



# National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association



A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF RULES AND LAWS



# 2011 SOCCER GUIDE

*(INTERCOLLEGIATE EDITION)*

By

**Don Dennison**

*NISOA National Clinician and National Assessor*

**Robert Sumpter**

*NISOA Program Adviser*

**Manuel Ortiz, Jr.**

*NISOA President*

**C. Cliff McCrath**

*NISOA Executive Director*

**Based Upon:**

- **NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Rules – 2010-2011**
  - **National Federation Soccer Rules Book – 2010-2011**
  - **[USFF] FIFA Laws of the Game – 2009/2010**
- And Other Authorized Supplemental Materials**



# National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association



## A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF RULES AND LAWS

Originally prepared March 3, 2006

Revised September 4, 2011

### **PREFACE:**

Many NISOA members officiate soccer matches using Rules and Laws of soccer organizations and rule-making bodies other than the NCAA. As is to be expected, officials on occasion have some confusion regarding a specific rule or interpretation. For these reasons a study guide is needed for the officials to have easy references to the differences between NCAA, High School Federation and FIFA Laws and Rules. Over the past twenty-five years the more significant rules have been brought generally into conformity by the three groups. Nevertheless, there are distinct differences in language and interpretation that still exist and each group has adopted specific rules that are believed to be more appropriate for their players and their ages.

This guide is not an all-inclusive listing of each difference between the sets of Rules and Laws, but rather only lists the more important differences where such differences exist. Many technical and administrative rules such as player eligibility and accumulated cautions do not generally and directly concern the referee but rather the match administrators and have therefore been omitted from this study.

The guide has been designed by the author for easy reference and many officials have carried this guide in their kit or in their cars for quick review prior to a match. It is also useful as a teaching aid for NISOA entry level and in-service clinics. Changes for the current year are shown in *italics* for easy reference.

The comparisons are in tabular form following the particular topic and are in order of the specific Laws or Rules to which they are relevant except for the listing on page 3 which compares general Topics not referred to in specific Rules or Laws and several miscellaneous topics which are referred to on pages 13 and 14.

It should be noted that the three sets of Rules and Laws are constantly changing and the different bodies publish their changes at different times of the year. Generally the FIFA Laws are published in May and take effect the following July. The NCAA Rules are enacted early in the year, but are not normally published until early or mid summer. High School Federation rule changes are enacted by their Rules Committee early each year and are distributed in early summer. The NCAA Rule Book is only published every other year. Accordingly, this Guide is current only up to the date of its publication and includes all rules changes for the year as presently known by the author. If any errors are noted, it would be appreciated if they are brought to attention of Don Dennison at [donsar@comcast.net](mailto:donsar@comcast.net)

© 2011 National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association

©2011 NISOA

Prepared by: Don Dennison , *NISOA National Clinician*




9/4/11



# National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association



## A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF RULES AND LAWS

| <b>TOPIC</b>   | <b>NCAA-NISOA</b><br>   | <b>HIGH SCHOOL FEDERATION</b><br>   | <b>FIFA – USSF</b><br>  |
|--|--|--|--|
| Terminology -<br>(It is important to use the proper terminology, especially in writing game reports) | Rules Ejection Drop Ball<br>Game Overtime<br>Penalty<br>Coaching and Team Area<br>Terminated Game<br>Alternate Official<br>Obstruction   | Rules Disqualification Drop Ball<br>Game Overtime<br>Penalty<br>Coaching and Team Area<br>Terminated Game<br>Reserve Official<br>Obstruction   | Laws Send Off Dropped Ball<br>Match Extra Time<br>Sanction<br>Technical Area<br>Abandoned Match<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Official<br>Impedes Progress of Opponent  |
| Where the Rules or Laws are Employed   | NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA, NIRSA and NCCAA   | Most public high and intermediate schools and some private schools   | International matches, professional leagues, most club and semi-pro matches, and some private schools  |
| Interpretations  | Approved Rulings (A,R.) appearing in the Rule book are official decisions of the NCAA. The secretary rules editor can be contacted for interpretations (pg 5R). Generally it is preferable to first go through the NISOA Rules Interpreter. The NCAA Rules Book does NOT contain the description of standardized procedures for the Diagonal System of Control (DSC). NISOA describes this system for its members in other publications. | Play Rulings in the Rules book are interpretations approved by the NFHS Soccer Rules Committee. The State High School Associations can be contacted for additional interpretations .The Rules describe 3 systems of mechanics that may be used; the Dual Officiating System, The Diagonal Officiating System, and the Double-Dual System | Decisions of the Int'l F.A. Board are official interpretations. Additional interpretations in the U.S. can be obtained initially through the State Director of Instruction (SDI). The USSF Advice to Referees and Questions and Answers on the Laws of the Game are also official sources in the U.S. The Diagonal System of Control (DSC) is described in other FIFA and USSF publications. |



