TO: Athletic Directors and Coaches

FROM: Adam Bright, CHSAA Assistant Commissioner – Football

Date: August 2019

RE: Preparation for 2019 Championship Football Season

The Colorado High School Activities Association welcomes you to an electrifying fall football season in the Rocky Mountains. Due to the advanced level of play throughout each classification, we must focus on keeping the game safe and specifically focusing on the standards and requirements published by our Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. With the inclusion of the restriction of one practice per-day, the Definition of Levels of Contact along with the Head, Heart and Heat campaign we strongly encourage administrators, coaches and trainers to adhere to these guidelines to maintain a safe experience for our student athletes. As school personnel, you are an integral member of the team that supports to develop the dedicated individuals who daily reaffirm Colorado’s standings as a quality high school football state.

Communication and collaboration between coaches, teams, administrators and officials are fundamentals that must be cultivated each day to ensure the sport is played in a fair and safe manner. Prior to the beginning of each season, familiarize yourself and your staff with the policies and procedures required to have a successful season. Within the Bulletin, you will find the general policies that will be in effect for our regular and post-season games this fall along with the summary of the CHSAA and National Federation Rule changes. Also, included will be State Playoff procedures along with formats that have been written by the Football Committee and approved by the Legislative Council.

Best wishes on the season and we appreciate the contribution that you make to high school activities and the support of Colorado’s student athletes.

Sincerely,

Adam Bright
Assistant Commissioner
MAJOR CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR’S REPORT:

A. Establish new 6-man dates for the end of regular season and playoff schedule. The regular season will end on October 26, 2019. First round playoffs would begin November 2, 2019. The State Championship game will be scheduled for November 23, 2019.

B. Seeding Criteria language was modified for 1A-4A classifications to utilize data to seed the playoff bracket. The four sources of data computed for seeding would be equally weighted: RPI; MaxPreps; Packard Ranking; Coaches Poll.

C. Seeding Criteria language was modified for the 5A classification. Conference champions will receive and automatic qualifier onto the playoff bracket. The next qualifiers are the next -highest 17 teams in the final RPI rankings of the regular season from all teams outside the Metro 10. Total 23 qualifiers. The 24th qualifier or At-Large qualifier will be determined by the seeding committee. The Metro 10 Conference can have, at maximum, two qualifiers. The second qualifier can only qualify for the bracket via the At-Large process.

D. Increase the allowable practice time for the regular season and post-season by twenty minutes. The time will be allotted for dynamic warm-up and non-contact instructional time. The dynamic warm-up and instructional time will be helmets only, no shoulder pads. The instructional time will follow the USA Football Fundamentals model.

E. Date for the beginning of formal practice will be August 12, 2019. This will coincide with the NFHS Calendar week number six.

PLEASE NOTE: Rule books were sent to the Athletic Director. A rule book should be given to the coach.
19-20 FOOTBALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chris Noll; Chairman, (2021, 1st Term)

6-man   TBD
6-man   Scott Sorenson, Peetz (2022)
8-man  Bryan Dermer, Merino (2021)
8-man  Chris Brown, West Grand (2020)
1A    Troy Baker, Buena Vista (2020)
1A    Jeff Collins, Estes Park (2022)
2A    Jim Coscarella, Salida (2022)
3A    Ryan Goddard, Pueblo South (2021)
3A    Autumn Sereno, Green Mountain (2022)
4A    Lyle Wright, Montrose (2020)
4A    John Sullivan, Vista Peak (2022)
5A    Marty Tonjes, Horizon (2022)
5A    John Thompson, Smoky Hill (2020)

DATE OF MEETING: Thursday, December 12, 2019, 9:00 am – TBD

If you have suggestions or proposed changes that you want the committee to consider, please submit to;

Chris Noll, Colo. Springs District 11, Football Committee Chair (christopher.noll@d11.org)
Adam Bright, CHSAA Assistant Commissioner, Football (abright@chsaa.org)

This is an open meeting. Anyone may attend.

HOW TO GET RECOMMENDED FOR 2019-2020 FOOTBALL COMMITTEE:
Contact your league president or Legislative Council Representative in February and request to be nominated. From nominations received, the CHSAA Staff makes the selections based on balance of classifications, geographical regions, and other areas to help balance representation.
Review: CHSAA Bylaws do not allow for Administrators to review or hear appeals related to official’s rulings, judgment calls, or misapplications of rules.

No Video Review Will Be Conducted

Please Note: By playing rule and Bylaw, all results are considered final at the conclusion of the contest unless otherwise noted in NFHS playing rules for that sport.
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2019-2020

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### ADDITIONAL CALENDAR INFORMATION

**INITIAL STARTING DATE**

**Start of Formal CHSAA Practice: August 12, 2019**

All players must have completed physicals and competitor’s brochure submitted to the athletic director prior to start of practice on this date. Players may start accumulating the required nine days of practice to be eligible to compete in a scrimmage or contest only after the start of practice on August 12th.

Please note: You may have informal practice, camps/clinics prior to August 12, 2019 but no school protective equipment may be used (exception: Helmets), nor can these informal sessions, camps or clinics have mandatory attendance required (see CHSAA Bylaws, 1780 Physical Exams and 2300 Practice). Bags, shields, etc. are not considered to be protective equipment.

**FIRST DAY PADS, OTHER EQUIPMENT**

**Formal Practice Begins: August 12-13-14**

**August 15-16** – Shoes, jerseys and helmets may be worn

**Full uniform/pads, but no contact allowed between players (limited to hitting pads and control drills). Sleds and bags may be used on all scheduled practice dates.**

Reminder: **All practice dates are limited to one-practice per day**

**FIRST DAY FULL CONTACT**

The initial date for physical contact between players and the use of all equipment is Saturday, August 17th. There may be no physical contact between players until Saturday, August 17th.

**FIRST SCRIMMAGE DATE**

The first date for a scrimmage is August 22, 2019 for those players who are eligible for interscholastic competition and who have nine days of practice completed before this date. Each school can have two scrimmage dates. Check CHSAA By-law 2320, for complete information regarding scrimmages. First Competition week will begin on August 29, 2019.

Please note: Two scrimmage dates are permitted for your football program. If the varsity scrimmages on Friday and the JV scrimmages on Saturday, your two allowable scrimmage dates have been utilized for the regular season.

**First Allowable Interscholastic Contest:**

**Thursday, August 29, 2019**
WILSON APPROVED BALLS FOR CHSAA COMPETITION
FOOTBALLS:
*Any of these may be used in CHSAA regular and post season games
*One of these is mandatory to use in all CHSAA post season games

- GST Leather:
  - F1003 (HS Pattern)
  - F1103 GST Prime (New) - BSN Only

- Traditional Leather:
  - F1005 (HS Pattern)
  - F1205 TDS (HS Pattern)

- Composite:
  - F1715 TDS (HS Pattern)
  - F1780 GST (HS Pattern)

Balls may be purchased from the following local dealers:

BSN Sports 1-720-460-9891 Colorado
Pro Sports 1-970-522-8545 Sterling
Garretson's Sports Center 1-800-234-0255 Greeley
Sportline 1-303-421-6751 Arvada
Denver Athletic 1-303-761-7773 Englewood
Blick's Sporting Goods 1-719-636-3043 Co. Springs
All American Sports 1-719-574-4400 Co. Springs
Colorado Sports 1-719-587-3188 Co. Springs/Alamosa
BSN/B&H Sports 1-800-221-6367 Grand Junction
Summer Camp Memorial Day through August 1st. No pads or other components of regular football uniforms except shoes, jersey and helmets may be worn by the players until the third day of team camp. On the third day of the team camp, players may wear a full regular football uniform and pads while engaging in blocking and tackling exercises that do not include physical contact between players. On the fourth day, full player contact may begin.

During the “Pre-Season” (all practices leading up to the first contest); football practice (exclusive of 1 scrimmage) per team shall not exceed more than (3) days of contact per week with no more than a total of ninety (90) minutes of contact practice over the course of those three (3) days. No team shall allow for more than forty (40) minutes of contact on any one day.

During the “Regular-Season” and “Post-Season” (all practices that take place after the first official contest); football practice per team shall not exceed more than (2) days of contact per week with no more than a total of seventy-five (75) minutes of contact practice over the course of those two (2) days. No team shall allow for more than forty (40) minutes of contact on any one day.

The CHSAA uses the USA Football’s “Level of Contact” for the purposes of defining contact in CHSAA football practices:

Definition of Levels of Contact:

1. **Air** – Players run a drill unopposed without contact.
2. **Bags** – Drill is run against a bag or another soft-contact surface.
3. **Control** – Drill is run at assigned speed until the moment of contact; one player is pre-determined the ‘winner’ by the coach. Contact remains above the waist and players stay on their feet.
4. **Thud** – Drill is run at assigned speed through the moment of contact; no pre-determined ‘winner’. Contact remains above the waist, players stay on their feet and a quick whistle ends the drill.
5. **Live Action** – Drill is run in game-like conditions and is the only time that players are taken to the ground

For the purposes of this recommendation, “contact” will be defined as drills run at the **Thud** and **Live Action** Level. Drills run at the **Air Bags** and **Control** level would not be considered contact.

**Interpretation** – During the regular-season a team may continue to dress in full pads for practice, but may only participate in **“Thud”** drills, **“Live Action”** drills and game time simulations no more than seventy-five minutes per team per week and no more than two days during that week. It is assumed that when players are in shells (shorts, shoulder pads, and helmets) no contact or simulations will occur. A team may participate in “air,” “bags,” and “control” drills and simulations at any point.

The Pre-Season will simply expand this to ninety minutes per team per week and no more than three days during that week.

At no time shall any team allow “contact” in excess of forty minutes on any one day.
CHSAA Sports Medicine Committee Requirements for Heat Acclimatization and Early-Season Football

Acclimatization period is in place for all summer activities, starting May 1st through the first day of formal practice and fall season.

**Football requires during the acclimatization period.**

- Practice is defined as time on the field including warm-up, stretching, practice and conditioning.

- Single practice dates should not exceed 2 hours in length with an additional 25 minutes added for water breaks. A minimum 2 water breaks should be incorporated each hour. Water should be readily available at all times.

- New 2019-2020: Increase the allowable practice time for the regular season and post-season by twenty minutes. The time will be allotted for dynamic warm-up and non-contact instructional time. The dynamic warm-up and instructional time will be helmets only, no shoulder pads. The instructional time will follow the USA Football Fundamentals model.

- With the adoption of the NFHS Calendar and additional pre-season practice dates, no two-a-day practices are allowed.

- Helmets should be removed for water breaks during warm weather conditions or after intense or prolonged exercise. This will help cool the core body temperature.

- Every coaching staff should have a heat index application downloaded so they may monitor heat conditions at every practice.

- See the USA Football Heads Up link provided for detailed information on heat, hydration and concussion. [http://usafootball.com/health-safety/heat-preparedness](http://usafootball.com/health-safety/heat-preparedness)

**NEW: CHSAA Sports Medicine Handbook**

RULES MEETING REQUIRED FOR ALL HEAD COACHES
Head coaches in all varsity sports are required to attend a CHSAA-approved rules clinic in their sport prior to the start of the first game of the season. This is a mandatory meeting and there are a number of ways coaches can meet this requirement, including attendance at the officials’ rules session at Colorado High School Coaches Association Clinic in the summer; one of the nine CFOA Master Clinics (a list of the 9 master clinics can be found in the handbook located on the CFOA Officials Website); or a League meeting with a presenter approved by the State Rules Interpreter. Individual make-up sessions must be arranged directly with the State Rules Interpreter. Coaches will be required to sign in and should be prepared to have a form to be signed for file with their athletic director. (CHSAA Bylaw 1650.1)

Coaches Check List

Coaches: The following is a quick list of important information that you and your players need to know before the season begins and throughout the year. Have you covered this information with your players? Use the quick check-off list to make this season a successful one.

