

TO: ALL PRINCIPALS AND ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

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SUBJ: DISTRICT V GIRLS SOCCER INFORMATION

DATE: August 14, 2026

I. It is that time of year again for the submission of our girls' soccer schedules for ranking purposes. If we all work together and each of us does our part, rankings should be out to schools in a very timely fashion. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. The best/quickest way to reach me is via email at mhendershot@sfsd.school.

II. District V Girls Soccer Rating system

- A. Ranking is determined by total points accumulated divided by the total games played, excluding tournaments, scrimmages, and exhibitions.
- B. The top 6 rated schools will compete in the Class A District V Tournament. Teams that have a .500 record or better the day of the district cutoff will be included in the District V Playoffs through a preliminary round system.
- C. Class AA schools (Bedford, Chestnut Ridge, Somerset) will be in a sub regional with D8.
- D. Class AAA school (there are none at this time).
- E. The PIAA has 4 classifications for ranking purposes. (A, AA, AAA, AAAA)

III. Important Dates

August 17	Monday	1 st legal practice
August 21	Friday	Schedules must be received
August 28	Friday	1 st Game Date
October 9	Friday	Date to declare school is not participating in playoffs
October 26	Monday	District Cut Off
October 27	Tuesday	Preliminary Round (if necessary)
October 28	Wednesday	1 st round
November 2	Monday	D5 Semifinals
November 4	Wednesday	D5 Championship
November 7	Saturday	D5 deadline for states
November 10	Tuesday	1 st Round State
November 14	Saturday	State Quarterfinals
November 17	Tuesday	State Semifinals
November 20/21	Friday/Saturday	State Championship, Highmark Stadium, Pittsburgh

All play-off dates are subject to change due to inclement weather or any unforeseen circumstances. In such an event the next day will become the make-up date.

IV. Point System

- A. A team receives 4 points for a win
- B. Bonus points are awarded on the following basis:
 - 1. 1 point awarded for a win over a class A school, total 5 points
 - 2. 2 points awarded for a win over a class AA school, total 6 points
 - 3. 3 points awarded for a win over a class AAA school, total 7 points
 - 4. 4 points awarded for a win over a AAAA school, total 8 points
- C. No points are awarded for a loss regardless of PIAA classification
- D. Victories over non-PIAA or out of state opponents are addressed in the PIAA handbook.
- E. Rankings are based on all school schedules that are turned into the District V Girls' Soccer statistician by the first legal playing date for the season and no games added after the season begins may be counted

- F. Ranking is in order of total points accumulated divided by the number of games played, excluding tournaments, scrimmages, and exhibition games
 - G. Forfeiture of contests will be governed by PIAA rules
- V. Tie Breaker System for Ranking Only
- A. Head to Head victor if the teams played each other
 - B. Winning percentage versus all common opponents in all games played (regardless of the number of times two schools play each other)
 - C. Bonus points as calculated by wins by defeated opponents divided by games played
 - D. Winning percentage calculated by wins divided by games played. Ties count as half.
 - E. Greatest number of wins, excluding tournaments
 - F. Coin toss at site convenient to both schools
- VI. Girls Soccer Schedule
- A. Complete the Girls Soccer schedule form with information concerning your school. Note that 9 games is the minimum number to be played to qualify for the playoffs.
 - B. Please complete the schedule on the District V website/google sheet by the dates indicated.
 - C. Turn in dates by athletic directors no later than 9:00 am to the statistician are as follows:
 - Monday, September 14
 - Monday, September 21
 - Monday, September 28
 - Monday, October 5
 - Monday, October 12
 - Monday, October 19-October 26 = Final Standings Released (after last contest completed on Oct 26)
 - D. Results should be updated on dates listed above.
 - E. Post-Season Opt Out Date: Friday, October 9, 2026 is the deadline for a member school to notify the District 5 Girls Soccer Chairman in writing if that member school does not wish to be considered for the 2026 post-season tournament.
- VII. To be eligible for the playoffs all teams must have their league schedule complete by the district cutoff date. Any scheduling difficulties should be referred to the Tournament Director.
- VIII. Top 6 Class "A" and any other teams with at least a .500 record will qualify for the District Playoffs. All competitions prior to the District V Championship will be played at the higher seeded team's home field. The District V Championship will be played at a neutral site but will be at 1 of the 4 locations based on the participants in the final: Bedford, Conemaugh Township, Somerset or Windber. Pending extenuating circumstances, this is subject to change through the District Chairman and sports chairman. Thereafter, the highest ranked teams will be the designated home team.
- *If both finalists are from east of Bedford then the District V committee shall consider a mutually agreeable neutral grass field weather permitting.
- Possible Preliminary Round Games (played on the "Preliminary Round" date listed above):
 If a #6-#11 Team would also have a .500 record or better, #8 would host #9 and #7 would host #10 and #6 would host #11.
- 1st Round - #1 Team = Bye
 Class A #2 Team = Bye
 #3 Team vs. #6 Team

#4 Team vs. #5 Team

- IX. 2nd Round – #1 Team plays 4/5 winner
Class A #2 Team plays 3/6 winner
- X. Designation of Bench—The Site game manager shall designate the location of each team's bench prior to pre-game practice.
- XI. Ticket Prices for Playoffs: See District V Handbook
- XII. Number of A Teams advancing to state playoffs: 2
Number of AA (Subregional of V and VIII) Teams advancing to state playoffs: 1
- XIII. Playoff Times - All games will begin at 4:30 or 7:00 unless a time change is approved by the District V Chairperson.
- XIV. District V rankings will be emailed to the media by the District V Statisticians.

District V Girls' Soccer - Phone & Fax Numbers

Schools	Phone Number	Fax Number
Bedford	814-623-4250	814-623-4265
Berlin	814-267-4622	814-267-6060
Chestnut Ridge	814-839-4195	814-839-4742
Conemaugh Twp	814-479-4014	814-479-2038
Everett	814-652-9114	814-652-0107
Fannett-Metal	717-349-3016	717-349-2748
Johnstown Christian	814-288-2588	814-288-1447
McConnellsburg	717-485-3195	717-485-0175
North Star	814-629-6651	814-629-1149
Northern Bedford	814-766-2221	814-766-3772
Rockwood	814-926-4631	814-926-2631
Somerset	814-444-3230	814-443-6624
Southern Fulton	240-675-9528	717-294-6248
Tussey Mountain	814-635-2975	814-635-3928
Windber	814-467-4567	814-467-6218

Good Luck! I look forward to working with all of you this season!