

TO: Athletic Administrators and Head Football Coaches

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RE: 2020 Weekly Word-Playoff Edition #3

Regional and State Awards

1. Regional Final trophies will be delivered to host schools via UPS, arriving at the normal UPS delivery time on Wed., Nov. 4.
2. In an attempt to prevent congregation and promote social distancing, there will be NO award ceremonies at Regional and State final sites.
3. The PA announcer will read a prepared script congratulating both schools, which will be emailed to the host schools.
4. Host site managers will give trophies to schools prior to departure.

Programs

1. Royal Publishing will send programs to each site for the regional semifinals and regional finals. Programs sell for \$3, with the revenue due to the OHSAA. Please provide complementary programs to game staff and media in the press box and any photographers who need rosters. Up to 25 programs can also be given to each team. The OHSAA will send programs to state semifinal sites and the state championship games. Leftover programs can be given to the team and are not due back to the OHSAA.
2. Program sales should be reported on the site financial report and the amount of sales will be deducted from the flat fee given to the host site. Please note, to report program sales, choose Yes from the "Neutral Site?" dropdown on the financial report.

State Semi-Final - Re-Bracketing

1. Division 1 Semi-Finals were announced last week, Region 1 Champion Mentor (Home) vs. Region 3 Champion Pickerington Central (Visitor) and Region 4 Champion St. Xavier (Home) vs. Region 2 Champion Springfield (Visitor)
2. Division 2 Semi-Finals, Region 6 (Home) vs. Region 5 (Visitor) and Region 7 (Home) vs. Region 8 (Visitor)
3. Division 3 Semi-Finals, Region 11 (Home) vs. Region 12 (Visitor) and Region 10 (Home) vs. Region 9 (Visitor)
4. Division 4 Semi-Finals, Region 13 (Home) vs. Region 15 (Visitor) and Region 14 (Home) vs. Region 16 (Visitor)
5. Division 5 Semi-Finals, **if Ironton wins:** Region 17 (Home) vs. Region 18 (Visitor) and Region 20 (Home) vs. Region 19 (Visitor); **if Ridgewood wins:** Region 17 (Home) vs. Region 19 (Visitor) and Region 20 (Home) vs. Region 18 (Visitor)
6. Division 6 Semi-Finals, Region 23 (Home) vs. Region 21 (Visitor) and Region 24 (Home) vs. Region 22 (Visitor)
7. Division 7 Semi-Finals, Region 25 (Home) vs. Region 27 (Visitor) and Region 26 (Home) vs. Region 28 (Visitor)

State Semi-Final Sites

1. State Semi-Final games will be played at neutral sites.
2. **The Football Administrator will select the sites for all state semifinal games. The site will be selected based on the best site available. Equal travel distance is NOT a consideration.**

3. **Home team will be on the top of the bracket.**
4. **All tournament game changes must come through the OHSAA office! Do not make any changes to the game in Arbiter!!!!**

State Final

1. As announced yesterday, all State Finals will be played at Fortress Obetz
2. 2020 OHSAA Football State Championships Schedule

Friday, November 13 – Division I state championship, 7 p.m.

Friday, November 20 – Division II, III or VII state championship, 2 p.m.

Friday, November 20 – Division II, III or VII state championship, 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 21 – Division II, III, IV, V, VI or VII state championship, 2 p.m.

Saturday, November 21 – Division II, III, IV, V, VI or VII state championship, 7 p.m.

Sunday, November 22 – Division IV, V or VI state championship, Noon

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Reminder - New Band Policy for Neutral Sites-Please Read!

1. **Both schools' bands will be able to attend and perform in State Semi-Final and State Final Contests.**

A. **Timing Sheet**

Click here for a timing sheet: [Timing Sheet](#)

B. **Pre-Game**

When both schools have a marching band, each is allowed six minutes for a pre-game show. If possible, both bands will join in playing the National Anthem. If a joint performance is not possible, the home team band will play. In the event there is only one marching band present, it may use the entire 15 minutes for a pre-game show and to play the National Anthem.

C. **Halftime**

The visiting team band shall perform first and must be prepared to start its performance within thirty seconds after the end of the first half of play. The performance by the visiting team band may not exceed seven minutes including time to get on and off field. The home team band shall be prepared to start its performance within thirty seconds after the visiting team band clears the field. The performance by the home school band may not exceed seven minutes including time to enter and leave the field. The clock will be in operation between halves and will be started on the referee's signal. The 15-minute halftime shall be timed on the field clock.

- D. The field must be cleared 15 minutes after first half is ended for mandatory three-minute warm drills for players.

Live Video Coverage

1. If Spectrum is covering your game (TV or streaming), then no other live video coverage is permitted (live audio coverage is fine). If Spectrum is not covering your game, live video streaming is permitted, along with delayed television. Rates are posted on page 2 at:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/News/Media/TournamentBroadcastRates.pdf>

Please contact Tim Stried (tstried@ohsaa.org) with any questions.

OHSAA Video Public Service Announcements

1. Here is a link to a library of PSAs available for your use during a tournament contest:
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/qkdv9vridtszir1/AADMCIehl6XONFVOATeamkAQa?dl=0>

Ticket Sales

1. All tickets are sold through the codes given to the schools. Schools should prioritize parents and family members first when distributing codes. Schools may distribute unused or extra ticket codes to their school community directly.

Regular Season Contracts

1. Regular season contracts were only voided for the 2020 season.
2. **While all future contracts are still valid, schools should work together on resolving multi-year contracts that included 2020.**
3. Bylaw 7-1-8 states: If a school which has entered into a game contract cancels or attempts to cancel a game contract without the consent of the other school, or otherwise breaches the terms of the game contract, the schools shall:
 - a. Attempt to resolve their contract dispute by and between themselves; or
 - b. The non-breaching school may invoke the liquidated damages clause as set forth in its game contract; or
 - c. Determine the financial loss to the non-breaching school and make a financial settlement; or
 - d. Refer the matter to the Executive Director's Office for binding resolution. In arriving at a binding financial resolution, the Executive Director's Office shall consider the financial records (attendance, gate receipts, concession sales, others) of past games previously played to ascertain damages to the non-breaching school. In addition to the foregoing remedies, the Executive Director's Office is authorized to sanction the breaching school with a full array of sanctions as set forth in Bylaw 11 including, but not limited to, denial of participation in the OHSAA tournament in the sport in which the contract disputed occurred.

Keep those masks on and distance!!

GOOD LUCK THIS WEEK!!!!

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