(Note: Handbook = CHSAA Constitution and Bylaws)

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Important Names and Telephone Numbers:

**CHSAA Assistant Commissioner:** Adam Bright (303) 344-5050
**2019 Football Rules Interpreter** George Demetriou (719) 540-0420
**2019 Football Committee Chairman** Chris Noll (719) 520-2690
**Coaches Quiz**

Coaches spend hours and hours of their own time preparing for competition. If you read this bulletin with the care you give to game preparation, you could save yourself problems that no coach ever wants to face, e.g. ineligibility resulting in forfeiture.

**Football Specific**

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| 2 | Yes | No | A student may not participate in more than the quarters listed, exclusive of kicking plays, and playoffs. 
8 games=42 quarters; 9 games=48 quarters; 10 games=52 quarters |
| 3 | Yes | No | If a player has scheduled a physical, he can start practice even if the physical has not been completed prior to the beginning of practice. |
| 4 | Yes | No | A student athlete may participate in no more than 6 quarters in 3 days and in no more than 7 quarters in a week. A week is defined as Thursday to Wednesday. |
| 5 | Yes | No | Beginning August 6, each practice date will consist of one practice per day and follow the regulations of the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. |
| 6 | Yes | No | All players must have nine days of practice and be eligible to compete in a scrimmage or contest. |
| 7 | Yes | No | Any coach approached by a player or parent from another school must immediately refer them to school administration prior to having any football conversations. |
| 8 | Yes | No | An official ruling may be changed at any time prior to the end of the game. |
| 9 | Yes | No | Bags and sleds may be used prior to the 3rd day of practice. |
| 10| Yes | No | Players may not engage in full contact activities until August 11th of the formal practice season. |

RULES
All regular season and playoff games will be played under the 2019 National Federation Football Rules.

EQUAL FACILITIES
Although it is necessary that one team be designated as the home team, it shall be kept in mind that the game belongs equally to both competing schools. It is strongly urged that an early week planning meeting be held to cover all details connected with the staging of every contest.

The time period between the first and second half should be equally divided so that each school will have an opportunity to present its band/spirit team. If one school does not wish to provide any half time entertainment, it may relinquish its time. If mutually agreeable to both teams, the half time period may be extended from the normal 15 minutes to 20. By mutual agreement of the opposing coaches, half time may be reduced to 10 minutes.

The same principle of equal facilities should apply to camera sites, dressing facilities, press box seats for spotters, etc. The visiting team should inquire early in the week about the availability of sideline heaters/cooling fans and plan accordingly.

SCHEDULE
Varsity games played on Thursday or Friday Night will coincide with JV and C at the opposite site on Saturday morning, freshman at 9:00am and JV at 11:00am. If Varsity is played on Saturday, freshman will play the preceding Friday afternoon at 4:00pm and JV on the following Monday afternoon at 4:00pm. Time for Varsity, Thursday and Friday is 7:00pm, and Saturday is 1:00pm.

WARM-UP TIME
Teams will have a minimum of 45 minutes to warm up before the opening kick-off.

COIN TOSS ON FIELD
The pre-game coin toss shall be conducted on the field by the referee in the presence of the field captains, three to five minutes prior to the scheduled game starting time. This is mandatory for all games; the toss may NOT be conducted earlier, followed by a simulated toss. Please Note: Any pre-game performances and the National Anthem should be completed prior to the coin flip.

SAMPLE GAME TIME COUNT DOWN
7:00 PM   KICKOFF
6:57 PM    COIN FLIP
6:54 PM    NATIONAL ANTHEM
5:45 PM    TEAMS TAKE THE FIELD

TIMEOUTS
The referee will personally inform the Head Coach when his team is out of timeouts. That is the last opportunity for a coach to question the number of timeouts he has remaining.

HALFTIME
The rules of the game concerning half time activities will apply unless officials are contacted prior to the start of the game.

TRY FOR THE EXTRA POINT(S) AT THE END OF 4TH QUARTER
If there is no time remaining on the clock at the conclusion of the 4th quarter and the try has no impact on the outcome of the contest, the try will not be conducted.
VICTORY FORMATION
Although the officials will pinch-in to closely to monitor the kneel down, they will not instruct your players on what to do nor will they physically interfere with the play. However, if the referee is given knowledge the offense will take a knee, the referee will announce this decision and soon as the ball is snapped if the quarterback does any football move other than taking a knee the referee will whistle the play dead and the clock will continue to run. Please emphasize good sportsmanship once the game has been decided. Officials will flag and possibly disqualify players for unnecessary and excessive contact.

END OF GAME CLOCK MANAGEMENT
Three game situations:

1) If the game clock is stopped and will start on the referee’s signal:
   - with at least three (3.0) full seconds remaining, the offense may reasonably expect to spike the ball and have time for another play.
   - with less than three (3.0) seconds remaining (2.9 or less), but at least one full (1) second remaining, there is only enough time for one play.
   - with less than a full (1.0) second remaining (0.9 or less), there is not enough time for another play. The team should be allowed to attempt to snap the ball and then be told that time expired before the snap.

2) If the game clock is running and the ball is snapped:
   - with at least two (2.0) full seconds remaining, the offense may reasonably expect to spike the ball and have time for another play.
   - with less two (2.0) seconds remaining (1.9 or less) when the ball is snapped, there is only enough time for one play.

3) If the game clock is stopped and will start on the snap, there is enough time for another play if there is any time remaining.

40/45-POINT-MERCY RULE (All Classes)
In classes 8man, 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A and 5A, all conference and non-conference games played in Colorado, when a 40-point differential exists at any point during the game, the running clock will be used for the remainder of the game. (In 6man, the margin is 45 points)

The clock will not stop on:
1. Out of bounds plays
2. Incomplete passes
3. First downs
4. Change of possession (including touchbacks and fair catches)
5. Penalties
6. Scores

The clock will stop as required by rule on:
1. Time-outs (charged and injury)
2. End of period

This rule applies to all regular and post season contests, except the live televised championships.

Under the circumstances described above, the officials will continue to use the standard signals. The timer, prior to the game, will be given instructions by the game officials, and will ignore all signals regarding the clock except those given by the referee.

Please Note: The use of this rule does not eliminate the use of Rule 3-1-3 which reads: "A period or periods may be shortened in any emergency by agreement of the opposing coaches and the referee. By mutual agreement of the opposing coaches and the referee, any remaining period may be shortened at any time or the game terminated."
OVERTIME TIE-BREAKER PROCEDURES
All tie games will utilize the National Federation tie-breaker system as so delineated and reviewed in detail in the National Federation rulebook.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS
We cannot emphasize enough the importance of schools and coaches carefully studying all football playing rules, especially those dealing with the safety and well-being of the athlete, and stressing the importance of the players keeping all equipment in top condition. Failure to warn athletes of potential dangers in not playing the game properly or the proper way to care for equipment, could lead to serious consequences to coaches and schools. Be certain that you have a file parent/physician permission certification on file before allowing an athlete to practice. Also, be sure that all participants meet minimum non-contact requirements. Pre-season conditioning does not negate CHSAA rules. Check age, academic requirements and eligibility.

*Additional questions and interpretations may be obtained from the CHSAA office (303.344.5050). Assistant Commissioner Adam Bright, is the administrator responsible for football. It is highly encouraged that telephone calls on areas of eligibility be made by the school principal or athletic director, while inquiries on game playing rules be made by the football coach.
OFFICIAL CHSAA FOOTBALL
All footballs used during the regular season and playoffs must be a National Federation approved ball. A National Federation approval must be marked on the ball (generally located near the valve stem).

The National Federation Rulebook specified that both a rubber-covered or leather-covered football is legal and the team on offense shall be the option of designation.

COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING PROHIBITED ON BALL (1-3-1h NEW): The ball cannot have commercial advertising added to the surface. The only permissible items on the ball are the ball manufacturer’s name and/or logo; school name, logo and/or mascot; conference name and/or logo; state association name and/or logos; and NFHS name and/or logos.

A Wilson ball must be used in all playoff games. These balls will be supplied by the CHSAA and shipped (2 balls - two to the home team, and two the visiting team) via UPS on Monday prior to the semifinals. If you would prefer to use the Wilson F1003 GST Leather, F1005 Traditional Leather, F1205 TDS Traditional Leather, F1715 TDS Composite, please contact Samantha Rogers (srogers@chsaa.org).

If questions, please contact Adam Bright (abright@chsaa.org); or James Andra James.Andra@wilson.com

OFFICIALS
Varsity games will use five officials per game; the junior varsity and freshman will use four officials per game.

FILMING/VIDEO TAPING
Film, Video Quality
Schools are encouraged to pay special attention in making certain the quality of film and video tape is the best possible to enhance the exchange of film/tape for playoff contests. Your assistance in this area will help with the administration of the playoffs.

Playoff Game Films
During the playoffs, each opponent must provide full length game footage of the two most recent games when digital/videos are recorded. When the home team does not film/video, the next opponent may secure a digital/video from a previous opponent to consummate the digital/video exchange. Additionally, when schools use both digital and videotape, the exchange will be the same (digital for digital or videotape for videotape). When no mutual agreement is reached, the schools will exchange digital in cases where both mediums are used. When one school has digital only and the other videotape only, this will be considered a regular exchange. When a school entering, the playoffs has not filmed or videotaped its games, then neither school will exchange and this status should be communicated to the CHSAA Football Commissioner prior to the beginning of the playoffs. This exchange must be consummated by noon on Monday prior to the scheduled game. When necessary, use overnight mail to make the exchange. Failure to meet the standards of this rule can result in penalties assessed by the commissioner.

FILM/HUDL EXCHANGE
All of the current season’s video will be made available on HUDL by 12:00 noon on Saturday. If a team has a Saturday game, then the video will be made available by 12:00 noon on Sunday. Any team that does not have all of their games available, will not be allowed to participate in the video pool.

CHSAA DRONE POLICY
The use of drones, also known as unmanned aerial vehicles, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at all CHSAA-sanctioned events, unless express written permission is obtained: 1) from the host school district during regular season contests, or 2) the CHSAA for any postseason/playoff contest. This policy
includes not only the restricted playing area of the venue(s), but also the physical confines of the entire stadium/field/arena structure. For the purposes of this policy, a drone is any aircraft without a human pilot on board.

SCOUTING
Scouting of opponent’s practice during the football season is unethical. The scouting of varsity games may not be done in the stadium press box.

SCOUTING BY VIDEOTAPE
• Videotaping by scouts must be done from a designated area in the stands.
• No electrical power will be provided by the home team
• No videotaping from the press box.

PROTESTS
No protests involving the judgment or possible misapplication of a rule by a game official will be considered by the CHSAA. However, coaches may direct questions to the game officials as they pertain to a possible misapplication of the rules in accordance with the National Federation Football rules. Coaches are encouraged to carry a National Federation Rulebook with them for all contests. Schools will still have the opportunity to protest a contest in accordance with CHSAA rules as it pertains to use of an ineligible participant. Schools which have knowledge concerning the ineligibility of an opponent are required by CHSAA bylaws to notify the CHSAA prior to competition.

FIELD COMMUNICATION POLICY
The home team is not required to provide communication devices to the visiting team. If a team’s devices become inoperable, the referee, as a courtesy, should notify the opponents; however, the team with operable equipment is not required to stop using it.

USE OF BANDS
Bands are to be off the field five minutes before the kick-off and twelve minutes after the end of the first half. Bands must stay clear of the field immediately before half time until both teams have left the field. Arrangements for a visiting marching band are to be made by invitation only. Pep band members will be admitted at no charge with their sponsor and if they have their instruments.

Visiting team bands - During regular season and post-season games, a visiting school must obtain permission from the host-school administration to allow the band to attend and play/perform for a game.

TIMER, CHECK TIMER
The timer for all playoff contests shall be a faculty member or responsible adult. The visiting team is encouraged to provide a check timer, but if it does not, the home team timer alone is responsible.

