

# MHSAA 2024 Boys Soccer Finals

Grand Ledge High School – Grand Ledge, MI – November 2, 2024

10:00 a.m. – Division 4

3:30 p.m. – Division 2

12:30 p.m. – Division 3

6:00 p.m. – Division 1

## PARTICIPATING TEAMS

**Timing:** View the [Timing Sheet](#) for the day. Note that each game is scheduled to start at the top/bottom of the hour. The pregame clock will hit 0:00 five minutes before the scheduled game time (assuming we are on schedule), allowing five minutes for the anthem and lineups. Note: just prior to the anthem, teams will enter the field from the locker rooms under the grandstands. Teams will line up on the grandstand side of the field for the traditional high school PA script, announcing all players on the roster. There will be an anthem before every game.

**Team host:** The soccer coaches' association will assign a team host to each participating team and communicate this to teams before their arrival. This person will guide teams once they arrive on campus.

**Team Entry Gate:** When at the stadium, teams and coaches should enter as a group through the Team Entry gate on the NE side of the facility, away from the main fan/ticket gate. Teams will also exit through this gate. Participating teams will be admitted at no charge for games before and after their game when they enter the Team Entry gate together.

**Team arrival and pregame:** Each team has several options on how to spend time leading up to kickoff. So we can better serve you, please give us a preliminary plan the day before the game, but we can be flexible with the plan once you arrive.

Here are options for your pregame:

**School locker rooms:** Each team has access to a school locker room for pregame use only. You can use this to dress prior to heading to the practice facility, or as a place to rest before walking to the stadium. When you leave, take everything with you. The home teams will use the boys locker room, and the visiting teams will use the girls. It is a 90-second walk to the stadium ([see map](#)). Once at the stadium, you will have access to a different locker room – the Stadium Team Room, under the grandstands – for halftime use. There are no whiteboards at either location.

**Practice facility:** A full-size turf warm-up field is available on the Grand Ledge campus. It is a short bus ride from the stadium, near the M-43 entrance (look for “Track Facility” signage). Teams will have full access to this field before their scheduled game. Team hosts will work with coaches, alerting them of game status on the championship field, and helping determine if/when they want to use the locker room before the game.

**Stands:** If your team wants to watch part of the previous game, they can enter as a team through the Team and Official Entrance at the NE corner of the field. You will be directed to the south stands behind the team benches (no fans are in these bleachers).

**Game Field:** Teams for the first game may take the field one hour before game time. Teams for the last three games should be ready to enter the field during the awards ceremony, staying off to the side. **We will give teams at least 25 minutes of warm-up time on the game field.**

**Pregame team photo:** We are cognizant that each minute of your field warm-up time is important. This process will help us take the required team photo (in uniform) while being respectful of your normal pregame routine. Your team host will help guide you through this process.

For game one, the photo will be taken immediately when you take the field, no less than 30 minutes before the game. For the last three games, teams should be field side, behind the east goal, as the previous game is ending. During the awards ceremony, your team host will direct you to the east goal mouth, where you will drop your bags and equipment, and each team will take a photo. As soon as your photo is taken, take your bags to the area next to your bench. You can start warm up as soon as the awards ceremony is completed.

**Jerseys/benches:** The team listed on the top line of the bracket is the home team, will wear dark uniforms, and will be on the east bench (nearest the scoreboard). The team on the bottom line of the bracket is the visitor, will wear white uniforms, and will be on the west bench (nearest the tennis courts).

**Pregame Walkout:** At the conclusion of the warmup period, players and coaches will meet in the Stadium Team Room area under the grandstands. Coaches can utilize the room for final team instructions. At 0:00, full team rosters (and coaches) from both teams will line up in the tunnel, just like professional and World Cup games, with the smallest uniform #s at the front of the line and largest #s (and coaches) at the back. Music will play, and teams will walk onto the field. After the anthem, all rostered players will be announced, just like a normal high school game – but on the opposite side of the field as your bench. After all players have been announced, starters will take their positions on the field, while coaches and substitutes will head to the bench. There will be an MHSAA staffer in the tunnel organizing all the players, coaches and officials.

