

TO: Athletic Administrators and Head Football Coaches

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RE: 2020 Regulation Changes/2021 Playoff Expansion/Other Information

No Contact Lifted

On May 26 "contact" sports may begin Skill Training with coaches.

1. It is up to the school districts to decide if their athletic facilities will be open.
2. No competitions of any kind are permitted.
3. Social distancing must be observed.
4. Below is a link to Department of Health Guidelines.

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/Skills-Training-All%20Sports.pdf>

2020 Regulation Changes

There are several major regulation changes that affect football.

1. General Sport Regulation 7.4.2a – Players may participate in non-school program camps, tryouts, and training outside the school's season. **Still no 7 on 7 until June 1 and only Helmets and no contact drills.**
2. 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.
3. 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.**

2021 Playoff Expansion

The OHSAA Board of Directors passed a motion to increase the number of teams that qualify for playoffs in each region from 8 to 12 in 2021.

1. Specific details for tournament regulations will be forthcoming.
2. The regular season will still be 10 games and start the week of August 16.
3. Teams 1-4 in the Harbin Ratings will receive a BYE week 11.
4. Teams 5-8 will host week 11 and teams 1-4 will host week 12.

Information Related to the 2020 Football Season

1. 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.**

2. We will not be mailing Weight Charts out in 2020. They are not required and this is a custom made item that has been eliminated.

3. Here is the link to 2020 Jamboree information:

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

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