ANNOUNCER
The announcer should be a faculty member or responsible adult who can set the tone of the game by calling the fans’ attention to the following points of reference: (1) CHSAA contests are conducted under the strictest code of good sporting behavior; (2) The officials are neutral individuals, representing the Commissioner, and have been selected because of demonstrated ability; (3) Fans are encouraged to support their own team and display proper protocol and sporting behavior with respect to the opponent and officials’ decisions.

PRESS BOX ACCOMMODATIONS
The home school is responsible to supervise proper accommodations in the press box. An adult should be assigned to handle this important function. Press box seats should be reserved for members of the media. They have been advised to call ahead and reserve seats. Sometimes this is not possible, and the person in charge of the press box should use common sense in admitting bona fide members of the press to a seat.
Too often, the press box loses its meaning, when faculty members, friends, relatives, district personnel, board members, etc., occupy it. This is not the purpose of the press box. Schools are reminded of the importance of maintaining good public relations and are encouraged to cooperate fully with members of the media.

**CHSAA EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN** *(Template link)*

Every member school is required to create a venue-specific Emergency Action Plan (VEAP) for each site that the member school practices and hosts athletic contest. *(Please use this template that has been created for consistency)*.

The VEAP must include location, emergency access, emergency contact information and a listing of each member in protocol's duties. An Annual VEAP training must take place no less than one time a year.

This plan must be completed for all on-site and off-site practice/competition venues.

**MEDICAL SERVICES**

Proper medical services should be provided as warranted. The site director will insure that an ambulance is present or on call. It is strongly urged that a physician be present at all contests.

**UNCONSCIOUS PLAYER**

National Federation Rule 3, Section 5, Article 10 (b) – Any player who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from the game and shall not return to play until cleared by until cleared by an appropriate health-care professional.

**BLEEDING PLAYER**

National Federation Rule 3, Section 5, Article 10 (c) – A game official discovers any player who is bleeding, has an open wound, has any amount of blood on his/her uniform, or has blood on his/her person. The player shall be directed to leave the game until the bleeding is cleaned, and/or the uniform is changed before returning to competition.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Starting time due to weather conditions may be adjusted upon consultation and mutual agreement of the administrators from the affected schools. Emergency postponement consideration is to involve administrators from the affected schools and the CHSAA Commissioner (or his/her designee).

When a game has been postponed, it is the host school’s responsibility to notify:

1. the visiting school
2. CHSAA office
3. officials
4. game workers
5. media (where applicable)

Playoff contests shall not be postponed without approval of the CHSAA Commissioner (or his/her designee). The Commissioner (or his/her designee) shall have the authority to select an alternate site in the event of poor playing conditions.

Initially, schools have the added responsibility of making alternative travel plans to contests based upon weather forecasts, etc. As a common factor, input and recommendations are to be sought from the Highway Patrol Division of Highways and Travel. If you anticipate poor weather, adjust the time when your team will depart and/or take an alternative route if possible.
LIGHTNING AND TORNADO POLICY AND PROCEDURES

DEFINITION

LIGHTNING

In the United States, an average of 300 people are struck by lightning each year. Of those struck, there are approximately 40 fatalities from lightning each year. Approximately 50-60% of lightning casualties occur during organized sports or recreational activities according to the National Weather Service. Most of these fatalities can be prevented.

Weather Apps

• It is strongly recommended that an independent and objectively verified weather app (such as the WeatherBug® SparkTM App, Storm by Weather Underground, or the National Weather Service app) be available at all outdoor activities, including practices and contests. This should be part of your venue-specific emergency action plan.

• Acceptable alternatives to the verified weather apps include but are not limited to: immediate contact with the local weather services, local television or radio. Access to these sources can be through the Internet, cellular telephone and/or any other means that provides the information needed for real time decisions to be made.

GUIDELINES/PROCEDURES

In your venue-specific emergency action plan, you must:

1. Assign a staff member to monitor local weather conditions before and during practices and contests. This staff member is designated to make the final call on suspending and resuming the game.

2. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby safer areas and determine the amount of time needed to get everyone to a designated safer area:
   a. Utilize announcements/public address announcer to help guide teams and fans to the appropriate shelter and identifying safe places as noted below.
   b. Safe locations need to be identified and shared with teams, spectators and workers prior to the start of the activity or athletic event.
   c. A designated safer place is a substantial building with plumbing and wiring where people live or work, such as a school, gymnasium, locker rooms or buses/cars. An alternate safer place from the threat of lightning is a fully enclosed (not convertible or soft top) metal car or school bus.
   d. Unsafe locations include but are not limited to: Picnic areas, parks, open sided shelters (dugouts), storage sheds, open garages, tents, press boxes, areas close to open water, tall objects such as trees, poles, towers, and elevated areas.

3. When a thunderstorm seems imminent, lightning is seen or heard, or the weather app indicates that lightning is within 8-10 miles, the outdoor venue (small or large) needs to be evacuated. Proceed to a lightning safe area.

4. Activities shall be suspended, and all personnel are directed to move to safe locations. The call to suspend activity due to close lightning should be based on how fast the storm is approaching and the amount of time it will take for event participants to take appropriate safe shelter. At a minimum, by the time the lightning storm has reached 8 miles away from the location of the outdoor activity, all individuals should have left the outdoor athletic site and reached a safe location. Weather monitoring subscriptions should be set at an 8-10 mile radius from the center of the sporting event (venue specific).

5. Criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
   a. When thunder is heard or lightning is seen*, the leading edge of the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play for at least 30 minutes and vacate the outdoor activity to the previously designated safer location immediately.
   b. 30-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or lightning is witnessed* prior to resuming play.
   c. Any subsequent thunder or lightning* after the beginning of the 30-minute count will reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
   d. When lightning-detection devices or mobile phone apps are available, this technology could be used to assist in making a decision to suspend play if a lightning strike is noted to be within 10 miles
of the event location. However, you should never depend on the reliability of these devices and, thus, hearing thunder or seeing lightning* should always take precedence over information from a mobile app or lightning-detection device.

* – PER NFHS At night, under certain atmospheric conditions, lightning flashes may be seen from distant storms. In these cases, it may be safe to continue an event. If no thunder can be heard and the flashes are low on the horizon, the storm may not pose a threat. Independently verified lightning detection information would help eliminate any uncertainty.

6. Review the lightning safety policy annually with all administrators, coaches and game personnel and train all personnel.
7. Inform student-athletes and their parents of the lightning policy at start of the season in your pre-season meeting.

No App or Technology Available
When a weather app is not available, the default NFHS policy that appears in the Rules Book of each sport shall be followed. In brief, that policy requires suspension of all activity when cloud-to-ground lightning is observed, or thunder is heard. If thunder is heard, lightning is assumed to be striking within 10 miles. Implement the Thirty Minute Rule as noted in the NFHS Policy. When activities are suspended, the following individuals shall be responsible for the safety of personnel:
- The head coach for players and other team personnel.
- Game management guiding spectators and personnel to safe areas
- The senior official for the officiating crew.
- All game management personnel, administrators, coaches and officials must be thoroughly familiar with the NFHS default policy as well as this policy.

MANAGEMENT
People who have been struck by lightning do not carry an electrical charge and are safe to be touched by others.
- Call 911
- If possible, an injured person should be moved to a safer location before starting CPR.
- Start cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
- Lightning-strike victims with signs of cardiac or respiratory arrest need immediate emergency help.
- Activate the local emergency management system and utilize an AED if available. Prompt, effective CPR has been highly successful for the survival of lightning strike victims.

DEFINITIONS
- Tornado Watch - indicates tornadoes are possible
- Tornado Warning - tornado siren sounds signaling tornado sighted or tornado indicated by radar

GUIDELINES/PROCEDURES
- Develop a tornado specific EAP for each venue or event.
- Designated weather watcher (above) notifies site or athletic director of approaching storm and communicates direction and speed of storm.
- If a tornado warning is initiated, immediate event delay should be implemented, and all participants, spectators and athletic staff should SEEK SHELTER IMMEDIATELY. Once inside a secure location, tune to local weather alert radio to be informed of storm location, path and duration of tornado warning.
- Warning may be extended, or a new warning issued at any time, so continued monitoring is needed. During tornado warning, sirens will sound for 3 minutes at a time. Depending on duration of warning, sirens may re-sound multiple times.
- Safe shelter from tornado = inside lowest building level, away from exterior walls/windows, with windows closed. If outside, lie flat in a ditch or depression and cover head with hands or stay in a car with seatbelt on. Be aware of potential flooding. DO NOT take cover under an overpass or bridge. Never try to outrun a tornado in urban or congested areas. Be aware of flying debris.
All clear - tornado warning will expire after duration specified by National Weather Service and weather watcher notifies site director that warning has ended and event can resume.

**EQUITY STATEMENT**
Members of both sexes are eligible to compete and coach in interscholastic football. The pronoun "he" is used in the bulletin in the generic sense and refers to members of both sexes.

**OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUIRES CHSAA APPROVAL**
Under CHSAA by-law 2620.1, a school group or individual representing a school organization or group may travel out of state, not for competitive purposes, upon the approval of the local school board and/or administration.

**MAXPREPS – FOOTBALL COACHES**
MAXPREPS is the official site we use to collect data for regular season scores and statistics. Please report all game information to this site (www.maxpreps.com). More information and a user guide may be found on the CHSAA homepage: www.chsaanow.com

NOTE: Out-of-state opponents and scores must be verified by the Colorado team via Maxpreps.

**COACHING REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**
Each year, by the first competitive date of each sports season, all member school athletic/activity directors must enter all of their athletic coaches and activity sponsors (music, speech, student leadership, etc.), regardless of level, rank, or pay, into the CHSAA Database. All first-year athletic coaches and activity sponsors, regardless of level, rank, or pay, must complete the CHSAA 1st Year Coaches Course.

For more information regarding new coaching registration requirements please see CHSAA Handbook Bylaw 1620.

**PLAYER EJECTION**
Any player who has been ejected from a match or contest shall be disqualified for the remainder of that match or contest. In addition, the player shall be suspended from competition for the next scheduled match or contest played at the same level (sophomore, junior varsity, or varsity).

**COACH EJECTION**
A coach ejected from a contest for committing an unsportsmanlike act shall be suspended from coaching for the next regularly scheduled match or contest of the same level. He/she may not coach in any other contest at any level during this time.

A coach ejected from a game is automatically placed on probation according to policies established by the Board of Directors (For necessary action by the school administration, see Bylaw 2420.11).

A coach ejected from a game is required to complete the following courses offered on-line by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS): Sportsmanship; and, Teaching and Modeling Behavior. These courses shall be completed before he/she will be removed from probation and must be finished in a reasonable amount of time during the season to be determined by the school’s athletic director.

**UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT ACT (Example)**
Immediately following the contest, the coach of Team A curses the game officials as they are leaving the field and prior to their return to their dressing room. This occurs: (a) before; or (b) after the referee has declared the end of the contest with the proper signal.

**RULING:** In either situation, this is an unsportsmanlike act. Fouls such as this foul will not involve a distance penalty as the game has ended for the purpose of on-field play, but unsportsmanlike acts such as this remain under the authority of the game officials for the purpose of filing necessary reports regarding unsportsmanlike acts.
ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTION
Each team’s coaching staff will nominate their own All-Conference designees. The number nominated will depend on their finish in the Conference, according to the following distribution:

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These will be submitted after the 9th week of the season, a ballot will be distributed listing each player by school, position, grade, and number. A maximum of 4 players per category, per school may be nominated in the following categories:

All-Conference Offense Selections - 14
i. Offensive Line/TE (6)
ii. Quarterback (1)
iii. Running Back/Fullback (3)
iv. Wide Receiver (2)
v. All Purpose (1)
vi. Place Kicker (1)

All-Conference Defense Selections – 14
vii. Defensive Tackle (2)
viii. Defensive End (2)
ix. Linebacker (4)
x. Defensive Back (4)
xi. Punter (1)
xii. Return Specialist (1)

Vote at Conference Meeting: Off Player of the Year, Def Player of the Year, Coach of the Year
Czars submit 1st Team All-League to Ryan Casey, rcasey@chsaa.org
Note: Coaches who nominate a player All-conference on offense and defense would count as two selections.

