

The following are the preliminary minutes from the August 7, 2020, OHSAA Board of Directors Special Virtual Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its August 27, 2020, meeting.

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES (August 7, 2020)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a special virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic on Friday, August 7, 2020. President Jeff Cassella called the meeting to order at 7:03 a.m.

Board Members Participating: Jeff Cassella, president; Scott Kaufman, vice president; Ryan Fitzgerald; Gary Kreinbrink; Ryan Fitzgerald; Leonard Steyer; Bill Warfield; Steve Watkins; Jan Wilking, and John Richard (ex-officio) and Joe Roberts (ex-officio representing the OIAAA).

Staff Member Participating: Bob Goldring, interim executive director.

Others Participating: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION - DISCUSSION ITEM

The Board immediately went into executive session for the purpose of discussing the upcoming football season and playoffs.

II. ACTION ITEM

The Board unanimously voted to come out of executive session at 7:48 a.m. for the purpose of acting on a recommendation from the OHSAA Interim Executive Director's staff to modify the 2020 OHSAA football season and playoffs. The recommendation was as follows:

- A six-game regular season will begin the week of August 24 (same regular-season starting date).
- All teams eligible to enter the OHSAA playoffs. New regions will be determined in September.
- Number of playoff rounds dependent upon the number of schools entering the playoffs in each division. Coaches in each region will seed all playoff teams in the region to form a bracket, similar to other OHSAA sports.
- Schools eliminated from the OHSAA playoffs or that choose not to enter the OHSAA playoffs have the option to schedule additional regular season contests through Saturday, November 14 (maximum of 10 regular season contests permitted).
- Regular season Week 1: Week of August 24.
- Regular season Week 2: Week of August 31.
- Regular season Week 3: Week of September 7.
- Regular season Week 4: Week of September 14.
- Regular season Week 5: Week of September 21.
- Regular season Week 6: Week of September 28.
- Playoffs begin Friday, October 9.
- State finals end no later than Saturday, Nov. 21.

Other Playoff Details

- Playoff seeding will be via a vote of the coaches the week of September 28 (Harbin Computer Ratings suspended for 2020 season).
- All playoff contests through the regional semifinals (and possibly the regional finals) will be hosted by the higher seeded team.
- Schools must commit to participate in the playoffs by 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, September 17.
- Playoff regions will be drawn on Friday, September 18.
- Schools may withdraw from the playoffs without penalty until Thursday, September 24.

Motion by Scott Kaufman, second by Gary Kreinbrink to **approve** the recommendations from the OHSAA Interim Executive Director's staff to modify the 2020 football season and playoffs as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

The Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 a.m.

Bob Goldring, recorder.

FUTURE MEETINGS

(All meetings are subject to change.)

2020-21 School Year (note that 2020-21 dates may be modified, and times are to be determined): August 27, 9:00 a.m., virtual; October 1; October 29; January 14; February 18; April 22, and June 9.