

# NEWS

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### **IHSAA State Soccer Tourney Site Moved**

A release today issued jointly by the Iowa High School Athletic Association and the Des Moines Parks & Recreation Department explains a scheduling change with the 2009 Boys' State Soccer Championships, June 4-6.

Due to the extensive damage to the playing fields caused by the floods last summer at James W. Cownie Soccer Park in Des Moines and subsequent weather conditions the renovation of the fields has been limited. They can not be readied for championship play for this year's tournament. As a result the tournament is re-scheduled using the facilities at Urbandale, Southeast Polk and West Des Moines Valley.

David Anderson, IHSAA Assistant Executive Director who administers soccer, emphasized, "The IHSAA recognizes James W. Cownie Soccer Park as the home of the state tournament and we fully intend to return there in 2010. We are grateful that the administrations at Urbandale, Valley and Southeast Polk have stepped up to help us this year."

Des Moines Park & Recreation Director Don Tripp added, "We are disappointed for the athletes, families and coaches that the tournament is being moved this year, but it is the right decision. We will continue to work hard to bring the Cownie fields back to the high level expected and deserved for this significant championship."

Quarterfinal rounds games at three sites on Thursday, June 4 will start at 12 noon and be played at two-one-half hour intervals. Class 1A will play at Urbandale; Class 2A at Valley, WDM; and Class 3A at Southeast Polk.

Semifinal round contests on Friday, June 5 will be played at the three schools at 5 and 7:30 p.m.

Consolation and Championship contests will be Saturday, June 6. Consolation matches in each of the three classes will be at Southeast Polk with Class 1A at 10 a.m., Class 2A at 12 noon and Class 3A at 2 p.m.

Urbandale will host each of the class championships with Class 1A at 12 noon; Class 2A at 2:30 p.m. and Class 3A at 5 p.m.

Valley is unable to host contests on June 6 due to scheduling with the Des Moines Menace.