ATHLETE/COACH OF THE YEAR
Each conference will select an Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year and a Coach of the Year at the conclusion of the regular season. The Players of the year must be a member of the All-Conference team. Both will be selected by a vote of the coaches at the All Conference Meeting.
FIELD SIZE (6Man, 8Man)
The playing field size for 8Man football contests is 40 x 100 yards with 15-yard side zones. This pertains to all regular season and playoff contests.

The playing field for all 6man football contests is 40 x 80 yards with 15-yard side zones and the team box boundaries between the 25-yard lines.

CHAIN CREW/BALL PERSONS
Experienced chain crews are a necessity for sound administration of a football game. DO NOT NEGLECT SUB-VARSITY GAMES IN THIS AREA. Qualified ball persons are also an important part of on-field administration. Be sure that the ball persons you use are physically mature enough to handle the duties and do not present an injury risk to themselves or the players. As per National Federation Football Rule, as soon as a first down is indicated and the chain clipped at the five yard interval, the chain and down marker should be moved back off the sideline six feet. Notify your chain crew of this procedure.

TEAM BENCHES, SIDELINES
During CHSAA regular season and playoff contests, the team benches and sidelines are to be restricted to authorized personnel consisting of substitutes, coaches, student managers, trainer and team physician. Parents, members of booster clubs, alumni and other such unauthorized personnel must sit in the stands. Schools are urged to issue visible sideline tags to those authorized for easy recognition. Do not allow teams attendants to walk the sidelines outside the team box.

SIDELINE MEDIA EXPECTATIONS
No media other than one’s own team is permitted within 5 yards of their coaches’ box.

SIDELINE ZONE FOR SAFETY
The CHSAA Football Advisory Committee strongly recommends that each field add a zone of two or more yards off the sideline be used as a restraining line to maintain a clear area for players and officials along the sideline. The zone will be marked with hash marks and would extend to two yards in back of the end zone line and extended across the back of the end zone.
Q1: Which gloves are legal?
A1: Those which carry a securely attached label or stamp (NOCSAE Standard).

Q2: Must all face masks and helmets carry the NOCSAE Seal?
A2: Yes.

Q3: Are colored mouth guards required equipment?
A3: No. Completely clear or completely white tooth and mouth protectors are no longer prohibited.

Q4: The NCAA inbound lines are 60' (not the high school 53' 4″). What should schools which play on college fields do to comply with the high school rules?
A4: The first preference is to mark the field for high school requirements. If this is not possible, play as marked.

Q5: We play our games on a college field which has goal posts measuring 18' 6″ between the uprights instead of the 23' 4″ specified in the National Federation rules. May our opponents or conference require that 23' 4″ uprights be used in our high school games?
A5: No. High schools using college fields may use the 18' 6″ upright. Neither league nor opponent may dictate that the high school upright be used.

Q6: May the center wear a towel of any color?
A6: No. Players may only wear one moisture-absorbing solid colored towel that is not ball-or penalty flag colored; is no less than 4 inches in width and 12 inches in length; No greater than 18 inches in width and 36 inches in length; has no more than one visible manufacturer’s logo/trademark reference that does not exceed 2 ¼ square inches in any dimension; and if worn by any player, must be the same solid color for all players wearing a towel.

Q7: Do any CHSAA rules exist for determining the winner of a contest ended prematurely because of acts of God?
A7: No. Games interrupted because of events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority shall be continued from the point of interruption unless the teams agree to terminate the game with the existing score, or there are conference or league rules which apply. Conferences should consider adopting a policy to handle unusual circumstances.

Q8: Can the timing of a sub varsity quarter be adjusted?
A8: Yes – Schools/leagues should establish the time frame for league or conference opponents or communicate with non-conference opponents well in advance of the contest. It is strongly recommended that a 10-minute quarter be used for sub varsity games.

Q9: What is the distance inbound for the hash marks on a 6 or 8-man field?
A9: 15 yards

Q10: Where may the coaches stand?
A10: All team personnel must remain two yards behind the sideline while the ball is live. Up to three coaches are allowed in the “restricted area” - the two-yard belt adjacent to the sideline, when the ball is dead (9-8-3).

Q11: May an athlete wear a tinted eye-shield with a Doctor’s prescription?
A11: No. All eye-shields must be free of any tint.
Please Note: Each coach should become familiar with all eligibility rules. CHSAA Handbook has been distributed to member schools. If you do not have access to this material, contact your athletic director.

Check the CHSAA Handbook for the details related to the following rules.

PLAYING OF AN INELIGIBLE WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE...... Article 2400
SUMMER SCHOOL MAKE-UP ........................................................ …….. Article 1750.1
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RULE ................................................... Article 1880
ORGANIZED TEAM PRACTICE ........................................................... Article 2310.3
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION/PARENT CONSENT ........................................ Article 1780
MEDICAL RELEASE FOR INJURIES ...................................................... Article 1780.2

NONCONTACT UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT BY NONPLAYERS
National Federation Rule 9, Sec. 8, Article 1, “A substitute who leaves the team box and enters the playing field during a fight will be ejected. A player ejected for leaving the bench area during a fight is ineligible for the next contest. (Also, see “Who is Your Get Back Guy”)

SUNDAY RESTRICTION – CHSAA Bylaw 2310.5
No high school interscholastic contests, practices for interscholastic contests, camps, nor association between participants and coaches/directors of any CHSAA sanctioned activity from the student’s school shall take place on Sunday at any time during the school year. (this is to include both in-season and out-of-season sports/activities other than those noted in the Music Bylaws.) The Commissioner may, when deemed advisable, allow postponed state-level events to be played on Sunday. Teams playing on Monday in district, regional or in a state-culminating event will be exempt from this rule.
NFHS Football Rules Changes – 2019

BY STATE ASSOCIATION ADOPTION, USE OF VIDEO REVIEW ALLOWED FOR STATE POST-SEASON CONTTESTS [1-3-7 NOTE (NEW), TABLE 1-7 – 1-3-7 NOTE (NEW)]

Rationale: By state association adoption, instant replay may only be used during state postseason contests to review decisions by the on-field game officials. This adoption would allow state associations to develop protocols for use of video replay.

IMPROVED VISIBILITY OF NUMBERS [1-5-1c, 1-5-1c(6) (NEW)]

Rationale: The purpose of numbers on jerseys is to provide clear identification of players. In order to enhance the ability to easily identify players, the committee has clarified the size requirements for jersey numbers through the 2023 season. The committee also added a new requirement that, effective in the 2024 season, jersey numbers must be a single solid color that clearly contrasts with the body color of the jersey.

REDEFINED REQUIREMENTS FOR A LEGAL SCRIMMAGE FORMATION (2-14-1, 7-2-5a)

Rationale: A legal scrimmage formation now requires at least five offensive players on their line of scrimmage with no more than four backs. This change will make it easier to identify legal and illegal offensive formations.

40-SECOND PLAY CLOCK (2-35-1, 3-6-1, 3-6-2a, 7-2-1)

Rationale: To have a more consistent time period between downs, the rules committee approved situations where 40 seconds will be placed on the play clock. The new rule defines when 40 seconds will be placed on the play clock and when 25 seconds will be placed on the play clock.

PROHIBITION ON TRIPPING THE RUNNER [2-45, 9-4-3o (NEW), 9-4-3o PENALTY (NEW)]

Rationale: In an effort to decrease risk, tripping the runner is now prohibited. It is now a foul to intentionally use the lower leg or foot to obstruct a runner below the knees.

ILLEGAL KICKING AND BATTING PENALTY REDUCED (6-2-1 PENALTY, 9-7 PENALTY)

Rationale: The penalty for illegally kicking or batting the ball was reduced from 15 yards to 10 yards.

HORSE-COLLAR TACKLE ADDITION (9-4-3k)

Rationale: Grabbing the name plate area of the jersey of the runner, directly below the back collar, and pulling the runner to the ground is now an illegal personal contact foul.

2019 EDITORIAL CHANGES

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2019 POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Proper Procedures for Weather Delays
2. Free-Blocking Zone and Legal Blocking

**as of July 2019**
Proper Procedures for Weather Delays

At some point during the high school football season, many parts of the country have to address weather issues. Some of these, according to NFHS guidelines, dictate a suspension/delay during a game. Most of the time, the delay is due to lightning and thunder (either lightning seen or thunder heard); and when a suspension or delay occurs, the teams are sent to a safe, sheltered area until the weather situation has ended. NFHS guidelines on handling lightning and thunder delays require use of the 30-minute rule, meaning when the game has been suspended, play cannot resume until at least 30 minutes have elapsed following the last sighting of lightning or the sound of thunder. Once the game is suspended, each further instance of lightning or thunder requires a reset of the clock and the commencement of a new 30-minute interval.

Seldom is there a problem with game officials or site administrators following the basic 30-minute rule when there is lightning or thunder. However, some game officials and administrators are not abiding by the mandatory halftime intermission and warm-up rule when there is a lightning delay near the end of the first half. If there is such a delay late in the second period, once the second period is completed, NFHS playing rules require a halftime intermission of at least 10 minutes followed by the required 3-minute warm-up period before the third period may begin. Coaches or game officials cannot shorten the halftime intermission or the warm-up period. However, both coaches could agree to shorten (end) the second period during the delay, and then the third period could start after the delay as soon as the mandatory warm-up period is completed.

It is important for game officials, coaches and administrators to be aware of the halftime intermission and warm-up rules on nights when the weather could present delays and to administer those NFHS football rules correctly.

Free-Blocking Zone and Legal Blocking

The free-blocking zone is a rectangular area established when the ball is snapped. It extends 4 yards laterally on either side of the ball, and 3 yards behind each line of scrimmage. Blocking below the waist and blocking in the back may be permitted in the free-blocking zone provided that certain conditions are met.

Offensive and defensive linemen may block each other below the waist in the free-blocking zone provided that all players involved in the blocking are on their line of scrimmage and in the free-blocking zone at the snap, and the ball is in the zone. Each team’s line of scrimmage is a vertical plane through the point of the ball closest to that team’s goal line.

Offensive linemen may block defensive players in the back in the free-blocking zone as long as the blocker is on his line of scrimmage and in the free-blocking zone at the snap, the opponent is in the free-blocking zone at the snap, and the contact is in the zone.

To determine whether blocking below the waist and blocking in the back are legal, game officials must first determine whether players are in the free-blocking zone at the snap. Since offensive linemen are in the zone if any part of their body is in the zone at the snap, game officials must check the spacing between offensive linemen. As long as the line is using “normal” splits and the formation is “balanced” (i.e., the distance between the outside foot of each lineman and the inside foot of the adjacent linemen is no greater than 2 feet and an equal number of linemen are on each side of the snapper), all players, including the tight end, are deemed to be in the zone at the snap. If the splits are wider than 2 feet, the tight end is considered out of the zone and therefore cannot legally block below the waist or in the back.

Once game officials determine which players are in the zone at the snap, the next determination is whether a block below the waist or a block in the back occurs in the free-blocking zone. Because the free-blocking zone disintegrates once the ball leaves the zone, it may be difficult to determine whether the ball is in the zone at the time the block occurs when the offense is using a “shotgun” formation (a formation where there is no direct hand-to-hand snap and the player who receives the snap is more than 3 yards behind his line of scrimmage), due to the very short time interval between the snap and the ball leaving the zone.

In addition to observing blocking by offensive linemen, game officials must also be alert to defenders “cutting” running backs and wide receivers who are not on their line of scrimmage or in the free-blocking zone at the snap. Restrictions on blocking below the waist apply equally to offensive and defensive players. Finally, offensive players in the backfield can never legally block below the waist or in the back.
2019 HELMET LABORATORY TESTING PERFORMANCE RESULTS

The NFL, in collaboration with the NFLPA, through their respective appointed biomechanical experts, coordinated extensive laboratory research to evaluate which helmets best reduce head impact severity. The results of those tests, which are supported by on-field performance, are set forth on this poster.

