

TO: Athletic Administrators and Head Football Coaches

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RE: 2021 Week 9 Weekly Word

Playoff Reminders

1. Obviously, the higher seeded team is the home team in the first round and regional quarter final round **and will wear dark jerseys. The higher seeded team will also be the “designated home team” at neutral sites through the Regional Finals and will wear dark jerseys. Visiting teams wear white jerseys.**
2. **The first round hosts (top 8 teams in each region) need to be on a virtual meeting at 1pm on Mon., Oct. 25.** A link to the meeting will be emailed to all athletic administrators in a memo next Mon., Oct. 18.
3. Divisions I, II, III and IV will play on Friday nights. Divisions V, VI and VII will play Saturday nights.

2022 Regular Season Scheduling Reminder

First announced in the 2019 Football Tournament Regulations, beginning in 2022, only contests played against NFHS Member State Association schools or Affiliate Association schools will count towards the Harbin computer ratings. Games played against other opponents will be unrated and considered an open date for the purpose of the ratings calculation.

NFHS Rule Changes

1. Please send me any suggestions for NFHS Rule changes by the end of the day next Fri., Oct. 22.

Rule Reminders

1. A couple definitions and clarifications of personal fouls
 - a. A Blindside Block can be legal if it is led with open hands.
 - b. To have a Horse Collar foul:
 - i. The player must grab the inside back or side collar, or the nameplate area.
 - ii. Pull backward or sideward.
 - iii. Pull the opponent to the ground.
2. Please read General Sports Regulation 7.4 in the link below as it relates to Non-Interscholastic football.

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/GeneralSportsRegulations.pdf>

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. I will give you my honest opinion on any play you send.

GOOD LUCK WEEK 9!

PLEASE EMAIL BEAU AT BRUGG@OHSAA.ORG WITH QUESTIONS