

2009-2010 WPIAL BOYS JUNIOR HIGH SOCCER SCHEDULE

February 23, 2009

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| First Practice Date | August 31, 2009 | Maximum Contests | 18 Team |
| First Scrimmage Date | September 5, 2009 | Maximum Scrimmages | 2 |
| First Playing Date | September 18, 2009 | | |

The WPIAL junior high boys' soccer competition will begin on **Monday, September 21, 2009** and must be completed according to the schedule. Please check your section schedule for accuracy and notify the WPIAL office (412-921-7181 or 800-297-9553) if any errors are discovered.

A copy of this schedule must be given to your coach.

1. The National Federation Rule Book on soccer is the official book for high school play. **All games must comply with National Federation rules for Junior High soccer.**
2. **Each game will consist of two halves of 30 minutes each.** An official **game timer** must be included in the home team responsibility. If a regular season game (exhibition or section) ends in a tie, the game is over. **NO OVERTIMES ARE PERMITTED.**
3. Please make sure that both teams and the referees know the correct starting time. This should be established by the home team and made known to the visitors and the officials in plenty of time. It is recommended that all afternoon contests do not start before 3:30 PM unless the competing school principals agree.
4. Only PIAA soccer officials may officiate. The WPIAL recommends the use of at least two officials for each game.
5. Coaching decorum and sideline tactics must be above reproach. Line-up cards must be present by **both** coaches to the game officials prior to start of the contest. Coaches must adhere to professional behavior standards as established by the PIAA. Officials have been instructed to enforce this code.
6. Both benches should be placed on the same side of the field when possible in keeping with the spirit of soccer and the soccer rulebook.
7. The ball used for WPIAL soccer play must conform in shape and composition with the National Federation Rule Book. The home team must provide three (3) like, legal game balls.
8. Players and coaches who receive red cards and are disqualified for violent or unsportsmanlike conduct from any game by the game official, are not be permitted to participate in the next scheduled game played by their team. Repeated red card offenders may be subjected to more severe penalties. ***It is strongly recommended that any ejected coach or player be required to report to the athletic director and/or principal the next morning.***
9. The PIAA Board of Directors has adopted a rule for ALL LEVELS OF SOCCER for the 2009-2010 school year that **REQUIRES "that a player who receives a yellow card sit out a mandatory period of five (5) minutes as indicated on the score game clock"**.
10. A fifth period scrimmage after regular games is **not** permitted. Principals and coaches should be aware that the PIAA does not sanction this practice under any circumstances.

JUNIOR HIGH BOYS SOCCER ALIGNMENT – 28 TEAMS

| <u>SECTION 1</u> | <u>SECTION 2</u> | <u>SECTION 3</u> | <u>SECTION 4</u> |
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| BUTLER | BALDWIN | BELLE VERNON | DEER LAKES |
| NORTH ALLEGHENY | BETHEL PARK | CALIFORNIA | KITTANNING |
| NORTH HILLS | CENTRAL CATHOLIC | CANON MAC <i>GOLD</i> | KNOCH |
| NORWIN | CANON McMILLAN <i>BLUE</i> | CHARLEROI | RIVERVIEW |
| PINE RICHLAND | MT LEBANON | CHARTIERS HOUSTON | SPRINGDALE |
| SENECA VALLEY | PETERS TWP | CHARTIERS VALLEY | WEST SHAMOKIN |
| SHALER | UPPER ST CLAIR | TRINITY | |
| | | WASHINGTON | |
| <u>TEAMS ADDED</u> | | | <u>TEAMS DROPPED</u> |
| Belle Vernon | | | Mars |