The helmet models are listed in order of their performance in the laboratory testing, with a shorter bar representing better performance. The rankings are based exclusively on the ability of the helmet to reduce head impact severity measures in laboratory testing. Issues with helmet fit, retention, and long-term durability are not addressed in these rankings. Helmets in the Top-Performing Group perform well, with no statistical difference in performance from the three top-ranked helmets. The information presented here is based solely upon the results of this research and the expert opinions of the scientists involved.

The laboratory test conditions were intended to represent potentially concussive head impacts in the NFL. The results of this study should not be extrapolated to collegiate, high school, or youth football.

NO HELMET SYSTEM CAN COMPLETELY PROTECT AGAINST SERIOUS BRAIN AND/OR NECK INJURIES A PLAYER MIGHT SUSTAIN WHILE PARTICIPATING IN FOOTBALL.
COLORADO RULES BY STATE ASSOCIATION ADOPTION

The NFHS rulebook (Table 1-7, pg 24) delegate's authority to the state associations for certain rules. The following shall apply in Colorado:

1-1-4 Note Determining the number of game officials – 6man = 4, 8man = 4 (5 preferred); 1A-5A = 5.

1-3-2 Note Mandating specific ball for all playoff competition – Any NFHS approved Wilson ball must be used for all playoff contests.

1-3-7 Use of supplementary equipment – Authorized.

1-5-1c4 Note Commemorative Patches – Must be requested of CHSAA on a case-by-case basis.

1-5-2d Use of artificial limbs – Authorized.

1-5-3b Note 1 Use of drum for deaf teams – Authorized.

1-5-3b Note 2 Use of device to enhance a required hearing aid – Authorized.

3-1-1 Procedure to resolve ties- NFHS overtime procedure.

3-1-2 Mercy Rule – Running clock procedures are on p. 8 of the football handbook.

3-1-4 Continuation of interrupted games – Subject to league policy.

3-1-5 Note 2 Length of halftime intermission – Subject to league policy.

3-2-1 Determining when coin toss is held – On the field, 3-5 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.

3-5-7L TV/radio timeouts are authorized when a game is broadcast.

8-3-1 Exc & OT 5-1-1– If a touchdown is scored during the last down of the fourth period or in overtime. The try is not attempted unless the point(s) would affect the outcome of the game.

Example 1: B is leading 6-0, 7-0, or 8-0 and A scores a touchdown on the last timed down of the fourth period, the try is attempted in all cases because it is needed to determine the outcome of the game.

Example 2: If B is leading 9-0, B wins with a final score of 9-6; no try is attempted.

Example 3: If B is leading 3-0, A wins with a final score of 6-3; no try is attempted.

Rule:

1. Size of 6man and 8man fields – 100 yards for 8-man; 80 yards for 6-man.

2. The football committee strongly recommends that coaches share film with officials following each contest in an educational effort to improve the game.

3. The CHSAA Football Advisory Committee reminds schools that in the case of extreme travel, teams can elect to establish a site more conducive to that travel for a playoff game. This does not, however, alleviate the home school of its responsibility as host.

4. The Wilson football has been the designated ball for the CHSAA playoffs and must be used.
5. It is strongly encouraged that leagues do not use a point differential as a tie-breaker in league standings. Having point differentials as part of the criteria has created hard feelings and unsporting acts, due to late scoring attempts in order to reach the maximum point differentials.

6. P. A. announcers shall remain neutral.

7. Schools should assign official’s escorts to and from the locker rooms at halftime and at the conclusion of the game. Officials should never be escorted through spectators.
PLAYOFF DATES:

2019:
Formal Practice Begins: Monday, August 12
First Allowable Scrimmage: Thursday, August 22
First Allowable Contest: Thursday, August 29

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First Allowable Scrimmage: Thursday, August 20
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### 6-Man QUALIFYING FORMAT

The seeding committee will be made up of 1 member from each conference. No coaches are permitted to serve on the committee. The committee will meet at the CHSAA office on the Sunday following the final week of the regular season.

Following the end of the regular season, the procedures listed below will be utilized to capture the playoff bracket and serve as the criteria used for seeding the bracket.

The top 16 teams in the classification based on the final RPI rankings will be placed into the post-season bracket. If a conference champion is not ranked in the top 16 based on RPI ranking, they will replace the lowest ranked team that is not a conference champion in the top 16.

#### Seeding Criteria (once qualifiers are determined)
- Seeding numbers 1-8 will be seeded according to the final RPI standings and will be the home teams in Round 1. Teams that are seeded numbered 9-16 will be seeded using RPI and geography. When possible, conference opponents will not be paired against one another in the first round.
- Conference champions not ranked in the top 16 of the final RPI will be placed in the bracket but conference champions are not guaranteed a top-8 seed.

### Information Items
- Playing a JV team will not count for the Final Ratings Percentage Index (RPI)
- A team that wins due to forfeit will count the game as a win for their season record. A team that forfeits a game will count the game as a loss for their season record.
- If a school fails to field a team before the start of the season (does not play a game) each scheduled game they were supposed to play shall be counted as a no contest.
- If a team plays at least one game and discontinues its schedule, each of its remaining games scheduled prior to the season shall count as a forfeit and will be computed into the power points.
2019 CHSAA State Football Playoffs - CHSAA 6-Man Football Playoffs

Location: Various Cities, CO

Tournament Notes: For complete coverage of these playoffs, visit CHSAANow.com -- the voice of high school athletics in Colorado.

Bracket Notes: Watch Finals Live on NFHS Network

All scores and statistics are provided by MaxPreps.com

Home team is the higher seed in the first round
### 2018-2020 8man Football Conferences (40 schools)

*(Enrollment: 79-150)*

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### 8-Man QUALIFYING FORMAT

The seeding committee will be made up of 1 member from each conference. No coaches are permitted to serve on the committee. The committee will meet at the CHSAA office on the Sunday following the final week of the regular season.

Following the end of the regular season, the procedures listed below will be utilized to capture the playoff bracket and serve as the criteria used for seeding the bracket.

The top 16 teams in the classification based on the final RPI rankings will be placed into the post-season bracket. If a conference champion is not ranked in the top 16 based on RPI ranking, they will replace the lowest ranked team that is not a conference champion in the top 16.

**Seeding Criteria (once qualifiers are determined)**

- The following criteria should be taken into consideration when seeding bracket, in no particular order: RPI, common opponents, strength of schedule and head to head competition.
- A conference champion in the top-10 of the seeded playoff bracket will host a first-round game, unless they are playing another league champion. For example, if the No. 8 vs. No. 9 seed are both league champions, the higher seed will host the game. Once seeded, the seeds of the teams will not change, regardless of who hosts the game.
- A conference champion not ranked in the top 10 of the seeded playoff bracket will be placed in the bracket but will not host a first-round game.
- A conference champion not ranked in the top 16 of the final RPI rankings will be placed in the bracket but will not be guaranteed a top 10 seed and will not be guaranteed to host a first-round game.
- When possible, conference opponents will not be paired against one another in the first round.
- Geography will be a consideration in the first round.
**Seeding Procedure**

- Conference champions that are ranked in the top 16 of the final RPI rankings are placed on the board for consideration.

- The seeding committee will determine the #1 overall seed and place that team on the bracket. The #2 team from the same conference as the #1 overall seed will then be placed on the board for consideration. The seeding committee will then determine the #2 overall seed and place that team on the bracket. The #2 team from the same conference as the #2 overall seed will then be placed on the board for consideration. This process will be followed until all 16 teams are seeded.

### 2019 8-Man BRACKET

**2019 CHSAA State Football Playoffs - CHSAA 8-Man Football Playoffs**

*Location: Various Cities, CO*

*Tournament Notes: For complete coverage of these playoffs, visit CHSANow.com -- the voice of high school athletics in Colorado.*

*Bracket Notes: Watch Finals Live on NFHS Network*

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**Nov 9**  
First Round Completed By

**Nov 16**  
Quarterfinals Completed By

**Nov 23**  
Semifinals

**Nov 30**  
Championship Game

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**Home team is the higher seed in the first round**
2018-2020 1A Football Conferences (40 schools)

Enrollment: 151-347

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1A QUALIFYING FORMAT
The seeding committee for the 1A through 5A classifications will be the members of the football committee, minus any active coaches. If necessary, replacements for the active coaches will come from the same classification in roughly the same geographic area of the state. The committee will meet at the CHSAA office on the Sunday following the final week of the regular season.

Following the end of the regular season, the procedures listed below will be utilized to capture the playoff bracket and serve as the criteria used for seeding the bracket.

The top 16 teams in the classification based on the final RPI rankings will qualify for the post-season bracket. Each conference champion will automatically be placed on the playoff bracket. Conference champions are determined by the conference Bylaws or policies. If a conference champion is not ranked in the top 16 based on the final RPI ranking, they will replace the lowest ranked team that is not a conference champion in the top 16.

Seeding Criteria (once qualifiers are determined)
- Four sources of data will be collected and used when seeding teams for the playoff bracket: RPI Ranking System; MaxPreps; Packard Rankings; Coaches Poll. Each source of data collected at the end of the regular season will be equally weighted.
- Coaches Poll: All Head coaches are required to vote 8 of 10 weeks (3A-5A) or 7 of 9 (1A-2A) in the on-line Coaches Poll during the regular season.
- Head coaches that have met the above standards will have the opportunity to vote in the final on-line Coaches Poll at the end of the regular season.
- The sources of data collected will be utilized to place teams on the 16-team bracket. Once on the bracket, teams can be moved one spot at maximum based upon a head-to-head regular season game, if they are consecutive seeds on the bracket.
- If the scenario exists where three or more consecutive seeded teams have all played one another, they will remain as originally placed on the bracket.
A conference champion not ranked in the top 16 of the final RPI rankings will be placed in the bracket.

When possible, conference opponents will not be paired against one another in the first round and geography will be a consideration in the first round. These adjustments can be made for seeds #9-16.

**Informational Items**

- Following the first round of the playoffs, if both teams have played the same number of home games during the playoffs, the team with the higher seed will host.
- The 1A championship home site must accommodate a seating capacity equal to twice the maximum enrollment of the respective classification. Example: 1A has an enrollment maximum of 520 x 2 = 1040 minimum seating capacity. Bleachers may be brought in to the site to accommodate the seating requirement.

**2019 1A Bracket**

Home team is the higher seed in the first round.
### 2018-2020 2A Football Conferences (42 schools)

**Enrollment: 348-787**

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### 2A QUALIFYING FORMAT

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### Seeding Criteria (once qualifiers are determined)

- Four sources of data will be collected and used when seeding teams for the playoff bracket: RPI Ranking System; MaxPreps; Packard Rankings; Coaches Poll. Each source of data collected at the end of the regular season will be equally weighted.
- Coaches Poll: All Head coaches are required to vote 8 of 10 weeks (3A-5A) or 7 of 9 (1A-2A) in the online Coaches Poll during the regular season.
- Head coaches that have met the above standards will have the opportunity to vote in the final on-line Coaches Poll at the end of the regular season.
The sources of data collected will be utilized to place teams on the 16-team bracket. Once on the bracket, teams can be moved one spot at maximum based upon a head-to-head regular season game, if they are consecutive seeds on the bracket.

If the scenario exists where three or more consecutive seeded teams have all played one another, they will remain as originally placed on the bracket.

A conference champion not ranked in the top 16 of the final RPI rankings will be placed in the bracket.

When possible, conference opponents will not be paired against one another in the first round and geography will be a consideration in the first round. These adjustments can be made for seeds #9-16.

**Informational Items**

- Following the first round of the playoffs, if both teams have played the same number of home games during the playoffs, the team with the higher seed will host.
- On each schedule, the first scheduled (chronologically) non-classification opponent shall count toward RPI for the next higher classification. For example: the first scheduled 1A opponent would count as 2A points for a 2A team.
- The 2A championship game site will be hosted at Colorado State University-Pueblo.

