

2017 VHSL State 3A & 4A Girls' and Boys' Soccer Tournament

Dates: Friday and Saturday, June 9 and 10, 2017

Weather Date: Sunday, June 11, 2017

Superintendent's Permission: Advancing teams need to send or bring written permission from their Superintendent that would allow Sunday play in case of bad weather.

Sites: Roanoke College will be the site of all finals on Saturday for both 3A and 4A and also the site for all semi-finals on Friday for 4A, while Salem High School (Salem) will be the site for all semi-finals on Friday for 3A.

Playing Surfaces: Both the Salem High School and Roanoke College soccer fields are artificial turf surfaces. The warm-up field at Roanoke College is a grass field.

Directors: Mark Storm, retired Athletic Director of Heritage High in Lynchburg, will be directing all matches at Roanoke College while Cecil Phillips of Amherst County High School will be directing those matches on Friday which involve the 3A teams at Salem High School and will also be present to direct the 3A Finals at Roanoke College on Saturday.

Director's Contact Information: Mark Storm may be reached by cell at 434-329-1126 and by email at stormmr@verizon.net. Cecil Phillips may be reached by cell at 757-647-1537, and his work email is cphillips@amherst.k12.va.us.

VHSL Entry Forms: Each school must email its typed entry form to Mark Storm and send electronically as an attached file to the email address listed above by Friday, June 2. No handwritten forms will be accepted. Should your team still be in regional competition on this date and not know whether it will qualify, please send your form regardless. This deadline is important for numerous reasons including the printing of State Soccer t-shirts and the accumulation of rosters for match announcers.

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Head Coaches' cell numbers: It is imperative that the VHSL Entry Form is completed with the requested inclusion of each head coach's cell phone number on the bottom of the form. This will be the contact info that tourney personnel will use in an effort to contact coaches about any delay in the match schedule on match day, in an effort to inform coaches about weather delays, overtime play of matches preceding their scheduled match, etc.

Accommodations: Each school is responsible for arranging for its own lodging. There will be a complete list of hotels/motels in the Roanoke/Salem area on the VHSL website.

Graduation Conflicts: Please notify Shawn Knight in the VHSL Office ASAP if you discover a conflict between your school graduation date/time and your scheduled match date/time.

Match Schedule: Note: "Home" team designation is defined in BOLD and underlined letters below and will wear "home" uniforms.

Friday, June 9, 2017 3A Semi-Finals at Salem High School

10 am	3A Girls' Semi-Finals	<u>West Champ</u> vs. East Runner-up
Noon	3A Girls' Semi-Finals	<u>East Champ</u> vs. West Runner-up
2 pm	3A Boys' Semi-Finals	<u>West Champ</u> vs. East Runner-up
4 pm	3A Boys' Semi-Finals	<u>East Champ</u> vs. West Runner-up

Friday, June 9, 2017 4A Semi-Finals at Roanoke College

10 am	4A Girls' Semi-Finals	<u>East Champ</u> vs. West Runner-up
Noon	4A Girls' Semi-Finals	<u>West Champ</u> vs. East Runner-up
2 pm	4A Boys' Semi-Finals	<u>East Champ</u> vs. West Runner-up
4 pm	4A Boys' Semi-Finals	<u>West Champ</u> vs. East Runner-up

Saturday, June 10, 2017 All Finals at Roanoke College

10 am	3A Girls' Final
12:15 pm	3A Boys' Final
2:30 pm	4A Girls' Final
4:45 pm	4A Boys' Final

- **Home Team Designation for the 3A & 4A Championship Final Matches**
 - For 3A Girls and Boys: If **BOTH** regional champions win their semi-final matches, then the home team for the final is the **West Champion**. If one runner-up wins and one champion wins in the semi-finals, then the champion semi-final winner is the home team in the finals. If **BOTH** runner-up teams win their semi-final matches, then the **West Runner-up Team** is the home team.
 - For 4A Girls and Boys: If **BOTH** regional champions win their semi-final matches, then the home team for the final is the **East Champion**. If one runner-up wins and one champion wins in the semi-finals, then the champion semi-final winner is the home team in the finals. If **BOTH** runner-up teams win their semi-final matches, then the **East Runner-up Team** is the home team.

Uniforms: Because of the uncertainty of uniform assignment for the finals, all teams need to make sure to pack both home and away uniforms for the trip to the State Tourney.

Admission: \$10 per day and cash only will be accepted. No credit cards or checks are accepted.

Match times: Due to the potential weather issues, times of matches are subject to change. We will do all that we can to communicate any needed time changes to the head coaches of each team.

Match Officials: These are assigned by the VHSL Office.

Radio Broadcast Requests: Any request from a station on behalf of a participating school needs to be done well in advance of the Tournament. All such inquiries should be forwarded to Mike McCall in the VHSL Office. His email is mmccall@vhs.org. Office phone number is 434-977-8475.

Fan Seating and Team Bench Locations: Both team benches per match will be located on the same side of the field.

Practice Session Possibilities: No team practice is allowed by VHSL rule at the Roanoke College facility or at Salem High School during the tournament. However, a participating team in need of a practice location may try to make arrangements with another local school.

Warm-up Field: There is one grass warm-up field immediately next to the Roanoke College artificial turf match field. The two teams playing in the next match per day will split this field; there will be goals provided at both ends of this warm-up field for the teams' use.

Locker Rooms: There will be no locker rooms provided for the participating teams, so all teams will need to arrive at the match site already dressed.

National Anthem: The National Anthem will be played only prior to the 10 am matches on Friday. The Anthem will be played prior to each match on Championship Saturday.

Award Presentation: Award presentations will take place immediately after the conclusion of each of the four championship matches on Saturday. Each team is asked to line up in numerical order at midfield, according to their VHSL Entry Form, facing the press box. This is why an additional 15 minutes is built into the Saturday schedule.

Athletic Training: Each school is encouraged to include their athletic trainer in their team party, but it will be our intent to hire certified athletic trainers to be on call. We do ask that each team bring whatever athletic taping supplies they might need instead of expecting the trainers on duty to provide such supplies.

Team Ice, Water, and Cups: These will be provided on each team bench and will be restocked between each match.

Match Ball: The match ball for this tournament is the Wilson ball approved by the VHSL.

Ball Runners: It is difficult for the tournament to provide enough ball runners for each match, so any youngsters per school who are attending and are willing to provide this service will be welcome. A list may be sent to the director in advance. We can use up to 6 per match. These volunteers, if identified prior to admission, may be admitted to the matches without cost.

Directions: Salem City Officials will have the main route marked with appropriate signage to direct fans to appropriate parking areas and teams to the parking lot next to the field. Those who come to Roanoke College on #81 will want to use Exit #140 and turn East, following this until you see the main Roanoke College entrance; from this point, follow the signage. (Team buses will want to continue until the stoplight at E. Main Street, then turn right. Travel until the light at Market Street, where you will turn right again, and this will take you to the rear of the athletic complex and parking lot by the field.)

Drop-Off and Bus Parking: Team bus drop-off and parking will be in this lot next to the field.