

## 2017 IHSAA STATE SOCCER MEDIA INFORMATION

Credentials for the working media covering the Boys' State Soccer Tournament at Cownie Soccer Park in Des Moines, June 1-3 follows. **Read before registering!**

- Requests must be made on-line before **10 a.m. Wednesday, May 31. NO requests BY PHONE OR FAX.** The on-line registration link opens at 3 p.m., Thursday, May 25. Photographers, not associated with a certified media outlet, are not credentialed.
- **Everyone covering** the tournament must request a credential. Any late requests will necessitate the individual(s) purchasing a ticket and locating Bud Legg at the main entrance to the fields for a tournament credential. **Credentials can be obtained at Coach Cownie Field (at the admission gate).**
- **The pre-issued credentials in January are valid – no registration need, but you must show it at the gate.**
- **The live video streaming of any state match to a website is prohibited, by IHSAA policies.**
- Credentials **must be displayed** in the venue and it is your ticket back into the park.
- **Student** reporters/photographers for their school (1 per school) must purchase a ticket and bring a letter from their school administrator to the media entrance for a field pass. **Do not use the on-line registration link.** Same regulations for team photographers.
- Observe the restriction lines on the sidelines and end lines.
- **When a game is followed by another**, please do all interviews and camera shots off the field after the trophy presentations so that the next teams can warm-up.
- Media outlets should not assign parents, relatives of players or other coaches to cover the event.
- Media parking is the general parking lot which is patrolled by the Des Moines police. **Cownie Park charges a parking fee for all cars, media included. If you need a receipt, see Bud at media gate.**

**PRESS BOX:** The west field (Coach Cownie Field – Field 9) has a small press box for the public address announcer, scorekeeper and scoreboard operator. That leaves approximately 2-3 remaining spots for print media whose teams are assigned to that field as well as the host newspaper. **The press box is not the main press area.** On the backside of the concession stand is a trailer which is divided for the officials and the media. If needed, Bud Legg of the IHSAA will determine the seating arrangements in the **press box for each contest** on Coach Cownie Field – field 9.

**For all championship matches, the live TV announcers will occupy 2-3 spaces in the press box.**

**Radio outlets** (no more than 2 people) covering teams assigned to Field 9 may **have to work outside. Bring necessary extension cords, etc.**

**Media wanting a land line put in for sending pictures or filing stories are responsible for all costs and need to contact Des Moines Parks for charges – a limited number of lines are available. Their phone number is 515-208-0430.**

As with our other State Tournaments, bona fide employed photographers from media outlets who cover Iowa high school sports are free to shoot photos.

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