### 2019 2A BRACKET

#### 2019 CHSAA State Football Playoffs - CHSAA 2A Football Playoffs
**Location** Various Cities, CO  
**Tournament Notes** For complete coverage of these playoffs, visit CHSAANow.com -- the voice of high school athletics in Colorado.

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Bracket Notes Watch Final Live on NHS Network Buy Championship game tickets here: https://boxoffice.diamondticketing.com/csu/events

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Home team is the higher seed in the first round
2018-2020 3A Football Conferences (42 schools)

Enrollment: 788-1233

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3A QUALIFYING FORMAT
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- If the scenario exists where three or more consecutive seeded teams have all played one another, they will remain as originally placed on the bracket.
- A conference champion not ranked in the top 16 of the final RPI rankings will be placed in the bracket.
- When possible, conference opponents will not be paired against one another in the first round and geography will be a consideration in the first round. These adjustments can be made for seeds #9-16.
Playoff Hosting Policy and Procedure

- The higher seeded team shall be the host in the first round. In subsequent rounds, the team with the fewest number of home games shall be the host. If equal, the following criteria will determine the host:
  - If opponents are from the same conference, the school with the higher conference standing in the regular season shall be the host.
  - If opponents are not from the same conference, the higher seed shall host.

Informational Items

- On each schedule, the first scheduled (chronologically) non-classification opponent shall count toward RPI for the next higher classification. For example: the first scheduled 2A opponent would count as 3A points for a 3A team.

- The 3A championship game site will be hosted at Colorado State University-Pueblo.

2019 3A Bracket

Home team is the higher seed in the first round
The seeding committee for the 1A through 5A classifications will be the members of the football committee, minus any active coaches. If necessary, replacements for the active coaches will come from the same classification in roughly the same geographic area of the state. The committee will meet at the CHSAA office on the Sunday following the final week of the regular season.

Following the end of the regular season, the procedures listed below will be utilized to capture the playoff bracket and serve as the criteria used for seeding the bracket.

The top 16 teams in the classification based on the final RPI rankings will qualify for the post-season bracket. Each conference champion will automatically be placed on the playoff bracket. Conference champions are determined by the conference Bylaws or policies. If a conference champion is not ranked in the top 16 based on the final RPI ranking, they will replace the lowest ranked team that is not a conference champion in the top 16.

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- If the scenario exists where three or more consecutive seeded teams have all played one another, they will remain as originally placed on the bracket.
- A conference champion not ranked in the top 16 of the final RPI rankings will be placed in the bracket.
When possible, conference opponents will not be paired against one another in the first round and geography will be a consideration in the first round. These adjustments can be made for seeds #9-16.

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- The higher seeded team shall be the host in the first round. In subsequent rounds, the team with the fewest number of home games shall be the host. If equal, the following criteria will determine the host:
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  - If opponents are not from the same conference, the higher seed shall host.

**Informational Items**
- On each schedule, the first scheduled (chronologically) non-classification opponent shall count toward RPI for the next higher classification. A first scheduled 3A opponent would count as 4A points for a 4A team.
- 4A semifinal sites must accommodate a seating capacity equal to or greater than 3,500. Playoff schools that cannot accommodate the minimum seating capacity of their classification must designate a regional site prior to their first playoff contest.

**2019 4A BRACKET**

Home team is the higher seed in the first round.
5A QUALIFYING FORMAT
The seeding committee for the 1A through 5A classifications will be the members of the football committee, minus any active coaches. If necessary, replacements for the active coaches will come from the same classification in roughly the same geographic area of the state. The committee will meet at the CHSAA office on the Sunday following the final week of the regular season.

Following the end of the regular season, the procedures listed below will be utilized to capture the playoff bracket and serve as the criteria used for seeding the bracket.

Six conference champions will receive an automatic bid onto the playoff bracket. The next 17 qualifiers will be determined by the final RPI rankings from all teams outside the Metro 10. This is a total of twenty-three playoff teams. The final bracket playoff spot will be an At-Large bid determined by the seeding committee.

The top 23 teams in the classification based on the final RPI rankings, outside of the Metro 10 Conference, will be placed onto the post-season bracket. If a conference champion is not ranked in the top 23 based on RPI ranking, they will replace the lowest ranked team that is not a conference champion in the top 23.

The top eight seeded teams will receive a first-round bye, and host in the second-round of the playoff bracket. Teams seeded numbers 9-24 will play in the first round, with the higher seeded team hosting.

Seeding Criteria (once qualifiers are determined)
- A conference champion not ranked in the top 23 of the final RPI rankings will be placed in the bracket but will not be guaranteed a top 8 seed and will not be guaranteed to host a first-round game.
- When possible, conference opponents will not be paired against one another in the first round.
- Geography will be a consideration in the first round.
Four sources of data will be collected and used when seeding teams for the playoff bracket: RPI Ranking System; MaxPreps; Packard Rankings; Coaches Poll. Each source of data collected at the end of the regular season will be equally weighted.

Coaches Poll: All Head coaches are required to vote 8 of 10 weeks (3A-5A) or 7 of 9 (1A-3A) in the online Coaches Poll during the regular season.

Head coaches that have met the above standard will have the opportunity to vote in the final online Coaches Poll at the end of the regular season.

The four sources of data collected will be utilized to place teams on the 16-team bracket. Once on the bracket, teams can be moved one spot at maximum based upon a head-to-head regular season game, if they are consecutive seeds on the bracket.

If the scenario exists where three or more consecutive seeded teams have all played one another, they will remain as originally placed on the bracket.

**Playoff Hosting Policy and Procedure**

- On each schedule, the first scheduled (chronologically) non-classification opponent shall count toward RPI for the next higher classification. A first scheduled 4A opponent would count as 5A points for a 5A team.
- 5A semifinal sites must accommodate a seating capacity equal to or greater than 5,000. Playoff schools that cannot accommodate the minimum seating capacity of their classification must designate a regional site prior to their first playoff contest.

* - The Metro 10 can qualify for the postseason under the following circumstances: The league champion will automatically qualify for the postseason. A second team can be considered for placement on the bracket through the at-large process conducted by the seeding committee. The league can, at maximum, have two postseason qualifiers.

**Playoff Hosting Policy and Procedure**

On each schedule, the first scheduled (chronologically) non-classification opponent shall count toward RPI for the next higher classification. A first scheduled 4A opponent would count as 5A points for a 5A team.

5A semifinal sites must accommodate a seating capacity equal to or greater than 5,000. Playoff schools that cannot accommodate the minimum seating capacity of their classification must designate a regional site prior to their first playoff contest.

**2019 5A BRACKET**

Home team is the higher seed in the first round.
I. PLAYOFF TIMES, SITES AND OTHER INFORMATION:

1. It is the desire of the Association that schools mutually establish game times and dates which best accommodate the interests of each school and community.  

   NOTE: All mutually established game times and dates are subject to final approval by the CHSAA office.  When mutual agreement for the game time and date cannot be reached the following statements will apply:

   1. Saturday, 1:00 p.m. and Friday 7:00 p.m. are preferred.
   2. Semifinal games will be played on Saturday, 1:00 p.m.  Exception: Semifinal games may be played on Friday, 7:00 p.m. if it is mutually agreed upon by both teams, if there is a facility conflict, or there is a television opportunity.
   3. Thursday playoff games will be allowed through the quarterfinals if mutually agreed upon by both teams.  If not agreed upon the preferred game times will be Friday at 7:00 p.m. or Saturday at 1:00 p.m.
   4. When mutual agreement cannot be reached and travel distance is 150 miles or greater, then the game will be played on Saturday.  Friday night will be considered a reasonable option if the distance is less than 150 miles.
   5. Both home and visitor will be provided the opportunity to supply input in the scheduling process but more weight shall be given to the home team preference.
   6. Six or seven days rest following the previous game shall be considered adequate and will not be a consideration when establishing the date.
   7. The Commissioner shall have the sole province to designate game times, dates and sites, including weeks when a school district is hosting more than one game.

2. Stadium Arrangements – The Commissioner (or his designee) has the authority to select the site based on the adequacy of the seating, field conditions, etc.

3. Playoff games shall not be postponed without the permission of the Commissioner (or his/her designee).

4. The Commissioner (or his/her designee) shall have the authority to select an alternate site in the event of poor playing conditions.

5. Determining sites for State Football Playoff Games (ALL CLASSIFICATIONS) - In the opening round of the state playoffs, the teams with the higher designation (No. 1 higher than No. 2) will host.  

   The home team at each subsequent playoff game shall be that team which has had the fewer home games during the state playoffs.  If both teams have had an equal number of home games, then:

   In Class 6man & 8man, a coin flip will be conducted by the Commissioner to determine home site.

   In Class 1A/2A/3A/4A & 5A, the team with the higher designation will host that game.

   EXCEPTIONS:
   In 2A/3A, the championship game will be played at Colorado State University-Pueblo.

   In 4A/5A, the championship game will be played at Broncos Stadium at Milehigh.

   For bracketing purposes, the team designated on the bracket or by a coin flip shall remain as the designated home team regardless of where the game is played.
Situation 1: Team A is designated the home team by a coin flip, but will not guarantee Team B’s expenses. Team B guarantees A’s expenses and hosts the game.
Ruling 1: For future site consideration, Team A has played a home game, while team B has been away.

Situation 2: Team A wins the coin flip, but chooses to travel to Team B.
Ruling 2: Team A has been home; Team B has been away.

Situation 3: Team A, designated as the home team, cannot meet the seating requirements and plays the game at Team B’s field.
Ruling 3: Team A has been at home; Team B has been away.

Situation 4: Teams A and B agree to play at a neutral site.
Ruling 4: Home and visiting team must still be designated based on the criteria above.

6. State playoff officials for all classifications will be assigned by the CHSAA office.
7. For all playoff contests, there will be an exchange of the most recent two complete digitals. If one school films/videos and the other school does not, the upcoming opponent may secure a film from a previous opponent so that an exchange of digitals can be completed. The exchange must be consummated by 12:00 noon on Monday preceding the next contest.
8. A field to be used for any playoff game must have a field clock, or an extra official shall be hired in order that official time may be kept on the field by officials.
9. Five-person official crews will be used in all state playoff contests for football.
10. Regulation field for 8Man is 40 x 100 yards with 15-yard side zones.
11. **Mercy Rule:**
   In classes 8man, 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A and 5A and at all levels (all conference and non-conference games), when a 40-point differential exists at any time during the game a running clock shall be used for the remainder of the game regardless of whether the score drops back below the mercy rule differential. (In 6man, the margin is 45 points). See the following procedures below:
   - The clock will not be stopped when:
     1. The ball goes out-of-bounds.
     2. A forward pass is incomplete.
     3. A score or touchback occurs.
     4. A fair catch is made or awarded.
   - The clock will be stopped when:
     1. The period ends.
     2. Charged or injury time out.

   The mercy rule will not be used in any live televised championship games.

12. **Equal Facilities (Field Phone)**
   If telephone facilities for both teams are provided as a standard practice (during the regular season) at a playoff site, then the same number of telephone facilities must be provided for both teams. This number must stay consistent throughout the contest. If one set of phones becomes inoperable during the contest, then neither team may use the phones initially provided. Teams are permitted to bring their own set of phones to a contest. These phones will be considered "extra" and are not under the procedure as outlined above.

   The responsibility for notifying both teams of phone problems should belong to the referee.

   If a school does not provide phone facilities to both teams as a standard practice (during the regular season), then it is up to each team, home or away, to provide its own phones. The home team will not be required to provide phones to the visiting team if it is not done during the regular season.
13. **Warm-up Time**
A minimum of 45 minutes should be allowed for each team for pre-game warm-up.

**PLAYOFF HOME SITE FORMULA**

In order to facilitate planning and to aid communication, the determination of home sites for all potential games will be decided approximately 1½ weeks in advance. On Tuesdays, the CHSAA staff will develop every possible combination of match ups for the weekend games to be played approximately 1½ weeks in the future. The formula to determine home sites will be applied and when necessary, coin flips will be conducted for 6man/8man. The listing of all potential games, with home sites determined, will then be posted on the internet. This information will allow you to announce potential sites at your playoff game.

