     |       |     |
| Yes   | 2266  | 60% | 1117     | 31% | 7     | 23% |
| No  | 1501  | 40% | 2527     | 69% | 23    | 77% |
| <b>8. Establishing a time-out rule for each half for each team.</b>   |       |     |          |     |       |     |
| Yes   | 1310  | 35% | 532      | 15% | 8     | 27% |
| No  | 2462  | 65% | 3118     | 85% | 22    | 73% |
| <b>4. PART IV – Feedback to NFHS Soccer Rules Committee – Do you believe?</b>   |       |     |          |     |       |     |
| <b>1. In the past five years, there have been too many rules changes approved by the committee not dealing specifically with risk minimization.</b> |       |     |          |     |       |     |
| Yes   | 1658  | 45% | 1540     | 43% | 10    | 33% |
| No  | 2064  | 55% | 2062     | 57% | 20    | 67% |
| <b>2. In the past five years, there have been too many rules changes approved by the committee that mirror the college game.</b>                    |       |     |          |     |       |     |
| Yes   | 631   | 17% | 677      | 19% | 4     | 14% |
| No  | 3079  | 83% | 2891     | 81% | 25    | 86% |
| <b>3. The committee should spend more time reviewing the state of the game from a national perspective.</b>   |       |     |          |     |       |     |
| Yes   | 2525  | 68% | 2587     | 72% | 15    | 50% |
| No  | 1195  | 32% | 1003     | 28% | 15    | 50% |
| <b>4. The committee should spend more time educating coaches and game officials on existing rules rather than creating new rules.</b>               |       |     |          |     |       |     |
| Yes   | 2937  | 79% | 2941     | 81% | 26    | 87% |
| No  | 800   | 21% | 678      | 19% | 4     | 13% |



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| State                | Coach Count | Official Count | State Count | % of Responses |
|----------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| Alabama              | 1           | 128            | 0           | 1.62%          |
| Arizona              | 0           | 1              | 0           | 0.01%          |
| Arkansas             | 34          | 53             | 1           | 1.1%           |
| California           | 43          | 17             | 1           | 0.76%          |
| Colorado             | 1           | 5              | 1           | 0.09%          |
| Connecticut          | 137         | 161            | 1           | 3.74%          |
| Delaware             | 18          | 20             | 0           | 0.48%          |
| District of Columbia | 0           | 1              | 0           | 0.01%          |
| Florida              | 1           | 283            | 1           | 3.57%          |
| Georgia              | 9           | 5              | 1           | 0.19%          |
| Idaho                | 64          | 40             | 1           | 1.31%          |
| Illinois             | 225         | 180            | 1           | 5.08%          |
| Indiana              | 275         | 260            | 0           | 6.7%           |
| Iowa                 | 59          | 113            | 2           | 2.18%          |
| Kansas               | 97          | 93             | 1           | 2.39%          |
| Kentucky             | 212         | 114            | 1           | 4.09%          |
| Louisiana            | 88          | 2              | 0           | 1.13%          |
| Maine                | 56          | 1              | 0           | 0.71%          |
| Maryland             | 156         | 19             | 1           | 2.2%           |
| Massachusetts        | 1           | 2              | 0           | 0.04%          |
| Michigan             | 247         | 325            | 1           | 7.18%          |
| Minnesota            | 153         | 115            | 1           | 3.37%          |
| Mississippi          | 0           | 2              | 1           | 0.04%          |
| Missouri             | 159         | 208            | 1           | 4.61%          |
| Montana              | 21          | 60             | 0           | 1.01%          |
| Nebraska             | 74          | 72             | 1           | 1.84%          |
| New Hampshire        | 1           | 2              | 0           | 0.04%          |
| New Jersey           | 159         | 11             | 0           | 2.13%          |
| New Mexico           | 55          | 64             | 1           | 1.5%           |
| New York             | 470         | 55             | 1           | 6.59%          |
| North Carolina       | 181         | 234            | 0           | 5.2%           |
| North Dakota         | 0           | 2              | 1           | 0.04%          |
| Ohio                 | 125         | 6              | 1           | 1.65%          |
| Oklahoma             | 120         | 1              | 0           | 1.52%          |
| Oregon               | 115         | 108            | 0           | 2.79%          |
| Pennsylvania         | 88          | 569            | 1           | 8.24%          |
| South Carolina       | 115         | 32             | 1           | 1.85%          |
| South Dakota         | 19          | 31             | 1           | 0.64%          |