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Sport

Fall Soccer

Positive Developments and Highlights

The district tournament host sites are set and planning is ongoing for the regional events. Trophies are currently being shipped to district hosts with region trophies close behind. The year has seen few disruptions by weather compared to previous years, so we expect all to be set as we approach the seeded game deadline of October 1.

Issues of Concern (legal, playing Rules, fiscal management, etc.)

There continues to be concerns and issues surrounding the requirements for shinguards and the NOCSAE requirements. The availability of this equipment is reportedly abundant, yet players still want to use shingurds that are far too small and simply non-compliant with the rule. The NFHS issued a Rules Interretation that has helped and started a more productive discussion.

Championship Update/Review

This year's finals will be held at the Lexington Sporting Club's stadium located on Richmond Road, at the Athens Boonesboro exit on I-75. The date of the finals is November 1. This is a great location for many reasons. It is centrally located in the state and immediatley located off an exit on a major interstate. Further, the playing surface is excellent. This new venue will provide a next level experience for the participants.

The semi-finals will be held at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, also in Lexington. The dates of the semi-finals will be October 28 (Boys) and 29 (Girls). Continued thanks goes out to Lexington Sporting, Fayette County Schools, and Paul Laurence Dunbar Athletic Director Damon Kelley for making these facilities available.

Officials Update/Review

While we have seen an increase in officials registration this year, we have seen an unusual number of injuries which has reduced the officials pool going into the pos-season. However, assignors have been proactive in their planning and we expect our officials to be ready for the challenges of the post-season.

Staff and Worker Update

Workers are being secured for this championship. With Cross County being the same weekend, we share some workers and the planning for this limited overlap is in the planning stages.