

TO: Athletic Administrators and Head Football Coaches

FROM: Beau Rugg, Director of Officiating and Sport Management
Angie Lawler, Manager of Officiating

RE: 2022 Week 7 Weekly Word

ATTENTION: This is a change: First round Playoff Host Meeting Sunday, October 23 at 4:00pm

Teams that finish 1-8 in the final computer rankings will be given the opportunity to be the host (home) teams for finishers 9-16 in the first round. The higher seed in the second-round games will be given the opportunity to be the host (home) team. **First and second round host sites are required to select a game manager. Game managers are required to meet at 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 23, 2022 in a Microsoft Teams virtual meeting (details to be sent to affected schools).**

Rule Reminders

1. It is about to be October, which is cancer awareness month. You may wear pink socks, wristbands (as long as they are worn properly) and towels (as long as they are the correct size and all players are the same) without permission. Jerseys will need to meet requirements and visitors must wear white.
2. Remember, NFHS Rules state that halftimes are 15 minutes long and may be extended to a maximum of 20 minutes. I cannot give permission to supersede NFHS Rules. Work with your officiating crews to hold the start of the 20-minute clock for special circumstances.

Tournament – Neutral Site Hosting

The tournament site hosting questionnaire was emailed to all Athletic Directors on Fri., Sept. 19, it is not required for hosting the first two rounds. Please email Angie at alawler@ohsaa.org if you did not receive the memo, or need it resent. 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.

Canadian Team Policy Change

Our Harbin Regulation reads:

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

We are making the following change for **next season**:

The Canadian Province of Ontario has withdrawn as an affiliate member of the NFHS. Also, we have discovered that several of the Canadian teams our schools are playing are not associated with a school. Therefore, **beginning in 2023, contests with Canadian teams will not count towards the Harbin Ratings.**

Approved Canadian teams will count this year (2022).

Video

1. Thanks for the video you have sent and keep it coming! 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