# National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association



## A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF RULES AND LAWS

| FIELD OF PLAY                                   | RULE 1  | RULE 1  | LAW 1   |
|---|---|---|---|
| 11 Yd. Encroachment Hash Mark                   | Mandatory   | Optional  | Optional  |
| Penalty Kick Mark                               | 2 foot Line or 9" diameter spot   | Same as NCAA  | penalty mark (no fixed size)  |
| Goal Nets                                       | Mandatory   | Same as NCAA  | Not mandatory   |
| <b>TOPIC</b>                                    | <b>NCAA-NISOA</b>   | <b>HIGH SCHOOL FEDERATION</b>   | <b>FIFA - USSF</b>  |
| Coaching and Team Area                          | 20 yds long and 10' from touchline<br>Caution to coach who leaves the area after a first verbal warning and IFK where ball was if game stopped.<br>Ejection for 3 <sup>rd</sup> offence. R 1, Sec. 12 | Same size as NCAA. Caution to coach who leaves this area. R 1, Sec. 5. Should be on same side of field, but if on opposite sides, the benches should be diagonally across from each other | Not specified in the Laws, but mentioned in the Additional Instructions for Referees, ARs and 4 <sup>th</sup> Officials (Pg.61) |
| Coach in press box                              | One member of coaching staff may view match from press box but may not contact bench during play  | No provision but no phones or radios allowed  | No provision  |
| Padded Goal Posts                               | Not Sanctioned  | A white commercially made pad at least 72" in height and a max. of 1" thick may be placed on the vertical posts   | Same as NCAA  |
| Goal Post Placement                             | Goal lines must be the same width as the goal posts and crossbars   | Rear of each goal post shall be on the outer edge of the goal line. R 1, Sec. 4, Art. 1   | Same as NCAA  |
| Field Conditions for play to start and continue | Determination made by referee   | Prior to start of game, host institution representative determines; thereafter determination is made by referee R 1 Sec. 7  | Same as NCAA  |
| Games played indoors                            | Match may be played indoors if outside field is unavailable   | No provision  | No provision  |
| Turf Fields                                     | Permitted – no restrictions   | Same as NCAA  | Artificial surfaces must be green   |



# National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association



## A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF RULES AND LAWS

| <u>THE BALL</u> | RULE 2  | RULE 2   | LAW 2  |
|-----------------|---|--|--|
| Number of Balls | 3 or more identical. Max. of 6 and at least 4 ball persons at least 10 yrs. old | 3 or more of similar quality. Must have NFHS logo displayed, supplied by home team or referee can select from visitor if unavailable. At least 2 ball holders. | 1 required, others may be used if available. For major international matches – FIFA marking required<br>USSF – up to 6 suggested |



