

TO: Athletic Administrators and Head Football Coaches

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RE: 2020 Weekly Word-Week 5

Playoff Bracket Information

1. **Thursday, September 24 is the deadline to withdraw without penalty** using the Tournament Entry (2020-21) link in myOHSAA.
2. Here is a link to the region assignments:
<https://ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Football/Football-2020>
3. Teams will be placed on the bracket by seed.
Here is a link to a 32 team bracket as an example:
<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/2020/32teambacket.gif>

To determine which seeds will play, find the number of teams in your region and advance the top teams to the second round. Example: If your region has 25 teams, advance seeds 1-7.

4. Seeding instructions will go out no later than Thursday, September 24.
5. Coaches will vote for seeding September 29 and 30.
6. **Higher seeds will host AT LEAST through the Regional Semifinals.**
7. **Host Schools will be paid a flat fee to host games.**
8. Higher seeds may host at their home site or secure another site. The flat fee will not change.
9. If the higher seed chooses not to host, the lower seed will have the opportunity.
10. Games played at host sites without lights will be played the Saturday of the corresponding week at 1:30 p.m.
11. Teams unable to participate for any reason (COVID, injuries, etc.) will vacate the bracket and their opponent will advance.
12. Brackets will be posted October 1.

General Playoff Information

1. Schools that have a "bye" in round 1 may schedule a game for that week.
2. **NEW:** Schools that have a "bye" in round 1 may schedule a scrimmage for that week. The protocols for a scrimmage are: **No Fans, and coach and player protocols currently used for games must be followed.**
3. Schools may schedule regular season games after being eliminated from the tournament. **No regular season games after November 14.**

Home Site in myOHSAA

In preparation for this year's tournament, we need all schools participating in football to review their home sites listed in both myOHSAA and Arbiter. Please follow the instructions below to review and make any corrections to your home football field name and address.

1. Login to myOHSAA
2. Click on the Schools icon
3. Click on the blue button with your high school's name
4. Click the My Facilities link along the left side of the screen
5. Next to Football – 11 player-Boys, click Edit Address
 - a. Add the Facility Name if it is missing

- b. Make any corrections needed to the information. Note: It is imperative that the physical address be listed for your football field, the address entered will be displayed on the brackets available to the public.
6. Click Save

Home site in Arbiter

1. Login to Arbiter
2. If your home football field is located at the same address as your high school, proceed to step 4
3. Click on the Sites tab along the top, if your home site is listed proceed to step 4. Otherwise, follow these steps to add your home site.
 - a. Click the green Manage Satellite Sites button
 - b. If your home site is listed, check the box next to your home site
 - c. If your home site is not listed, click the blue Create New Site link and follow the prompts to add your site
 - d. Click I'm Done Managing Home Sites
4. Click on the Teams tab along the top
5. Click on Boys Varsity Football
6. Use the Site dropdown to select your site
7. If there are multiple venues at your site, click the Sub Site dropdown to select your subsite or use the Create New Sub Site option and follow the prompts to add your sub site
8. Click Save Changes at the bottom of the screen

Keep those masks on and distance!!

GOOD LUCK WEEK 5!

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