



COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER OFFICIALS



HSSO Pre-Season Webinar



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- New Arbiter App – Download today!
- Reminder to accept assignments by 2/24

A screenshot of a mobile app update notification. It features two app icons: the "Old app" (AS logo) with a red background and a white 'X', and the "New app" (Arbiter logo) with a green background and a white checkmark. Below the icons, the text reads: "Legacy Arbiter Officials App Support Ending", "Still using the legacy app? Support ends March 1, 2026.", and "Upgrade to the new Arbiter App today." At the bottom, there are two blue buttons: "Download on Android" and "Download on iOS".

President's Welcome

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Pre-game

Referee to introduce themselves to both coaches.

Pass out the cards with official's names on them.

Resources page - CHSAA Pregame Sportsmanship Card (pdf)

The prescribed HS pre-game is also on these cards

GAME DATE _____

OFFICIAL _____

OFFICIAL _____

OFFICIAL _____

Officials Rating Evaluation: www.chsaa.org, Coaches Corner



HSSO MANDATORY SPORTSMANSHIP PRE-GAME PROCEDURE



Prior to each varsity and sub-varsity soccer game, the officials will address captains and coaches of both teams concerning sportsmanship. The referee shall emphasize that good sportsmanship is expected of all participants in high school athletic competition and that insulting, offensive, abusive, vulgar, or profane language or gestures, taunting, and excessive celebration will not be tolerated and will be dealt with appropriately if they occur during the match.



Membership Update

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Jason Hampton



Evaluation Program

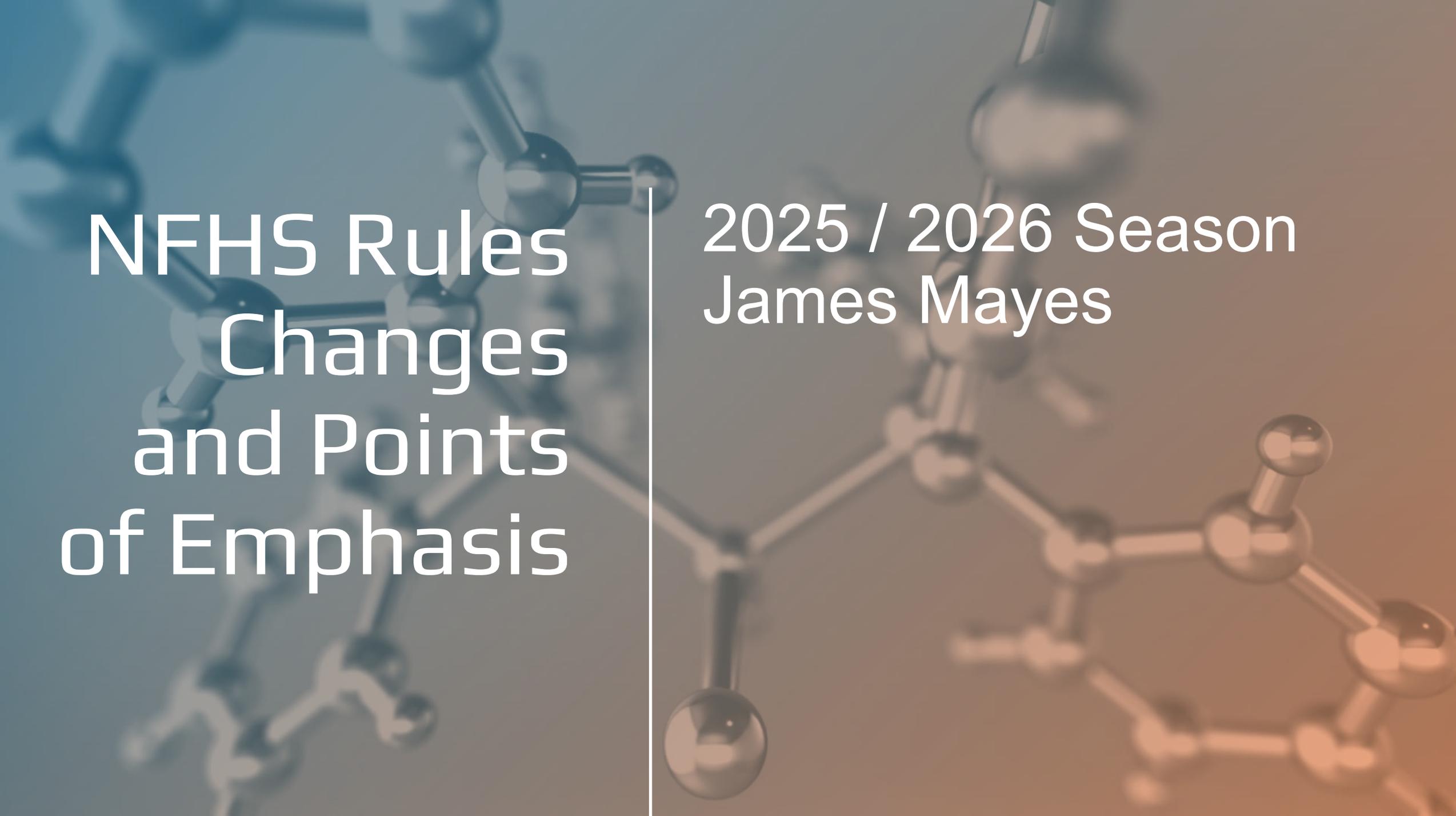
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Joe Solarte

