

TO: Athletic Administrators and Head Football Coaches

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RE: 2021 Week 7 Weekly Word

Playoff Reminders

1. **October 1 is the “OPT-OUT” tournament withdrawal deadline without penalty if you do not wish to be in playoffs.**
2. Divisions I, II, III and IV will play on Friday nights. Divisions V, VI and VII will play Saturday nights.
3. First round hosts (top 8 ranked teams per region) will be required to attend a virtual meeting on Monday, October 25 at 1pm.
4. We will be giving game balls beginning week 2 (Regional Quarterfinals). There will NOT be game balls for the first round.

Regular Season Contests

The Football Regulations do allow schools to play regular season contests after the playoffs have started. Here are the parameters/guidelines:

1. Only regular season contests competed prior to October 24 will count for the Harbin Ratings.
2. Schools that do not qualify for playoffs or have been eliminated may play regular season contests through November 20, 2021.
3. Schools are limited to 10 regular season contests by regulation.

Tournament – Neutral Site Hosting

The tournament site hosting questionnaire was sent to Athletic Directors Wed., Sept. 15. The first two rounds will be hosted by the top seeded team. Regional Semifinal through State Semifinal games will be played at a neutral site.

Rule Reminders

1. **Legal numbers are 1-99. Zero (0) is not a legal number!**
2. **Remember, there are no weekly quarter limitations.**
3. 4 quarters per day
4. 50 quarters per season.

Any player who participates in two or more consecutive downs in one quarter shall be charged with one quarter of play. A down in which the offensive team is in a scrimmage kick formation or a free kick occurs does not count in the quarter limitation. A down repeated due to penalty does not count.

Note: This is not the formula for Competitive Balance rostering.

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 7!

PLEASE EMAIL BEAU AT BRUGG@OHSAA.ORG WITH QUESTIONS