

VISAA
Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association



September 7, 2021

Dear Athletic Director and Boys Varsity Soccer Coach:

Division I and Division II teams are determined on a two-year cycle. School teams will compete in the same division for the 2021 season as they did for 2020. Enrollment numbers sent in September 2019 determined the numbers for the two-year cycle (2020-2021 and 2021-2022).

There will be separate polls, tournaments and All State awards for the two divisions. Each division will have a separate polling committee representing different regions around the state.

Both tournaments will consist of 12 teams with the top 4 teams earning a bye in the first round. Both divisions will rank 14 teams on a bi-weekly basis. The first two rounds of both divisions will be held at the higher seed. The final four and the championship will be held at City Stadium in Richmond.

The schools invited to participate in the state tournament in November will be notified the evening of Sunday, October 31. The dates for the boy's state soccer tournament are as follows:

Division I & II - First round – November 5 - played at higher seed; rain date Nov 6
Division I & II - Second round - November 8 - played at higher seed; rain date Nov 9
Division I - Semi Finals - November 10 – City Stadium, Richmond, VA
Division II - Semi Finals - November 11 – City Stadium, Stadium, Richmond, VA
Division I & II - Finals - November 12 – City Stadium. Stadium, Richmond, VA

Your school must have the tournament dates listed above reserved on your calendar. By joining we assume that there are no conflicting events that your school is participating in that would prevent your school from playing on these dates. Failure to keep these dates available may result in your school being ineligible the following year(s).

Criteria for Determining State Poll

The following is used, but not limited to, in determining state polls:

- Strength of schedule
- Head to head competition
- Results against common opponents
- Results with divisional ranked teams
- Performance against ranked teams
- Lack of ranked teams on schedule

Criteria for Determining State Tournament Seeding

The following is used, but not limited to, in determining state seedings:

- Strength of schedule
- Head to head competition
- Results against common opponents
- Results with divisional ranked teams
- Performance against ranked teams
- Lack of ranked teams on schedule
- Performance in conference tournament
- Appearance in the top 12
- Team travel
- Two teams that play in the same conference playing in the first round

We are ranking teams in the state in a bi-weekly poll. The dates that the polls will be posted on the VISAA web page are September 21, October 5, and 19. **By every Saturday beginning with September 11 you must report your game scores using Max Preps website.** The regional representatives will be compiling the team scores to be distributed to the other polling representatives. Polls will be posted on the website once back up and running and also posted on VISAA social media outlets.

Not reporting game results may cause your team to be **INELIGIBLE FOR THE TOURNAMENT**. Please note that the committee does not use Max Preps to determine their bi-weekly rankings or seedings for the state tournaments. Max Preps is used to reference results and records only. Rankings and seedings are determined by the criteria listed above.

If you have any games played on Saturday October 30, contact your regional rep with the results.

The email distribution list I am using is based on last fall. I do not get an updated one from VISAA Executive Committee until mid - September. If Athletic Directors or boys soccer coaches have changed at your school please email me that information so I can update my distribution list.

I look forward to an exciting fall of independent school soccer in the state of Virginia.

Sincerely,
James Brown