HSSO Member Requested Field Evaluation



- 1) A Member in good standing may request one field evaluation as the center referee per ranking year. From July 1st to June 30th.
- 2) The Evaluator will be compensated \$100 for the evaluation. The member will pay \$50.00 and HSSO will pay \$50 of the evaluator's fee.
- 3) Eligible games will include varsity high school games or U15 or above youth games of a minimum of 2 x 35-minute half duration.
- 4) The evaluator will provide verbal and written feedback to the center referee and the ARs if they are HSSO members. The center will be the primary focus of the evaluation. The debrief will only be conducted at the field on a CSA game if it is the referee's last game of the day. If it is not the last game of the day, the debrief will be conducted via phone or zoom.
- 5) The evaluation will be based on the current USSF evaluation structure.
- 6) The evaluators will be selected from members in good standing of HSSO. They will be assigned by the current HSSO VP of Evaluation & Discipline.
- 7) The evaluation will be used to adjust the referee's ranking up or down depending on his or her performance on the evaluated game.
- 8) The referee will be required to submit the \$50 payment at the time the evaluation is requested. The referee requesting the evaluation will be responsible for sending HSSO a list of several game dates and times. They will also be responsible for communicating any changes to the scheduled game. This must be done a minimum of 24 hours prior to the game unless the cancellation is due to inclement weather. If a scheduled evaluation game is cancelled or rescheduled and the referee does not inform HSSO prior to the cancellation, there will be no refund or transfer of the evaluation fee.



NFHS Rules Changes and Points of Emphasis

2025 / 2026 Season
James Mayes



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August 13, 2025

Welcome to the fall
2025 season!

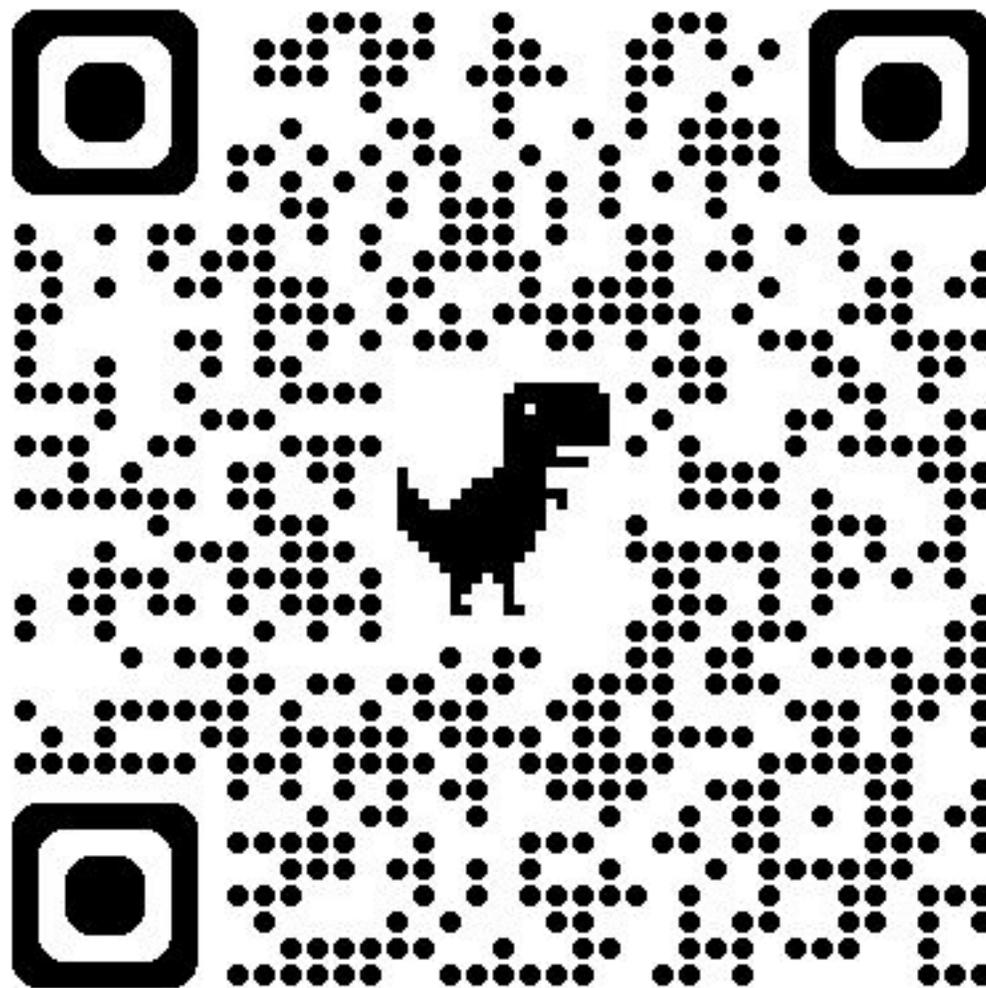
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Have an NFHS Soccer Rules question? Send it to the HSSO Rules Interpreter!

