

## 2010 Boys Soccer Playoff Schedule & Procedures

This is for fans looking down the road and dreaming or planning. The Warriors appreciate that the Mariemont Community is outstanding in their support of school teams. **PLAYERS ARE NOT INVITED TO LOOK PAST THEIR NEXT GAME.**

The 2010 Boys Soccer playoffs for Division 3, get underway Monday 10/18 and end up in Crew Stadium on Friday 11/12. These are OHSAA events – No Booster passes – Admission \$6 each.

Mon. 10/18 first round	} Sectionals
Thur. 10/21 semi-finals	
Mon. 10/25 final	
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Thur. 10/28 final	District (Southwest Ohio)
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Tue. 11/2 semi-finals	} Regional
Sat. 11/6 final	
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Tue. 11/9 semi-finals	} State
Fri. 11/12 final	

VENUES: The higher seeded team (lower seed number) will be home in the first two rounds. Sectional finals, District finals, Regional and State semi-final games will be held at neutral sites. The State semi-final has been known to be held next to a prison, in Chillicothe, on a baseball diamond, complete with a pitchers mound and stands in the corner of the field. But, there is a logic for this. The State Final is at Crew Stadium in Columbus.

BRACKET WEBSITES: Sectional and District brackets: [swdab.org](http://swdab.org)  
Regional and State brackets: [ohsaa.org](http://ohsaa.org) (copy and paste to your browser)

PROCESS: The brackets were filled out when the coaches met Sunday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. The teams are seeded (ranked) according to the coaches' poll. The highest seed (ranked #1) coach puts his team on a blank line in the bracket. Followed by #2, #3, #4 etc...

Logically, each of the top seeded teams would choose different brackets to give other teams a chance to knock off the better teams before they would have to play them. Continuing with that logic, the best second tier team would choose the lowest ranked team in their bracket.

WHY?: In the real world, the brackets are completely unpredictable because the coaches have their own opinions about which teams their team can match with favorably. The coaches' meeting is far from a rubber stamp. They have to go into it ready for any and every scenario. What comes out often does not make sense to someone not in the meeting.

TIES: are settled by:

- (2) 15-minute, sudden victory, periods are played. If still tied,
- 5-player shootout, best of 5 PKs. If still tied,
- 5-player shootout, sudden victory PKs, new shooters (alternate shots, when one team scores and the other team misses, the tie is broken – all 5 players do not have to shoot)
- 5-player shootout, sudden victory PKs, any player
- 5-player shootout, sudden victory PKs, any player except the preceding shooters.
- The last two steps continue until the tie is broken.

REFS: For the first time, OHSAA will pay for 3 officials starting in the second round.

GO WARRIORS

There are 4 Regions in Ohio - the Region Winners are the Final Four (state semi-final) - Then on to the State Championship at Crew Stadium

28 teams (18+10) 128 teams in Ohio 64 teams in Ohio 32 teams in Ohio 16 teams in Ohio 8 teams in Ohio 16 teams in Ohio 32 teams in Ohio 64 teams in Ohio 128 teams in Ohio 28 teams (18+10)  
 18-Oct 21-Oct 25-Oct 28-Oct 2-Nov 6-Nov 2-Nov 28-Oct 21-Oct 18-Oct  
**Sectional Play-in (1)** **Sectional Semi (2)** **Sectional Final (3)** **District Final (4)** **Reg Semi (5)** **Reg Semi (5)** **District Final (4)** **Sectional Final (3)** **Sectional Semi (2)** **Play-in (1)**