# National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association



## A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF RULES AND LAWS

| PLAYERS AND SUBSTITUTES<br>Team Roster<br><b>TOPIC</b> | RULE 3<br>REQUIRED to be presented to referee, scorekeeper and other coach 15 mins. prior to game time. Copy given to referee should not show total cautions and ejections. Forfeit if not given<br><b>NCAA-NISOA</b>   | RULE 3<br>REQUIRED to be presented to referee 5 minutes before game time. Names may be added to roster after the start of play. Roster may be given to referee by a coach or player.<br><b>HIGH SCHOOL FEDERATION</b>  | LAW 3<br>Names of subs given to referee prior to match. No other roster requirement. No more than 6 in National A Team matches<br><b>FIFA - USSF</b> |
|--|---|--|--|
| Team Roster (continued)                                |   |  |  |
| Substitutions When?                                    | <p><u>Either team:</u> End of period; goal; goal kick; player instructed to leave for equipment change (other team may sub equal number); injury or caution (only players involved – other team may sub like number). <i>Bleeding injury, blood on uniform or signs of concussion must be subbed and can return on any stoppage if cleared by medical personnel. Not charged with reentry</i></p> <p><u>Team in possession:</u> throw-in or corner kick (if sub, other team may also sub. Players must have reported to scorer prior to time ball went out of play); GK ejected: (team plays short but may sub for keeper – no sub allowed for other team.</p> <p>When beckoned on by the referee during the first 85 mins of game. During last 5 mins., when referee signals the clock to stop if leading team substitutes</p> | <p><u>Either team</u> Unlimited number at end of period; goal; goal kick (players must have already reported); caution (player must go out); injury (must go out if treated or referee deems player injured); disqualification (but disqualified player may not be subed; blood on player or uniform - Also unlimited in number from <u>bench on goal, end of period and when injured player is removed from field. Any sign of concussion, must be removed until cleared by health care professional</u></p> <p><u>Team in possession:</u> Throw-in or corner kick (other team may then also sub) Players must have reported to scorer prior to the time the ball went out of play)</p> | <p>At any stoppage with permission of referee. (many local leagues have set times for subs).</p>   |
| When substitute become a player of record              |   | When beckoned onto the field by referee  | When substitute enters the field (must be at the halfway line)   |
| Restrictions   | During first half and in each overtime period-no reentry. One reentry in second half. (R3 Sec. 5). GK is allowed one reentry each period and each OT  | When player is given a yellow or red card for delayed or excessive acts to focus attention on the player or on a second caution; player is disqualified but may be subed for   | Player replaced may not return to the match. (This Law differs in many local competitions and youth matches)   |
| Changing Goal Keeper with field player                 | During any stoppage with referee's permission Verbal warning to the players at next stoppage for violation.. No sub from bench for GK during  | Whenever clock is stopped or at a substitution time with permission of referee. Both players warned for any violation  | During any stoppage with referee's permission. Caution both players for violation when ball is out of play   |



# National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association



## A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF RULES AND LAWS

|  | RULE 7   | RULE 7  | LAW 7   |
|--|--|---|---|
| <b>DURATION OF GAME</b><br>Length of periods | 2- 45 min. periods. In regular season 2-10 min. sudden victory overtimes. For post-season tournaments, see R 7.1.2, which includes kicks from the penalty mark after the overtime periods.                     | 2- 40 min. periods or 4-20 min quarters Overtime allowed by state association, up to 20 mins. max., sudden victory may be permitted by state.   | 2-45 min. periods plus allowances for time lost due to subs., injury, time wasting, etc. The local rules of competition allow for 2 full overtime periods not to exceed 15 mins. each as well as kicks from the penalty mark. No "golden goal" allowed. |
| <b>DURATION OF GAME</b><br>Official Game     | A suspended game of less than 70 mins is declared "no contest". If at least 70 mins. have been played the governing authority may declare it official  | Official game if one half has been played. If suspended during the first half, state association determines if it is to be rescheduled from the beginning or from the point of suspension | If less than full time is played, the match must be replayed in its entirety unless the local rules of competition state otherwise  |
| Half-time and Overtime (OT) Intervals        | 15 mins for half time, 10 or less by prior consent of coaches and officials. Between end of game and first OT period – 5 mins. Between overtime periods – 2 mins.  | 10 mins. for half time unless agreed by coaches.<br>Time between overtime periods, same as NCAA   | Players are entitled to a halftime interval. It must not exceed 15 mins.  |
| Clock stops                                  | Goal, penalty kick, cards, & at discretion of referee (injury, time wasting, etc.), Subs during last 5 mins. of 2nd half by leading team and special TV timeouts <i>Also player shows signs of concussion.</i> | Goal, penalty kick, yellow and red cards, injury and at discretion of referee, (time wasting, etc.)   | Referee discretion, e.g. serious injury, time wasting, substitutions. Clock does not stop but time is "added on".   |
| <b>START OF PLAY</b><br>Coin Toss – winner   | <b>RULE 8</b><br>Choice of goal or kick off. Same procedure for 1st sudden-victory overtime  | <b>RULE 8</b><br>Same as NCAA   | <b>LAW 8</b><br>Must choose goal to attack. Loser of toss <u>always</u> kicks off   |
| Drop Ball                                    | Where ball was when play stopped. If in goal area, drop on 6 yd. line nearest to location of stoppage. Does not require 2 opposing players   | Same as NCAA, but must also be 5 yds. from touch line and must be dropped between two opposing players.   | Same as NCAA  |



