

TO: All Athletic Administrators and Head Football Coaches

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RE: 2020 Pre-Season Information #3

2020 Season Updates

1. We are still in skill training mode. Social distancing is required.
2. Stay tuned for when players can “come together” and regular summer activities like 7 on 7 and non-contact offense vs defense.
3. There are rumors circulating on the start date and timing of the 2020 football season related to the current pandemic. **Do not believe any information unless it comes from Jerry Snodgrass or me.**

2021 and 2022 Regular Season Scheduling

While I am still working on what the Regulations will look like when expansion is a reality, there are several things that are certain,

1. The regular season will start 1 week earlier. In 2021 that means the week of August 16 (8/20 is the Friday). In 2022 that means the week of August 15 (8/19 is the Friday).
2. We realize this may cause some issues with schedules, especially with out of state teams. We know that in state games are scheduled as “week 1, week 2 etc.” Out of state games are more date driven. We will all need to be flexible on contract issues. Please contact me if you have game contract issues.

8-Player Football

1. If you are a school that is participating in 8-player football, **please make that change on your participation card in myOHSAA ASAP. This is under the Non-Recognized sports section.**

2020 Regulation Changes

There are 2 major regulation changes that affect football.

1. A player disqualified for flagrant personal fouls **other than fouls in Rule 9, Section 4 Articles 1, 2 and 3-j**, shall be ineligible for all contests for the remainder of that day. The disqualification for these fouls may be extended through the next scheduled game at the same level of the disqualification by the OHSAA Football Administrator or his/her designee. Video of these fouls shall be emailed to the OHSAA Football Administrator or his/her designee within 48 hours of the contest.
2. Any player ejected for fighting, as defined in the NFHS playing rules, shall be ineligible for all contests for the remainder of that day. In addition, the player shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels in that sport until four regular season/tournament contests (two in football) are played at the same level as the ejection. **This effectively doubles the penalty for the act of fighting.**

Here is the link to 2020 Jamboree information:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Football/2020/2020JamboreeExplanation.pdf>

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