2020 FOOTBALL BULLETIN

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TO: Athletic Directors and Coaches

FROM: Adam Bright, CHSAA Assistant Commissioner – Football

Date: September 22, 2020

RE: Preparation for 2020 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.

This season promises to be one none of soon forget. Thank you for your willingness to navigate these waters with us as we all work hard to provide the best experience possible for all of our students and student-athletes. 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. 5A High seed will host through all rounds until Finals.

PLEASE NOTE: Rule books were sent to the Athletic Director. A rule book should be given to the coach.
The following requirements are mandated for the implementation of all athletic activities, varsity and sub-varsity, during the 2020-2021 school year. These mandates are subject to change based on governmental, public, educational, and local health requirements. Individual sports may have stricter standards.

The athletic director, and/or their designee, is responsible for ensuring these requirements and mandates are implemented and adhered to within their school.

For football, CHSAA member institutions may allow a maximum of 50 athletes on a roster plus 4 student trainers on the sideline.

**Updated:** September 21, 2020
Pre-Participation Preparation

Exams/Physicals
- A current physical must be on file before participating. Physical Examination forms can be found on the [SMAC page](https://chsaanow.smacpage.com) on CHSAANow.
- COVID-19-specific questions must be included in the physical screening to include:
  1. Have you tested positive for COVID-19?
  2. Have you had any known exposure to a COVID-19-positive individual in the past 14 days?
  3. Have you been tested for COVID-19?
  4. Have you had any new onset cough or shortness of breath?
  5. Have you experienced any recent fever (temp > than 100.3º)
- The most recent medical evidence recommends consideration of cardiac testing if a student-athlete has previously tested positive for COVID-19.

Waiver of Liability
- All students and parents must sign a waiver of COVID-19 liability, which can be found [here](https://chsaanow.smacpage.com) as part of the Competitor's Brochure.

Disinfecting Equipment/Sanitization
- Wash your hands with soap and water (for 20 seconds or longer), or use a hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available, before going to the court/field.
- When not actively playing, please adhere to all proper personal protective equipment (PPE) and facemask protocols.
- Clean and wipe down team equipment. Equipment must be disinfected before, during, and after each use during your practice/competition.
- Hand sanitizer must be made available throughout the facility for use before, during, and after workouts.
- No shared personal equipment, such as water bottles, hats, helmets, bags, gloves, towels, etc.

Practice

General information
- Participants, coaches, managers or other team personnel should stay home if they are sick or showing any symptoms of COVID-19.
- 7 on 7 and Inside Drill are limited to no more than 25 minutes per day.
- 1 vs 1, 2 vs 2, 3 vs 3 contact limited to no more than 20 minutes per day.
- Coaches and players must maintain 3-6’ distance at all time unless actively participating in the drill.
- One practice per day, no “two-a-days”.
- No Locker Room Use
- No Saturday In-Person Film Review

Daily Screenings
- If an individual (student, manager, coach) has a temperature above 100.3 F, or has a positive response to the Daily Symptom Tracker, that individual must be removed from the group and their parent or guardian notified.
- The Daily Symptom Tracker must be completed for all participants, managers and coaches.
- The completed Daily Symptom Tracker must be submitted by the coach to the Athletic Director after every practice/contest.
Disinfecting Equipment/Sanitization

- Wash your hands with soap and water (for 20 seconds or longer), or use a hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available, before going to the court/field.
- When not actively playing, please adhere to all proper personal protective equipment (PPE) and facemask protocols.
- Clean and wipe down team equipment. Equipment must be disinfected before, during, and after each use during your practice/competition.
- Hand sanitizer must be made available throughout the facility for use before, during, and after workouts.
- No shared personal equipment, such as water bottles, hats, helmets, bags, gloves, towels, etc.

Masks

- Everyone must arrive to practice wearing a mask.
- All non-active participants (coaches, volunteers, and managers) must wear a mask throughout practice. This includes athletes not actively participating in drills/practice.
- Mask restrictions may be more strict depending on the sport.

Social Distancing

- Restrict your practices to essential personnel only (coaches, volunteers, and managers).
- Appropriate social distancing (minimum 6 feet) must be maintained on all areas used for practice. They must consciously stand at least six feet apart when not participating in a drill or activity that requires closer contact, and should avoid confined areas such as locker rooms and dugouts if social distancing cannot occur.
- No handshakes, high-fives, fist bumps, or elbow bumps.
- Intentionally keep water bottles a minimum of 6 feet apart so that social distancing can occur during breaks. No shared water sources, and hand sanitizer is to be provided at each water station.
- Consider spacing in cafeterias, classrooms, weight rooms, athletic training rooms/locker rooms, hallways, and other on-campus venues.
- Keep athletes together in small groups with dedicated coaches or staff, and make sure that each group of athletes and coach avoid mixing with other groups as much as possible.
- Stagger arrival and drop-off times.
- Use separate entrances and exits for participants, and essential persons.

- Require signage to communicate all COVID-19 safety requirements.

Scrimmages

- No interscholastic scrimmages, or foundation games, shall be held during the 2020-2021 school year.