# National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association



## A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF RULES AND LAWS

| <b>TOPIC</b>  | <b>NCAA-</b>   | <b>HIGH SCHOOL FEDERATION</b>   | <b>FIFA - USSF</b>  |
|---|--|---|---|
| <b>BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY</b><br>Restart after injury, inadvertent whistle, replaced cross bar, etc<br><br>Ball strikes overhead wire or tree extending into field | <b>RULE 9</b><br>Drop ball where play was stopped by the referee except if in goal area, drop is moved to nearest point outside of goal area. Does not require opposing players to be at the drop spot, If injury and or stoppage and GK has possession of ball when play stopped – then IFK to GK’s team.<br><br>Considered as an outside agent. Ball dropped at nearest point where ball landed. (Interpretation from NCAA rules editor) | <b>RULE 9</b><br>If one team is in clear possession, indirect free kick, otherwise drop ball at spot of stoppage. Drop must be between opposing players<br><br>Should have local ground rule to be discussed prior to match. No set rule. | <b>LAW 9</b><br>Same as NCAA except no special GK provision<br><br>Considered part of field. Ball remains in play. (Advise to Referees-1.8c and 1.8d) |
| <b>SCORING</b>  | <b>RULE 10</b><br>No differences between the three   | <b>RULE 10</b>  | <b>LAW 10</b>   |
| <b>OFFSIDE</b>  | <b>RULE 11</b><br>No differences between the three   | <b>RULE 11</b>  | <b>LAW 11</b>   |



# National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association



## A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF RULES AND LAWS

| VIOLATIONS AND MISCONDUCT                 | RULE 12   | RULE 12  | LAW 12   |
|---|---|--|--|
| Caution-Reasons (Yellow Card)             | Entering or leaving field w/o referee permission; persistent infringement of rules; dissent; incidental profane language; unsporting conduct (includes taunting); delays restart; encroachment of free kicks and corner kicks; coach cautioned for 2 <sup>nd</sup> infraction of coaching outside of team area. Coach and bench   | Same as NCAA – also use of video or communication, etc. to assist in coaching; use of tobacco at game site. Unsporting conduct includes coaching outside of box, faking injury, simulating a foul. Cautioned player must go off, if subbed for, may return at next opportunity to sub. Coach may be cautioned for team or bench misconduct that  | Unsporting behavior (includes removing jersey when celebrating a goal and simulating any action to deceive referee), dissent, persistent infringement of laws, delays restart, encroachment on free kicks and corner kicks, enters, re-enters or leaves the field without referee's  |
| <b>TOPIC</b>                              | <b>NCAA-NISOA</b>   | <b>HIGH SCHOOL FEDERATION</b>  | <b>FIFA - USSF</b>   |
| Caution-Reasons (Yellow Card) (continued) | personnel may be carded. (yellow or red)  | cannot be attributed to specific player. Coach and bench personnel CAN be carded (yellow or red). Coach carded if player improperly or illegally equipped. Any subsequent illegal equipment infractions-player is carded, Note coach. Note that taunting is a red card.  | permission. Coach and bench personnel CANNOT be carded, but subs on bench may be carded  |
| Ejection-Reasons (Red Card)               | Serious foul play; violent conduct; fighting; spits at anyone; denies an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by handling or any offense punishable by a free kick; uses hostile or abusive language or harassment that refers to race, religion, sex, sexual orientation or national origin, or other threatening or obscene language, behavior or conduct; receives a 2 <sup>d</sup> caution.; 3 <sup>rd</sup> occurrence of coaching outside of team area. Coach and bench may be carded | Delayed or excessive acts to focus attention on player or prohibits timely restart; 2 <sup>nd</sup> caution; violent conduct; taunting; serious foul play; hand ball to prevent goal (even if ball goes into goal); foul against an opponent who is moving toward goal with an obvious opportunity to score; spitting at an opponent, teammate or official; using offensive, insulting or abusive language or gestures; leaves bench when a fight is taking place. Coach and bench may be carded | Serious foul play (includes any tackle which endangers safety of opponent); violent conduct; spits at anyone; denies an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by handling or any offense punishable by a free kick; uses offensive, insulting or abusive language or gestures; receives a 2 <sup>nd</sup> caution. Red card <u>cannot</u> be shown to coach or non-player, some youth leagues differ. |
| Charging Goalkeeper                       | May not be charged or interfered with while in possession of ball within his penalty area   | Keeper cannot be charged in his penalty area unless dribbling ball with his feet or obstructing  | May be <i>fairly</i> charged if going for the ball other than with his/her hands. May not be charged while holding ball or having possession of the same   |