Name

Email*

Message



A person wearing a white lab coat is using a stylus to interact with a tablet. The background is a warm, orange-toned gradient. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Supplemental Report Writing

2025 / 2026 Season
James Mayes





Supplemental Report Writing Tips

State only the facts of what happened.

Use terminology/language from the NFHS Rules.

Use names (and NOT pronouns (he, she, they, them, etc.) to avoid any confusion.

In order for the CHSAA Disciplinary Committees to evaluate serious misconduct, match reports must include:

- The name of (and additional identifying information for) the player who was sent-off
- The time of the ejection
- The specific reason in the NFHS Rule for the ejection



Supplemental Report Writing Tips

In addition, the referee must supply sufficient detail regarding the circumstances of the misconduct to aid in evaluating its level of seriousness. Among the factors that should be addressed, where relevant, are:

- Whether the action occurred during a challenge for the ball.
- Whether the misconduct occurred at a stoppage of play or during play.
- If anyone was injured as a consequence of the misconduct.
- Whether there was any prior incident that may have led to the player's actions.
- The demeanor of the player during the send-off (including any difficulties in implementing the player's removal from the field).
- The location of the action in relation to the goal line and penalty area being attacked at the time



Supplemental Report Writing Tips

In addition, the referee must supply sufficient detail regarding the circumstances of the misconduct to aid in evaluating its level of seriousness. Among the factors that should be addressed, where relevant, are:

- The subsequent intrusion of any other players (teammates or opponents) during the time the referee is managing the send-off.
- The specific words or gestures which were determined to be insulting, offensive, or abusive.
- The identity of the opponent or official toward whom the misconduct was directed.
- A summary of the prior misconduct (or a reference to the section of the report which detailed the prior caution) preceding the second caution for which the player was sent-off.
- The identity of the assistant referee, fourth official, or reserve assistant referee who provided independently observed facts to the referee regarding the misconduct.
- All other details of the action which materially shaped the decision to send the player off.

Supplemental Report Writing Tips

Any other facts which a Disciplinary Committee might decide it needs as a result of its review of the match report can be supplied by the referee on request of the Committee, but the most useful information will come from a properly completed, accurate, detailed, and clear match report. Match reports provided independently by assistant referees, fourth officials, or reserve assistant referees should follow these guidelines as well.





Supplemental Report Examples

Serious Foul Play

“In the 51’ minute of the match, SCHOOL NAME’s player #9 BOB SMITH was shown the red card and sent off for serious foul play. SMITH challenged SCHOOL NAME’s #8 JACK BROWN for the ball, while using excessive force with a straight leg, lunging tackle, studs exposed-which contacted the lower part of the shin, endangering the safety of the opponent. SMITH left the field of play in a timely manner, without causing any further incidents. Play was restarted with a direct free kick”



Supplemental Report Examples

Violent Conduct

“In the 93’ minute of the match, SCHOOL NAME’s player #14 JOE SMITH was shown the red card and sent off for violent conduct. Play was stopped after SMITH used his elbow to forcefully strike SCHOOL NAME #3 JACK BROWN in the head (who was seriously injured on the play and did not return to the match). SMITH did not leave the field in a timely manner, which caused further mass confrontation. Play was restarted with a direct free kick”



Supplemental Report Examples

2nd Caution

“In the 69’ minute of the match, SCHOOL NAME’s player #9 JOE SMITH was shown the red card and sent off for receiving a second caution in the same match. SMITH received his first caution (for dissent) in the 67’ minute, and the second caution (for entering the field of play without the referee’s permission) in the 69’. SMITH left the field of play in a timely manner, without causing any further incidents. Play was restarted with an indirect free kick.”



Supplemental Report Examples

DOGSO-Hand

“In the 75’ minute of the match, SCHOOL NAME’s player #26 JANE SMITH was shown the red card and sent off for denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity. SMITH was outside of her penalty area and was the last defender and used her hands to stop a shot toward the goal. SMITH left the field of play in a timely manner, without causing any further incident. Play was restarted with a direct free kick.”



Supplemental Report Examples

DOGSO-Foul

“In the 60th minute of the match, SCHOOL NAME’s player #22 JANE SMITH was shown the red card and sent off for denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity by foul, with no attempt to play the ball. The offence occurred inside the penalty area approximately 8 yards from goal, where SMITH pulled down SCHOOL NAME’s player #21 SALLY JACKSON from behind, to prevent JACKSON’s imminent goal scoring opportunity. SMITH left the field of play with no further incidents. Play was restarted with a penalty kick.”

Questions?

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