**Halftime:** Teams have access to the locker room under the stands – the Stadium Team Room. There are chairs and restrooms. The Stadium Team Rooms are NOT available after games; they are for pregame, halftime, and inclement weather use only. Please do not store anything in these rooms.

**Awards ceremony:** The awards ceremony will take place on the field near the spectator bleachers. We invite the school athletic directors for both teams to participate in the trophy and medal ceremony. **Once arriving at the field, the AD should contact Andy Frushour (517-449-8256) to review postgame plans.**

**Postgame champions photo:** Immediately after the Awards Ceremony, the championship team will be led to a spot in front of the scoreboard for an official team photo. After the photo, you will be directed to the bench area to grab team bags and equipment before moving on to the postgame press availability area.

**Postgame press availability:** After leaving the bench, BOTH teams will be directed to the postgame press area on the plaza near the Team Entry Gate. Media will be there conducting scrum interviews with players and coaches. When the media is finished, players and coaches can exit through the Team Entry Gate and meet parents and fans waiting in the Fan Area.

**Bus parking:** Enter the campus off of Jenne St (just east of the stadium) onto Lovell St. before turning left on Spring St. Busses will park on the backside of the grandstands (Spring St.) facing east. This area is closed to public traffic. After using the practice field, buses can cut through campus and head to the Stadium/Spring St. [Campus map](#).

**Athletic trainers:** A Certified Athletic Trainer will be on hand. Most teams bring their own, but our trainer will be on hand to assist with game injuries and officials. Taping should be handled by teams prior to the game.

## SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

**MSU Game Day:** Be aware that there is a home MSU football game. Kickoff time TBA.

**Hotel:** A hotel block of 20 rooms has been reserved in the Lansing area. This is for Division 4 teams traveling from well outside the Lansing area. Schools will pay for the rooms, and then a portion will be reimbursed by the MHSAA. Work with Andy Frushour to secure access to the rooms.

**Pass List:** By 3 p.m. on Thursday, use the pass list form to submit names of no more than 10 administrators and crowd control/chaperones. Those on the pass list should enter through the spectator gates. ONLY those 10 individuals listed on the Pass List will be granted complimentary admission to the event. Pass lists should be emailed directly to [Steve Baker](#) (Grand Ledge AD).

**Fans on the field:** Fans are prohibited from entering the field at any time. We ask school administrators to help us keep parents and students off the field after the game. Teams can meet fans in the fan area behind the grandstand after the game.

**Weather interruptions & suspended games:** Games interrupted by weather will be suspended and resumed from the point of suspension. When weather interrupts play, games will be played in order and resumed when field conditions and weather allows. Games will be played on the next available day when lengthy weather interruptions occur. Completing suspended games on Sunday may be a consideration if there are lengthy weather delays.

## FANS

**Spectator parking:** There is no charge for parking. [Parking map](#).

**Gates/stands:** Fans enter on the northwest side of the stadium, near the concession stand. There is also a smaller gate on the northeast side. The south side bleachers will not be available for fans.

**Student sections:** Student sections will be placed at the end of each side of the bleachers, across from their team bench. This will allow them to stand, but not be in the way of other spectators. Please have your staff keep any standing students off the fence so other spectators can make their way in and out of the bleachers. Make sure your students stay on their side - especially when goals are scored – with no students running from one end to the other in celebration.

**Tickets:** All tickets are sold through [GoFan](#) for \$11. The ticket is good for all of the day's games. A credit card reader is at the gate for fans without cell phones. Re-entry is allowed.

**Fan & postgame meeting area:** Fans can meet their teams after the game behind the grandstand on Spring St. (no cars allowed). Fans will get a stamp when leaving the stadium, which will allow them re-entry. LSC will provide games, a few banners, and a backdrop for photos.

**Live video stream:** All four games will be streamed live to the NFHS Network.

**Postgame meal:** There are plenty of [restaurant options](#) in Grand Ledge and the west side of Lansing.