When necessary, the coin flips will be conducted in the CHSAA office at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, 1½ weeks prior to the actual game. All coaches, administrators or other school representatives are cordially invited to attend these flips. The tossing of the coin will take place for all contests required, not just for those individuals present.

This information will be posted on the CHSAA Homepage (www.chsaanow.com) by 3:00 p.m. each Tuesday.

**TENTATIVE SITES AND NOTIFICATION OF SITES AND GAME TIMES**

Schools are asked to have sites tentatively under reservation in advance, thus providing for a quick release of information and game arrangements. The home school must notify the CHSAA Office by 11:00 a.m. Monday as to the exact site and negotiated time of the upcoming contest.

**FORFEITS:**

A. A team that wins because it is awarded a forfeit will count the game as a win for its season record. A team that loses because of a forfeit will count the game as a loss for its season record.

B. If a school fails to field a team and does not play one game, each of its scheduled games shall be counted as no contest.

C. If a school plays at least one game and discontinues its schedule, each of its games scheduled prior to the season shall count as a forfeit and will be computed in the RPI standings. If a non-conference game is canceled because a team discontinues its schedule, a school may reschedule another game during that week to replace the forfeit, or accept the forfeit.

D. All games scheduled after the start of the season must be approved by the Commissioner to count in the RPI standings.

**RPI TIE-BREAKER:**

A. If two teams have the same RPI in the final standings, the following tiebreaker shall be used (in the order listed):

1) Head-to-head competition
2) Winning percentage
3) Opponents’ winning percentage
4) Opponents’ opponents’ winning percentage
5) Highest-rated win against a team in the final RPI standings
6) Next-highest rated win until the tie is broken
7) Coin flip

1. Teams playing an opponent twice will receive separate RPI points.
2. JV opponents will not accumulate Final RPI Standing points.
3. Enrollment for out-of-state schools will be equated to Colorado classifications.
4. The number of points a team scores in a game will have no bearing on the RPI point system.
5. NO GAMES - conference or non-conference - WILL END IN A TIE. If the game is to be extended, the National Federation tiebreaker method (10-yard line) shall be used.

AWARDS
In all classifications, the following team awards will be presented by the Commissioner, Associate Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner at mid-field immediately following the team handshake. The trophy presentation provides a great educational opportunity for both teams. Plan with your team an appropriate way to accept the trophy on behalf of the school.

1 Championship trophy
1 Second place trophy

Gate list/Roster Information

Our interactive form that can be found on the CHSAA web site:

www.chsaanow.com > CHSAA.org

To access the roster/gate list click on Sports/Activities, a drop down box will appear – select FOOTBALL, click on the gate list link. Fill out the form completely. Click on the Email Submit button, which will e-mail the form back to CHSAA and The Kukulski Brothers who will be printing the program.

Please Note: Please send a team picture to the Kukulski Brothers at:
2127 S. Priest Dr. Suite 404
Tempe, AZ 85282
Or email a .JPG photo to the Kukulski Brothers at:
programs@kukulskibrothers.net

Must be submitted two weeks before the championship game.

The Kukulski Brothers need a good, clear photo. Color photos are preferred. The photos should be standard team shots -- either 5x7 or 8x10. Please make sure the photo is sharp. They cannot make a bad photo look good and they want all fans of your high school to be able to recognize your team.
Attention all Colorado High School Football Coaches
EMPOWER FIELD AT MILE HIGH WELCOME
Class 4A and 5A Championships – Empower Field @ Mile High

To all coaches and players:

From the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame and the Denver Broncos Football Club, we would like to welcome you to the CHSAA High School Football Championships, Presented by The Colorado Sports Hall of Fame at Empower Field @ Mile High.

On December 7th, we will launch the 16th annual 5A and 4A championship games in an atmosphere similar to a Denver Broncos home football game. This day will be special for everyone in attendance, from the players and coaches to the fans. We encourage all the players and coaches in Colorado to attend this special day.

The "Road to Championship Saturday” will give everyone in our state a chance to visit and tour the best football stadium in the country. Ticket costs for the game will be $15 General Admission for all Adults, Students and Seniors. Parking is FREE. Private Suites are also available for rent. We invite everyone involved in high school football in the state of Colorado to attend and enjoy a glorious and memorable day!

We hope to see you there!

Tom Lawrence                        Mac Freeman
Tom Lawrence, President & CEO       Mac Freeman, Chief Commercial Officer
Colorado Sports Hall of Fame       Denver Broncos Football Club
                                      Stadium Management Company

Class 4A and 5A Coaches Please Note

There will be a press conference involving of the 4A and 5A final teams’ coaches and administrators on Tuesday, December 3rd, at 10:15 a.m. at Empower Field @ Mile High. A walk-through of the facility to cover the details of the upcoming championship day will precede the press conference beginning at 9:00am.

TELEVISED 4A, 5A FINALS
Date: Saturday, December 7th.
Site: Empower Field @ Mile High

As per Legislative Council, the Commissioner shall designate which schools play in live television contests and shall have final responsibility for designating site and game time.

Please Note: The 40-point Mercy Rule does not apply to championship final(s), if broadcast live.
SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITY

The principal of each school participating in the CHSAA football playoffs shall be responsible to see that prescribed procedures pertaining to playoff regulations, as outlined in this section, are followed. If the principal so desires, this responsibility may be delegated to a member of his/her staff.

1. **All performing groups** (i.e., dance groups, pom poms, flag teams, drill teams, etc.) must make previous arrangements with the site director. The site director will arrange for admission either by passes, gate list, or other means.
   
a. Marching band members in official uniform who are scheduled to perform at half time will be admitted at the discretion of the site director and are not limited to the 35 member maximum for pep bands.
   
b. The CHSAA defines a pep band as a musical group from the school's music program and designed to perform before games, at time outs and halftime (sharing time with opposing school's pep band). The number of members allowed is 35, must have typical pep band instrumentation (50% wind instruments is minimum).

FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND REPORTS

Playoff financial reports, please note that each host school will receive an email from Kenzie Hewson prior to hosting with an attached excel report.

Hosting CHSAA playoff events correctly is a major responsibility. The hard work and conscientious efforts of the site host is greatly appreciated by not only the CHSAA administrative staff but also all the schools, participants and fans at these events.

While at times, hosting events is an addition to your already full schedule, it does provide opportunities for your school and teams.

Schools should plan/negotiate the transportation guarantee as soon as possible before the upcoming contest. This is required to avoid miscommunication and give a clear picture of the financial responsibilities of the host. See CHSAA Legislative Council Minutes, Tournament and Playoff Finance report - Reimbursements.
ALLOWABLE TRANSPORTATION, MEALS AND LODGING

Schools should plan/negotiate the transportation guarantee as soon as possible before the upcoming contest. This is required to avoid miscommunication and give a clear picture of the financial responsibilities of the host. See CHSAA Legislative Council Minutes, Tournament and Playoff Finance report - Reimbursements.

Maximum number of participants:
*Roster count plus no more than 5 coaches and/or non-participants must not exceed the following maximums:

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MEAL ALLOWANCE:
A. Meal allowance, where permitted in team competition, may apply at all district, regional and state playoff tournament levels when travel is in excess of 60 miles (road miles one-way) or 120 miles round trip, and/or involves overnight lodging for tournament play.

B. Note – The meal reimbursement form will automatically calculate the information provided in the tables.

C. The meal allowance for all sports in all district and state playoff tournaments will be as follows:

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ALLOWABLE EXPENSES:
A. Maximum host school allowable game expense:

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<tr>
<td>6man &amp; 8man</td>
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B. The allowable expenses are not intended to cover all expenses incurred, but rather to help offset them.

C. At the discretion of the host school, expenses in employing police may be added to the maximum allowable game expense. Expenses must be itemized.

D. In emergency situations which make it impossible for the home school to stay within the above allowances, the Commissioner may approve deviations from the maximum allowable expenses.

   1. Bleachers moved in is an expense of the host school.
   2. Snow removal is the financial responsibility of the host school.
E. In the case of a weather emergency during a state playoff contest, additional team expenses for meals, lodging and transportation incurred may be reimbursed from the contingency fund upon application to the Commissioner or designee.

F. In football, CHSAA will receive 10% of the gross receipts and 70% of the net proceeds, after expenses have been paid for all playoff games. The two participating schools will divide (equally-15% each) the remaining 30% of the net proceeds.

G. When a football championship game is played at a predetermined high school site, each competing school will receive 10% of the gross income. The school or facility hosting the contest will also receive 10% of the gross. The remaining 70% of the gross income will go to the CHSAA.

H. When a multi-classification football championship event is held at a predetermined site, each team’s share of the gate will be determined by the CHSAA.

I. In football only, if the host school shows a net loss greater than the amount shown on the statement, which should be paid to the CHSAA, no money is owed to the CHSAA.

   Example 1: If a school hosting a football playoff game shows a net loss of $1.00 and the CHSAA share shown on the statement is $50.00, the net amount paid to the CHSAA is $49.00.

   Example 2: If a school hosting a football playoff game shows a net loss of $100.00 and the CHSAA share shown on the statement is $50.00, no money is owed to the CHSAA.

HOST GUARANTEE EXPENSES
If the host team will not guarantee the expenses (as outlined in this bulletin) of the team designated to travel and if the designated traveling team will guarantee the expenses of the other team on its field, then the game site will be changed.

If neither team will guarantee expenses, then the game will be played as originally scheduled. If there is a deficit, and neither team has guaranteed expenses, both schools shall share the deficit equally.
### ADMISSION PRICES

The following are the minimum admission prices for CHSAA state football playoff games and as established by the CHSAA Board of Directors:

#### Pigtails, Prelims, Quarterfinals & Semifinals

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#### Championship Games (6man, 8man, 1A, 2A, 3A)

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#### Championship Games (4A/5A)

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Certain State Football Championship tickets are available through GoFan at:  
[https://gofan.co/app/school/CHSAA](https://gofan.co/app/school/CHSAA)

**Please Note:** By mutual agreement, participating schools may charge more than the above minimum prices. However, past experience has shown that public relations are enhanced if people are paying the same price for the same class of game at every location. The CHSAA does not set the ticket prices at Mile High.

### COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS, CHSAA PASSES

Each school competing in the playoffs will be furnished complimentary tickets (not including players, coaches and managers) for each playoff game by the host school – A-6 (10 tickets), A-8 (12), 1A (15), 2A & 3A (20), 4A & 5A (25) (except the 4A, 5A championship games where 15 will be provided). If additional complimentary tickets are desired, they must be purchased at the prevailing rate by the school. Only the CHSAA Courtesy Card, CHSCA Coaches Pass and CHSAA Press Pass will be honored at all football playoff contests. No league passes will be honored.

### CHSAA COURTESY CARDS & CHSCA CARDS AT PLAYOFF EVENTS

Only the CHSAA Courtesy Card, CHSCA Coaches Pass and CHSAA Press Pass will be honored at all football playoff contests. No league passes will be honored.

### BAND & PEP BAND ADMISSION INFORMATION

Only 35 pep band members, including director, will be admitted at no charge to the state playoffs, providing each member of said groups complies with the following conditions:

1. The site director is notified in advance and the group appears at the entrance designated by the site director.

### STATE SPIRIT ENTRY

Roster maximum as designated by classification plus 2 coaches. All spirit teams must be in uniform for free entry into the playoff games.

Varsity spirit rosters team maximum are based on roster classification using basketball enrollment.
numbers. Based on classification, varsity cheer, varsity co-ed, varsity pom, varsity jazz and varsity hip-hop teams will have roster limits for sideline, competitions and school representation based on classification. Roster limits per class/division will remain the same and not change based on your football classification:

- 1A/2A (Cheer, Pom) will have a maximum of 16 each squad
- 1A/2A (Co-ed) and 3A (Cheer/Co-Ed, Pom) will have a maximum of 20 each squad
- 4A/5A (Cheer, Pom, Co-ed) All Class Jazz and All Class Hip-Hop will have a maximum of 28 each squad

Alternate are included in the varsity roster limits

Cheerleaders must be in uniform, accompanied by two sponsors. Band members must have an instrument in possession and be accompanied by the director.

