

TO: Athletic Administrators and Head Football Coaches

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RE: 2021 Playoff Information and Important Items

Playoff Schedule – Congratulations to the 224 remaining teams!

1. After this week's games all contests will be on neutral sites. Neutral site hosts will be notified on Sunday, and are asked to contact the participating teams as soon as possible to explain game procedures.
 - a. There are fewer sites willing and able to host this year, travel for participating teams may be impacted. If another site is unavailable, one of the participating teams may be chosen to host per tournament regulation.
2. **Please email your scores** to Angie Lawler at alawler@ohsaa.org **immediately following your game** so brackets may be updated, and preparation for the following round may begin.

Playoff Reminders

1. **Home Team** – Obviously, the higher seeded team is the home team in the first round and regional quarterfinal round and will wear dark jerseys. The higher seeded team will also be the “designated home team” at neutral sites through the Regional Finals (Nov.19-20) and will wear dark jerseys. Visiting teams wear white jerseys. **State Semifinals and Finals, home team will be on the top of the bracket.**
2. **50-50 reminder** – as mentioned in the first round host meeting, you are permitted to hold a 50-50 raffle during OHSAA Football Tournament games you host and may keep all proceeds. The 50-50 portion is still on the financial report, please do not fill out anything in the 50-50 section when you submit the financial report following your game.

Off-Season Regulations

1. The off-season is coming soon. Please make sure you are familiar with General Sports Regulation 7.4 on page 64 of the following link:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/SchoolResources/Handbook.pdf>

Regulation Reminders

1. **Beginning in 2022, only contests played against NFHS Member State Association schools or Affiliate Association schools will count towards the Harbin Ratings.**

Video

1. I value video that coaches send me. If you send me all the plays of a game, please point out the plays you wish me to view.
2. Thank you for the video you have sent. We have used some of the plays in our Pre-Tournament officials' meetings.

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