

TO: Athletic Administrators and Head Football Coaches

FROM: Beau Rugg, Director of Officiating and Sport Management
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RE: 2023 Practice Week Weekly Word

Football Crew Size

There seems to be some confusion about football crew size regulations. I sent a memo in February (link: [2022FBWeeklyWordPostseason.pdf \(windows.net\)](#)) on the subject. Let me bullet point the regulations to hopefully clarify.

1. 6-Person crews are our standard in Ohio.
2. There are many established 6-person regular season crews. If one of these crews is assigned to your school each member is to be paid the full rate.
3. If only a 5-person crew is available, this is within regulations.
4. Our plan is to increase all varsity crews to 6 people **with new officials. I am communicating (have communicated) with assigners and officials that I do not want crews taking officials off existing crews for their 6th person at this time.**

Coaches Online Meeting

1. The online Coach's state rules interpretation meeting is available on your myOHSAA account. The deadline to view the meeting without a late fee is August 28 and with the \$50 late fee is October 1. **Schools that do not complete the online meeting will not be eligible for the tournament.**

BIG NFHS Rule Changes

1. Please click on the link below to listen to the 2023 NFHS Rule changes. **There are important changes that affect your coaching.**
2. They are also covered in your mandatory coaches meeting.
[2023 pre.season.rules.memo.mp4](#)

Football Friday Night in the tournament!

1. All contests weeks 11-15 (through State Semi-Finals) will be played on Friday night in all divisions.
2. Weeks 11 and 12 will be played at the higher seed home site (we could have a few Saturday contests if the host site does not have lights).
3. State finals schedule will be Divisions I, II, III, and VI on Friday (one game Thursday night) and Divisions IV, V and VII on Saturday.

Video

1. Thanks for the video you have sent. As you are going through any video from last season, please feel free to send me interesting plays.

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