

TO: Athletic Administrators and Head Football Coaches

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RE: 2021 Post Season Recap/Reminders

**Playoff Reminders** – Congratulations to the 448 teams who qualified for the 2021 OHSAA Football Playoffs!

1. **Home Team** – In addition to hosting, the higher ranked team is the home team in the first round and regional quarterfinal round and will wear dark jerseys. The higher ranked 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, regardless of rank.**
2. **50-50 update** – as mentioned in the first round host meeting on Monday, 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.
3. Divisions I, II, III and IV will play on Friday nights. Divisions V, VI and VII will play Saturday nights.

### **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.

### **Beau's Rant**

I have several reports of issues between officials, players, coaches and fans at games below the varsity level. Some are varsity head coaches that are watching and then interjecting into the game and creating issues. We need some perspective. Below-varsity football (and other sports for that matter) exist in interscholastic athletics for development of players. In football, it is live reps for those players that don't receive them on Friday. Quit worrying/arguing about officials' judgment calls. They are inconsequential in the grand scheme. Go to the next play and teach blocking and tackling. If you don't understand rules, ask me. I am the State Rules Interpreter. We MUST get our coaches, fans, players, and administrators to understand the importance of a positive interscholastic sports environment. If we don't get control of our environments, we will lose these important opportunities for our students.

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