



Boys and Girls Soccer Media Information



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2009-10 Boys & Girls Soccer State Finals Media Arrangements

Accepted Media Passes:

- **IHSA General Media Pass:** (This pass was sent to select media outlets at the beginning of the school term.) Holders of this pass must have proper company identification and a valid drivers license.
- **Boys/Girls Soccer Single-Event Credential:** Requests must be submitted to the IHSA Office via fax or email, **no later than 3 p.m., Wednesday prior to the state final** to be considered. Contact Matt Troha (mtroha@ihsa.org) for more information.
- **School Media Passes:** Press passes will be issued upon request from the school Principal or Athletic Director. A maximum of 3 press passes will be issued to students at the member school whose team has qualified for the state finals.

Boys/Girls Soccer Media Pass pick-up:

- Passes will be distributed at the Pass Gate

Media parking:

- Parking at Benedetti-Wehrli Stadium lot (unreserved, general parking)

Radio Originations:

Broadcast Applications (can be downloaded from the IHSA web site) & payments are due to the IHSA Office, **no later than noon, Wednesday prior to the state final**. MasterCard and Visa are acceptable forms of payment. Please enter your CC information in the lower right corner of the Broadcast Application.

Originating Radio stations will receive two press passes for the game they are covering as part of their origination fee. Passes will be distributed at the Pass Gate. Media must have proper company identification and a valid drivers license to pick up credentials. Passes will not be issued without payment in advance.

Each station approved to originate or accept feed agrees to incorporate a minimum of one (1) public service spot announcement (s) concerning the IHSA and its activities into the broadcast of each game in each and all State Series activities for which it has been approved. A station however, may incorporate as many of these public service spot announcements as it desires during each game broadcast, and it also may incorporate them into its general programming routine. Public Service Announcements can be found in the Media Center on the IHSA website.

Photographer:

- Photographers, with an IHSA press pass, are permitted on the field only in areas outlined on the Soccer Photo Zone map (see Soccer Photo Zone Diagram below). During the award ceremonies, photographers may shoot from the **track** in front of the stands.



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School Reporter, Photographer and/or Video Operator:

Each school participating in the State Final may be represented by a total of three media representatives (photographer, video operators and reporters) for the school's newspaper, yearbook, and/or game films. Passes will allow bearer all game privileges of the news media including admittance to the stadium. Pass bearers will not be allowed to sit on the bench or in the team area and may only shoot from designated areas. A media pass list must be submitted to Tina Brown at the IHSA office. Requested passes will be distributed to coaches on Friday. If asked, students may need to provide school student ID.

Participating schools are allowed to videotape their game from the press box. Schools will be able to set up their equipment twenty (20) minutes before game time. There is a maximum of two (2) people allowed in the press box to videotape their team's game. Person or persons videotaping need a press pass or a participant pass for access.

Press Coverage Area:

- In the Press Box and Press Interview Area, outside Southeast gate near the baseball stadium.

Press Box Access/Regulations:

- The Press Box is for the convenience of the working press, radio and television only.
- The fourth floor of the press box is located on the east side of Benedetti-Wehrli Stadium and is accessible via the elevator on the north side of concourse
- The press box will be the location for all media game coverage and provide a work area throughout the championship games.
- After each game final game statistics will be available in the Press Box for working personnel.

Programs: Each IHSA Media press pass entitles the holder to receive one (1) Program during course of the tournament. Personnel have been instructed to provide ONE State Final Programs ONLY to those who display a proper press pass.

Media Interviews: To avoid congestion and confusion after the games, all interviews will be conducted in the *Southeast corner between the Soccer stadium and Baseball stadium*. Head coaches and requested players are to go to the interview area immediately following their contest. This will clear the playing area and allow warm-up for the next game. Interviews will not be held on the field, except after Championship game. Only photographers will be allowed on the field, in designated areas during the game.

After the Championship games, all media will be allowed on the field for interviews immediately after the games. Once the awards ceremony begins, all media must stop interviews until the ceremony has concluded.

Internet: Wireless internet available through on-site registration. A limited number of hard lines may be made available by contacting Matt Troha (mtroha@ihsa.org).



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