

2023 SDHSAA State Soccer Tournament

October 14 – Brandon Valley High School – Brandon

Tournament Information

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:

Randy Soma, Assistant Executive Director, SDHSAA

TOURNAMENT MANAGER:

Bill Freking, Activities Director, Brandon Valley High School

HOST SITE:

Brandon Valley High School
301 S Splitrock Blvd
Brandon, SD 57005

PRE-TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

Upon qualifying for the State Soccer Semi-Finals, Coaches are encouraged to review and complete the necessary information found on the SDHSAA website under “Qualifying Information” and “Program Information.”

FRIDAY PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

A practice schedule has been developed, allowing each qualifying team a one-hour slot for practice on the game field. Other than the host school, teams are restricted from using this facility for practice outside of the SDHSAA-assigned time slot.

No locker rooms will be available on Friday. Restrooms will be available at the stadium.

A total of 18 soccer balls will be provided by the SDHSAA for Friday practice session(s).

TEAM ENTRANCE:

For Friday practice, busses can pull into the south entrance by the Library into south parking lot off of Splitrock, loop around and drop off athletes at the east stadium player entrance. Busses can temporarily park in the FB handicapped parking area in the main the high school parking lot at the WEST end. After their practice, athletes can exit the player entrance gate where the bus can pick them up.

For Saturday’s competition, a locker room will be available at Brandon Valley High School through the athletic entrance (Door 10). There will be a player/official gate on the EAST side of the Stadium across from the door you entered into the HS for teams to enter/exit.

COACHES' MEETING:

There will not be a coaches' meeting for this years' event. Coaches of qualifying teams will be provided contact information from Randy Soma of the SDHSAA to arrange for a short meeting to distribute information.

SEEDING & DRAW:

Teams will be seeded based upon their seed points as of the completion of games on Saturday, September 30, 2023. Teams will be placed in a eight - (Class A) or twelve-team (Class AA) bracket for first round, quarterfinal, semifinal and championship game play.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 14 th		
Session One		
Game One	Class 'A' Girls Championship Game	11:00 AM
Game Two	Class 'A' Boys Championship Game	1:00 PM
Session Two		
Game Three	Class 'AA' Girls Championship Game	5:00 PM
Game Four	Class 'AA' Boys Championship Game	7:00 PM

HOME TEAM DETERMINATION:

The team with the better seed/higher seed points shall be the home team. Home teams shall wear DARK jerseys and sit on the bench on the north side of midfield, furthest from the scoreboard. Visiting teams shall wear WHITE jerseys and sit on the bench on the south side of midfield, closest to the scoreboard.

LOCKER ROOMS & DRESSING FACILITIES:

Locker Rooms will be provided to teams on Saturday. Teams will not be allowed to leave items in the locker room before, during or after their contest as they will be shared with another team each session. Officials will have a locker room at the high school also.

ROSTERS:

Team Rosters will be taken from the information as submitted on the SDHSAA website as of September 29, 2023. While not all individuals who are listed on that roster must dress for tournament play, only those listed on the SDHSAA website are immediately eligible to participate in the State Tournament. Should a substitution need to be made, it must be approved by the SDHSAA prior to play.

Only players listed on the official Roster Card submitted pre-game to officials will be announced by the Public Address system on Saturday.

PRE-GAME WARMUP:

Teams will be allowed a minimum of twenty (20) minutes on the game field immediately prior to each contest. Teams are asked to warm up in their half of the field, located in front of their bench/team area. Additional warm up area is available on the practice fields north of the stadium.

PLAYING FIELD & GAME BALL:

Brandon Valley Stadium consists of an artificial grass surface and teams are expected to prepare to play in any elements. The SDHSAA State Finals will utilize a Baden Perfection Thermo ball for all contests.

ATHLETIC TRAINER:

An Athletic Trainer from Sanford will be on hand for the duration of the tournament for your teams' needs. Please communicate with Host Site management in advance, should there be any special circumstances or concerns that you might have.

VIDEO TAPING POLICY:

All Video Taping is allowed by teams competing in the State Finals. Camera individuals may not block the view of spectators while video-taping and are recommended to film from the top of the press box or in a room inside the press box (if available) at the Stadium.

Furthermore, SDHSAA By-Laws concerning Video Taping at State Events have been passed to read as follows:

- Participating schools may videotape the game or event that involves their team or athletes.
- Upon advising the SDHSAA and the team(s) or individuals involved in a specific state event, schools may videotape other team(s) or individuals for scouting purposes at said state event.
- Parents or Guardians may videotape the game or event that involves their child

BROADCAST:

South Dakota Public Broadcasting will be broadcasting the State Soccer Tournament live from the site on Saturday, including web-cast and over-the-air broadcast for each of the championship contests. Please honor any requests for appearances or information that you may receive from SDPB personnel, including halftime, pre- and post-game interviews.

AWARDS PRESENTATION:

Following each contest on Saturday, awards will be presented to participating head coaches to distribute to their teams. SDPB will take an official team photo of the team and make available to parents/fans/schools as requested. No specific on-field access will be provided to the general public for pictures or gatherings in compliance with CDC/DOH guidance. Teams and fans fan meet in the grass south of the scoreboard for pictures.

TOURNAMENT TICKETS & PASSES:

Each qualifying team will receive the following passes:

- A maximum of 25 player/manager student passes, per the listing of a team's roster on the SDHSAA website
- A maximum of four coach passes, per the listing on the roster page on the SDHSAA website
- Four additional complimentary tickets per school will be provided

Information regarding High School Student Press Passes and/or Adult Field Passes may be found in the SDHSAA Handbook, including the appropriate forms necessary for completion.