# National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association



## A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF RULES AND LAWS

|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| <p><u>FREE KICKS</u><br/>Direct free kick<br/>Offenses<br/><b>TOPIC</b></p> | <p><b>RULE 13</b><br/>Spitting, kicking or attempt to kick, striking or attempt, tripping or attempt, using blood to assault, jumping at,<br/><b>NCAA-NISOA</b><br/>handling ball, holding, pushing, charging violently, violently fouling goalkeeper while in possession of ball in the penalty area, all against an opponent.</p> | <p><b>RULE 13</b><br/>Basically the same as NCAA, but specifies also charging an opponent while the opponent in the act of playing the ball, has both feet off of the ground. Spitting at and<br/><b>HIGH SCHOOL FEDERATION</b></p> | <p><b>LAW 13</b><br/>Basically the same as NCAA, but specifies also tackling an opponent in a manner deemed careless, reckless or with excessive force .<br/><b>FIFA - USSF</b></p> |
|---|---|---|---|



# National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association



## A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF RULES AND LAWS

|   |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| <p>Indirect free kick offenses</p>  | <p>Playing ball a 2<sup>nd</sup> time before it is played or touched by another player at kickoff, throw-in, free kick, corner kick, goal kick or penalty kick; GK holds ball more than 6 secs.; sub at improper time or without being beckoned by referee; persons other than players and ARs entering field with referee permission; improper coaching from the touchline after verbal warning; dissent; unsporting behavior or inappropriate language; dangerous play involving an opponent; offside; charging when ball is not within playing distance unless obstructed; interfering with goalkeeper before release of ball; illegal obstruction; leaving field without referee permission; goalkeeper receives ball in the hands deliberately kicked or thrown by teammate; goalkeeper handles ball after relinquishing possession; use of tobacco; when game is stopped for injury or inadvertent whistle and goalkeeper has possession of ball. Assaulting a game official, team mate or non-player</p> | <p>Same as NCAA, but no mention of restart for 2<sup>nd</sup> violation of improper coaching from touchline. Adds that if play is stopped for misconduct of player, coach or bench and no other restart takes precedence, an IFK is awarded. Spitting at team mate or game official. If on field, from spot of offence, if off field, from spot where ball was, when match stopped. Dangerous play may involve opponent or a team mate</p> | <p>Dangerous play, impedes progress of opponent, prevents goalkeeper from releasing ball, commits any offense not sanctioned by a direct free kick for which play is stopped to caution or send off a player; goalkeeper takes more than 6 secs. before releasing ball; touches ball again with hands after releasing goalkeeper touches ball with hands after it has been deliberately kicked to him by team-mate, or handles the ball on a throw in to him by team-mate, offside; assault on official, team mate or non-player</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TOPIC</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>PENALTY KICKS</u></p> <p>Ball Placement</p> <p>Stutter stepping or faking by the kicker</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NCAA-NISOA</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">RULE 14</p> <p>On the 9" spot or 2 foot line</p> <p><i>Same as FIFA – Player cannot stop completely</i></p>   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>HIGH SCHOOL FEDERATION</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">RULE 14</p> <p>Same as NCAA</p> <p>Not permitted – Retake</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FIFA – USSF</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">LAW 14</p> <p>On the penalty spot</p> <p>Permitted – no infraction if during run-up to kick. Cannot stop fully</p>  |