Please Note: Two sponsor for cheerleaders, one director for bands will be admitted at no charge.
To: Football Coaches and Athletic Directors

From: Craig Cox, President, Colorado Football Officials Association

Date: July 22, 2019

New Rules:

The NFHS produced seven new rules or rule changes this year, four of which will have an impact on Colorado:

1. Tripping the runner is no longer legal, meaning that no player may intentionally trip any player on the field.
2. The penalty for illegally kicking or illegally batting the ball has been reduced from 15 yards to 10 yards.
3. The horse-collar rule has been changed in that it is now illegal to grasp the back of the jersey over the pads and pull the runner to the ground. It is no longer a requirement that a defender grasps inside the collar. Grasping high on the jersey has the same detrimental effect on the runner as grasping inside the collar.
4. Finally, the NFHS has redefined the requirement for a legal scrimmage kick, with emphasis being that a legal formation can have no more than 4 players in the offensive backfield. The 40 second clock has been used for the past three years in Colorado, and its use has now been adopted nation-wide.

While video review has been approved by the NFHS for post-season play, Colorado will not be using instant replay for the 2019 season.

Hudl Film Exchange:

We hope to continue HUDL video exchanges with high schools as video review is a major training tool for our officials’ associations across the state. Please continue to support our need for your game video and exchange your games with us on Hudl.

We wish you and your teams the best this season and we look forward to working with you on the field of play.

Respectfully,

Craig Cox
President, Colorado Football Officials Association
USE OF REGISTERED OFFICIALS

All CHSAA member schools must use only officials registered with the CHSAA for all varsity and junior varsity contests (strongly recommended for sub-junior varsity contests). All registered officials receive a registration card each year, with their names appearing in the official football directory. Both of these lists are mailed to all member schools. In circumstances in which registered officials are not available, permission to use non-registered officials must be received from the CHSAA. The CHSAA office and members of the CFOA stand ready to aid you in obtaining competent officials for your games. Both organizations are also always on the alert for new officials. If you have a senior who expresses an interest in officiating and who appears to have the desirable qualifications, encourage him or her to become a registered official by calling Monica Tillman at the CHSAA Officials Office (303-364-1337).

Neither the program, the players nor the development of quality officials, benefit from the use of unqualified officials. Make every effort to use registered officials.

Some suggestions on the employment of officials:

a. Mutually agree on acceptable officials within your league or with each individual school.
b. Attempt to employ these officials early. (Officials in some geographical areas are not permitted to accept contracts until after the assignment meetings are over.)
c. Attend your area assignment meeting.
d. Do not hire officials who actively seek games or who are unethical in other ways.
e. Have a written agreement with each official. Contract forms for this purpose are available from the CHSAA.
f. Pay them promptly, preferably before the game or at the half.
g. Keep good records on all officials!! From these records you may wish to re-employ in future years.
h. Report immediately to the CHSAA Office any conduct on the official's part which is in violation of the officials' code of ethics (inside cover of football officials' directory).
i. In an emergency, contact the area vice president (page 1, football officials' directory). He can help you secure an official.
j. Live up to your contract with the official. Do not attempt to "remove" him after a controversial ball game.
k. Attempt to use a variety of officials. It is inappropriate for the official and inappropriate for the school to use the same official over and over again. Usually, two times a season is more than enough.
l. Make officials feel that they've stepped into a quality football program. Have a person greet the officials upon their arrival. Provide a clean, secure room for their pre-game conference and provide half-time beverages. Assign someone to open the door of the officials' room at half-time and after the game.
m. Hire adult chain crews and instruct them to arrive at least 30 minutes before game time to meet with the officials.

Officials' fee schedule approved by the CHSAA Legislative Council:

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<th>Number of Officials</th>
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Note 1: Jefferson County (except Conifer, Elizabeth, Evergreen and Summit), Denver, Continental, Skyline (except Fort Lupton), Front Range (Fort Collins, Loveland, Poudre and Rocky Mountain), Frontier (except Bennett, Clear Creek, Lake County, Middle Park and Platte Canyon), Metropolitan and Centennial leagues will not pay mileage between league cities, but will pay a mileage travel stipend of $2 to each official between league cities. Colorado Springs schools will pay mileage travel stipend of $2 to officials selected from the Colorado Springs Officials' Association. An official that is assigned to two or more contests at a given site on the same day shall be paid one travel stipend or reimbursement.
OFFICIALS’ TRAVEL
If all officials are on a convenient route (same city) $.40 per mile one way. If officials are not on a convenient route (different cities not located along the usual route) $.40 per mile one way for each car involved. No mileage will be paid to an official whose town of residence is 20 miles or closer to the host school. Full mileage will be paid to officials who travel over 20 miles.

Only ONE driver will be paid for each contest. This will be paid to the official on the crew who travels the furthest. Issues with multiple drivers must be solved between the officials and the assignor prior to the game.

In lieu of per diem, a rider fee of $10 is paid to officials, non-drivers only, who are riding on trips of 75 miles or more one-way.

A single assigned or single self-assigned official to a contest will receive the posted single game fee.

OFFICIALS’ MEALS
Over 75 miles (one way) -- Breakfast $4.00, Lunch $5.00; Dinner $6.00 (each official)

OFFICIALS’ PLAYOFF PAYMENT
Host schools will pay for officials for all games in which they host. CHSAA will pay for officials for the 2A, 3A, 4A & 5A State Championship games (neutral site).

PROCEDURES FOR ASSIGNING FOOTBALL PLAYOFF OFFICIALS

In assigning officials to all playoff games the CHSAA staff will make every attempt to assign officials from a neutral area within reasonable travel distance from the game site, unless the two competing schools are from the same assignment area.

The CHSAA staff has adopted a standard format for soliciting input and assigning state officials.

A. Administrator in charge of each activity will solicit input from the following:
   1. League presidents - coaches’ input at this level.
      a. Assigners
   2. Coaches Associations (CHSCA)
   3. Area Directors
      a. President or designee and Board of Directors of CFOA
      b. Individual Officials
   4. CHSAA Football Committee
   5. District Athletic Directors

B. The state officials will be selected based on the following:
   1. Compliance with CFOA requirements
   2. Recommendations (above)
   3. Past performance evaluations at state
   4. Geographic representation
   5. Attempt to maximize opportunities for officials to work state playoffs. In conjunction with the CFOA, the CHSAA will attempt to use a minimum of 10% officials who have not worked the previous year’s state playoffs.
   6. When possible, an official shall not officiate the State Championship finals of the same classification in consecutive years.

Please Note: Some officials areas are requesting application for playoff assignments. If so, that process will also be considered when selections are made.
Neutrality Priority When Assigning Officials to in Post Season/Travel Cost an Impact

Every effort will be made to cut the travel cost when assigning officials in the post season though the priority of assigning will be to maintain neutrality. In general if two teams are competing from different areas of the state, the officials will not be assigned from either of the areas of the competing teams. However if the teams are from the same area, the officials could be assigned from the same area or any combination of areas. Below is the legend for area football officials and a couple of examples.

**Football Officials by Area**

1. Metro Denver
2. Canon City
3. Colorado Springs
4. Pueblo
5. Trinidad
6. La Junta
7. Ft. Collins
8. Boulder/Longmont
9. Wray
10. Greeley
11. Monte Vista
12. Durango
13. Cortez
14. Grand Junction/West Central
15. Lamar
16. Craig/Steamboat Springs
17. Glenwood Springs

**Examples 1:** Pine Creek from Colorado Springs is playing Highlands Ranch from the metro Denver area. The officials will be selected from any of the other areas. Therefore a crew from Limon, which is from the East, could be selected whether the game is played at Highlands Ranch or Pine Creek.

**Example 2:** If George Washington from Denver plays Fairview from Boulder, the officials could be selected from any area. The three officials may be selected from three different areas or any combination of areas. This would be true if the two teams were from Durango and Fort Collins.

The concept of mixed crews is important in football where the teams come from all areas of the state. In many cases it is simpler to ensure neutrality by having umpires from two or three different areas of the state on a game. Following these guidelines, a school can determine on its own from which area playoff officials could be assigned.

**INVITE AN OFFICIAL!**

The Colorado Football Officials Association has encouraged schools to invite officials to attend preseason parent/player meetings to review rule changes and areas of rule emphasis. Contact your local area director to make these arrangements.
Sportsmanship Protocol at all CHSAA Contests and Activities

1. **National Anthem**—When the National Anthem is played or the Pledge of Allegiance is recited, students, fans, coaches and players should stand at attention, remove hats and face the flag.

2. **Cheerleaders/Fans/Spectators**
   - It is recommended that there be positive cheers only.
   - Only cheerleaders may use megaphones.
   - All patrons must wear shirts and shoes. Face painting is allowed.
   - Cheer and tumbling routines must be in front of your team’s student body. Routines that spill onto the area of the opposing team are prohibited.
   - Cheer squads may perform under the basket area outside the free vertical lane lines at all times.

3. **Banners**
   - One cloth or vinyl banner may be used, but must be sanctioned by the game management, principal, and/or athletic director before the contest. Note: Some facilities, including venues used for CHSAA playoffs, may not allow any banners. Paper banners are not allowed at CHSAA sponsored playoff events.
     - The words and graphics on banners must be positive: i.e. “beat”, “outscore”, “conquer”, etc.; Negative banners: i.e. “kill”, “maim”, “scalp”, etc., will be confiscated and may result in no future use of banners.
   - Banners must not block the view of others.

4. **Noisemakers**
   - All artificial noisemakers are prohibited. This includes: cowbells, drums, whistles, horns, plastic clackers, thunder sticks, etc. Exception: bleacher kicking is permitted if the facility management allows it.
   - An air horn or cannon may be used on the field and only if supervised by a school designee. It should never be disruptive to the playing of the game and used only during dead ball periods at the end of playing action.
   - No musical instruments and/or amplified music, including drums, shall play while the game clock is running or when a ‘live-ball’ situation is applicable by rule, whether the game is indoor or outdoor. This includes fanfares, drum rolls, etc. The only time the game, once started, is not “in progress” is during a timeout or intermission. This applies to the use of outdoor, ingym, or in-arena sound systems and public address announcements. The announcer is an integral member of game administration and is a reporter of information not necessarily obvious to spectators. Great care must be exercised to see that neither team gains an advantage from announcements over the public address system. Announcers are not “play-by-play” announcers.
   - There shall be no amplified instruments at any CHSAA playoff events.

5. A list of acceptable and unacceptable behaviors can be found in the Game Management and Sportsmanship Expectation Guide included in your school box.

**CHEER FOR YOUR TEAM AND NOT AGAINST THE OPPONENT!!**
The COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION is proud to announce the 64th Annual

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Football
June 9-12, 2020
at Colorado State University Pueblo

This is a first class event to cap off your outstanding seniors’ high school careers and to honor top coaches from across the state of Colorado.

1. Players and coaches are nominated and selected by CHSCA football MEMBER coaches.
   - League Reps must be a CHSCA member and all nominated players MUST PLAY FOR A CHSCA MEMBER COACH**.

2. All nominations must be submitted OCTOBER 26- NOVEMBER 15, 2019 via the CHSCA All State Games website.
   Go to www.CHSCAAllStateGames.org under the ALL STATE GAMES/FOOTBALL tab.

   Note: At your league meetings, be ready with your player nominations INCLUDING CONTACT EMAIL AND PHONE then DESIGNATE A CHSCA member to submit for your league.

3. Selections will be made at the Football Coaches meeting that will take place on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 10:00am at the CHSAA Offices.

** Register today to get all the benefits of your CHSCA membership— including the opportunity for you and your players to participate in the All State Games (and to ensure that your league can nominate players and so that you can vote to select the teams). www.colohsca.org

More information about the CHSCA All State Game can be found at www.CHSCAAllStateGames.org