

## MTSOA Online Meeting Minutes - 6:00 PM May 4, 2025

### Board Members in attendance:

Tim Stewart – President

Tony Sheets - Treasurer

Glen Garrett - Member at Large

Tim Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:33PM.

### Opening Remarks

- **Tim** welcomed attendees and acknowledged the last-minute rescheduling due to playoff game changes and personal travel.
- Thanked everyone for being flexible with the time change.

### Dues & Financial Update

- **Tony Sheets** reported no new dues payments since the last meeting.
- Emphasized dues are **\$50/year**, due on **January 1st**.
- Encouraged all members to pay promptly to avoid burdening the association.
- Current balance: **\$7,381.43**

### Arbiter Reports & Disciplinary Issues

- Reports must be filed even if there are **no incidents** (“No incidents” is sufficient).
- Emphasis on submitting **red card** and **caution** reports.
- **State-level consequence:** A referee was suspended for a year for failure to submit reports.
- Coaches, ADs, and principals contact TSSAA directly — reporting protects officials.
- For **TACS (Christian School) games**, reports go only to Coz — not the state.

### Weather Delay Policy

- **Golden rule:** If you **see lightning** or **hear thunder**, **leave the field immediately** and wait **30 minutes**.
- Applies even if lightning is beyond the 10-mile policy used by schools.
- Athletic trainers’ decisions must be followed.
- **Note in Arbiter:** Time of delay, score, red/yellow cards, and restart procedure.
- **Game becomes official** only **after 40 minutes (halftime)**.
- If called at halftime: score stands as final.

### Overtime & Postseason Procedures

- **Overtime format:** Two 10-minute periods, **not golden goal**.
- Substitution rules apply in **last 5 minutes** of **second overtime period**.
- If still tied, proceed to **penalty kicks**.

## Penalty Kick Procedures

- **Anyone listed on the roster** may take a kick (must be eligible and in uniform).
- If added late, **note it in Arbiter and unusual situation report**.
- Kicks are taken at a single selected goal; no coin toss required.
- **Spectators must be cleared from behind the goal.**

### Order and Rotation:

- First set: 5 kickers per team.
- Second set: New 5 kickers (no repeats from 1st set).
- Third set and beyond: Repeats allowed, must rotate every 5.

### Cautions During Kicks:

- **Before kick:** Player misses that round.
- **After kick:** Player skips next full round (i.e., if kicked in round 1 and cautioned, can't kick until round 16).
- **Keeper cautioned:** Must sit out next kicker.

### Infractions:

- If **no forward motion** on the kick → **indirect free kick** for defending team.
- **Encroachment:** Depends on who violates.
  - **Both teams:** Retake.
  - **Defense:** Retake if goal not scored.
  - **Attackers:** Indirect kick or retake.
- **Goalkeeper violations:** NFHS requires a **retake**, even if it didn't affect the outcome (unlike IFAB).

## Clock Management & Crew Responsibility

- **Clock should match referee's time;** if not, ref should keep time on their watch and notify teams.
- **Center & ARs** must work as a team to ensure proper clock stoppage.
- **Stop clock** for: goals, injuries, cards, PKs, and as directed by the referee (e.g., crossing arms).
- **Pregame talk** with scorekeeper is essential: review stoppage/restart timing, especially for drop balls and throw-ins.
- Overtime timing: **5-minute break** between regulation and OT, **2-minute break** between OT halves.

## Miscellaneous

- Emphasis on **shin guard compliance** and **language enforcement**, especially during playoffs.
- Players frequently ask to use illegal guards — referees must remain firm.
- Reminder that **NOSCAE** stamp is the standard for legal shin guards.

## Closing

- Tim thanked everyone for their time and flexibility.
- Recording will be made available.
- Encouraged members to **ask questions anytime** and **review pages 77 & 92 of the NFHS rulebook**.
- Meeting ended with an open Q&A