

TO: Athletic Administrators and Head Football Coaches

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RE: 2021 Week 8 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. First round games and Regional quarterfinal games will be played at the home site of the highest ranked teams in each region. These games will be played at the time and on the date as adopted by the Board of Directors. If the site of the higher ranked team is not available at that time/date or **there are COVID attendance restrictions**, then the higher ranked team shall obtain a neutral site. If a neutral site is not available, the game will be played at the opponent’s field. If the proposed school does not wish to host the game based on the financial regulations, the commissioner’s office will assign the game to the opponent’s site or a neutral site.
3. Divisions I, II, III and IV will play on Friday nights. Divisions V, VI and VII will play Saturday nights.
4. First round hosts will be required to attend a virtual meeting on Monday, October 25 at 1pm.

NFHS Rule Changes

1. Please send Beau any suggestions for NFHS Rule changes by the end of the day on Friday, October 22.

Rule Reminders

1. **A field goal kick is like any other scrimmage kick.**
 - a. An unsuccessful field goal that breaks the plane of the goal line is a touchback. The ball is placed on the 20-yard line (defense in possession).
 - b. An unsuccessful field goal that goes out of bounds short of the goal line is placed at that spot (defense possession).
 - c. An unsuccessful field goal that becomes dead in the field of play is put in play at that spot based on the same factors as a punt.
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 8!

PLEASE EMAIL BEAU AT BRUGG@OHSAA.ORG WITH QUESTIONS