# National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association



## A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF RULES AND LAWS

|  |   |  |   |
|--|---|--|---|
| Player taking kick infringes or team-mate encroaches and ball does <b>not</b> go into goal | Indirect free kick to defenders at point of infraction unless ball goes out of play over goal line, then goal kick                              | Goal kick if ball goes directly over goal line. If deflected out by goal keeper or ball bounces into play – Indirect free kick to defenders. If saved by goal keeper, play continues   | Indirect free kick given to defenders at the point of infraction  |
| Kicks from the penalty spot/mark (tiebreaker)  | No player reduction if other team is less than 11. Coach not allowed in center circle during kicks. 10 kickers to be designated from the roster | Same as NCAA, but no restriction on coach in center circle. Coach selects the first 5 kickers. If still tied, 5 different players are selected. Any player on the roster may take part | If one team playing short, other team, must reduce number of kickers to equalize, coach not permitted on field. Each team must have same number of kickers. Only players on the field at the end of the match may take part |
| Substitute taking penalty kick   | Not permitted   | Same as NCAA   | Permitted   |
| <u>THROW-IN</u><br>Position of Defenders   | <b>RULE 15</b><br>No restriction on position, but cannot move to interfere  | <b>RULE 15</b><br>Same as FIFA   | <b>LAW 15</b><br>All must stand no less than 2 meters (2 yards) from the point of the throw-in, may not jump about or distract  |
| Ball never enters field  | Throw-in retaken  | Throw-in awarded to opponent   | Same as NCAA  |
| Throw-in by impaired player using only one hand  | Not allowed   | Legal – One-handed throw-in allowed in such cases  | Same as HS Fed. See USSF Advice to Referees §15.3   |
| <b>TOPIC</b>   | <b>NCAA-NISOA</b>   | <b>HIGH SCHOOL FEDERATION</b>  | <b>FIFA – USSF</b>  |
| <u>GOAL KICK</u><br>Moving ball in goal area after it is spotted                           | <b>RULE 16</b><br>No prohibition unless movement is for purposes of time wasting  | <b>RULE 16</b><br>Once spotted, ball should not be moved to another part of goal area  | <b>LAW 16</b><br>Same as NCAA   |
| <u>CORNER KICK</u>   | <b>RULE 17</b><br>No significant differences in the three sets of Rules and Laws  | <b>RULE 17</b><br>====   | <b>LAW 17</b><br>====   |



# National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association



## A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF RULES AND LAWS

| <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>                         |  |  |   |
|--|--|--|---|
| Foul indicated by Assistant Referee          | Flag held vertically overhead with a slight circular wave  | Flag held vertically overhead until referee acknowledges and then a slight circular wave of the flag is made, point in direction of restart  | Same as NCAA, but make eye contact with referee before waving flag                                  |
| Coach conveying tactical information to team | No restriction, but coach cannot leave coaching and team area to give instructions   | Same as NCAA   | <i>Only one person at a time is allowed to convey tactical instructions from the technical area</i> |
| Future Requirements                          | Rule Book issued every two years - began in 2008, No new book in 2011  | NOCSAE stamp visible on shin guards required in 2012. <i>Effective 2013 – home team jerseys and socks must be solid white, visitors dark, and all jerseys must be numbered on back, including the goal keeper. 2012 for goal keeper number</i> | Experimenting with an extra official behind each goal   |
| Protest by Coach                             | <i>Allowed up to 72 hours after end of match</i>   | No provision   | No provision  |
| Restart after Delays                         | No contest may be started or restarted or resumed that has not been restarted before an additional 90 minutes after the end of a regulation 90 minute game | No similar provision   | No similar provision  |

NOTE: Modifications for the 2011 season are shown in *italics* Neither the NFHS nor NCAA rules meetings have been held as of this date, hence any rule changes for the 2011 playing season are not included.