NHIAA 2020 Soccer Open Tournament

COVID – 19 Safety Procedures and Guidelines

- All CDC and New Hampshire Dept. of Health guidelines will be enforced.
- All guidelines set forth in the Governor's Safer at Home guidance for "Amateur and Youth Sports" must be followed.
- All guidelines set forth in the "NHIAA Reopening Sports Guidance" guidelines must be followed.
- All game modifications approved by the NFHS, NHIAA Soccer Committee, NHIAA Sports Medicine Committee and NHIAA Council will be observed.

<u>Tournament</u>

- The NHIAA 2020 Soccer Committee Tournament is set up as an open tournament by division
- Each school was able to opt in based upon their comfort level of competing in a state wide competition
- Based upon feedback from member schools and the success of regional scheduling during the regular season, the Soccer Committee divided each division into 4 regional groups
- Each of the 4 groups was determined based upon location in the state and proximity to each other.
- Schools were placed in the tournament bracket to maximize the number of teams competing based upon data collected. Team numbers/positions in the bracket were randomly generated.
- Team records from the regular season were not considered when placing teams in the bracket. Rather, proximity to one another within the cluster was the presiding factor utilized to set up the bracket.
- Any team who opts out of the tournament will be withdrawn from the bracket and their next scheduled opponent will automatically advance to the next round.
- It is recommended that each rostered student athlete on the varsity team, both home and away, are provided two tickets per game. Should local school rules mandate a more strict policy regarding visitors and fans to their school campus, such rules will take precedent over the NHIAA's recommendation.

Hosting school is determined by their "team number" Lowest team number will host (#1 being the lowest number)

Boys Soccer – All Divisions

Wednesday, November 4th – Semifinals Region 1 vs Region 4 – Region 1 will host Region 2 vs Region 3 – Region 3 will host

Saturday, November 7th – Finals Winner from Region 1 vs 4 will be host

<u>Girls Soccer – All Divisions</u> Thursday, November 5th – Semifinals Region 1 vs Region 4 – Region 1 will host Region 2 vs Region 3 – Region 3 will host

Sunday, November 8th – Finals Winner from Region 1 vs 4 will be host

GOOD LUCK!