Event/Competition

General information

- Participants, coaches, managers or other team personnel should stay home if they are sick or showing any symptoms of COVID-19.
- Team Box on sideline is extended to the 10-yard lines on each side.
- No Locker Room use.
- Maximum of 4 Student Assistants on the sideline (student trainer, student manager etc).
- No Pre-Game coin-toss.
- No weekend (Saturday) in-person film review.
Daily Screenings
- If an individual (student, manager, coach) has a temperature above 100.3 F, or has a positive response to the Daily Symptom Tracker, that individual must be removed from the group and their parent or guardian notified.
- The Daily Symptom Tracker must be completed for all participants, managers, coaches and officials.
- The completed Daily Symptom Tracker must be submitted by the coach to the Athletic Director after every contest.

Disinfecting Equipment/Sanitization
- Wash your hands with soap and water (for 20 seconds or longer), or use a hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available, before going to the court/field.
- When not actively playing, please adhere to all proper personal protective equipment (PPE) and facemask protocols.
- Clean and wipe down team equipment. Equipment must be disinfected before, during, and after each use during your practice/competition.
- Hand sanitizer must be made available throughout the facility for use before, during, and after the game on both sidelines, and for officials at half time.
- No shared personal equipment, such as water bottles, hats, helmets, bags, gloves, towels, etc.

Masks
- Everyone must arrive to practice wearing a mask.
- All non-active participants (coaches, volunteers, managers, essential workers, security, medical personnel, and non-working officials) must wear a mask throughout the event/competition. This includes athletes not actively participating in competition.
- All spectators must wear masks.
- Mask restrictions may be more strict depending on the sport.

Social Distancing
- No handshakes before or after games/matches/meets. No high-fives, fist bumps, or elbow bumps.
- No postgame gathering of players, parents and fans.
- Limit spectators per state, county, and local health restrictions.
- In all common areas, seating or standing must be spaced at least six feet apart.
- Student-athletes must practice social distancing while on the bench/sidelines, and should avoid confined areas such as locker rooms if social distancing cannot occur.
- Stagger arrival and drop-off times.
- Use separate entrances and exits for participants, essential workers, officials, media, etc.
- At the conclusion of the event, all participants, coaches, spectators, and essential workers, must leave the facility immediately.
- Post signage provided by CHSAA about symptoms and transmission of COVID-19 around facilities.
- Use an electronic payment system instead of cash for tickets, concessions, merchandise, and payment of officials/essential workers.
- All team personnel must not have contact with spectators until after the contest for departure.

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Transportation & Travel

- Transportation is a local school/district decision.
- Inter- and intrastate travel is a local school/district decision.
- Out-of-state competition is a local school/district decision.

OFFICIALS

The following protocols must be communicated to the contest officials by the school’s athletic director or game manager prior to the contest.

General information

- Athletic directors and game managers should communicate to officials that they should stay home if they are sick or showing any symptoms of COVID-19.

Athletic Director/Game Manager

- Call your contest officials at least 24 hours in advance with the specifics of the time and where to meet the game manager at the contest site. Verify the contest time and directions to the field or court. Share COVID-19 information per your mandates.
- Officials must be included on the Daily Symptom Tracker for that contest.
- If at all possible, contest officials are to come dressed to officiate. If an official can’t come dressed, a clean and sanitized dressing room must be available for the contest officials.
- Although sanitizers should be provided at the site, encourage contest officials to bring their own personal protective equipment, including hand sanitizer, towels, water, gloves, and snacks.
- Schools should pay through electronic payment platforms (Arbiterpay). If not, let the official know you will mail the payment. Do not pay with cash or check onsite.

Officials Pregame Conference

- For outdoor events, provide a private location for officials to conduct a pre-game conference to cover rules, mechanics, and game situations. The location should have at least 3-5 chairs for comfort. For indoor events or in the event of inclement weather during outdoor events, provide a similar private location that is clean and sanitized for officials to hold a pre-game conference.

Disinfecting Equipment/Sanitization

- Contest officials are expected to practice good personal hygiene prior to arriving at the game site and before entering the court or field. If soap and water is not available to a contest official prior to entering a contest facility, then hand sanitizer will suffice.
- When not actively officiating, contest officials must adhere to all proper personal protective equipment (PPE) and facemask protocols and social distancing requirements. Contest officials must not share their personal equipment, such as towels, water, gloves, masks, whistles, etc.

Masks

- Contest officials must wear a mask to and from the court or field and during any coach/official pregame meeting. The contest official must have his mask readily available to wear for extended conferences with the contest officiating table and coaches.
- Some sports may require its contest officials to wear a mask during the competition.
- It is recommended that an official use an electronic whistle to start and stop play.
Social Distancing
- Contest officials are expected to socially distance (minimum of 6 feet) at the facility when not actively officiating the game. Active refers to the start of the contest to its conclusion.
- Contest officials must not be present at any pre or post informal gathering with players, parents or fans.

Waiver of Liability
- All officials must sign a waiver of COVID-19 liability, which will be provided by the school.

QUARANTINE & ISOLATION

In the event of a positive test
- Anyone who has been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 must quarantine.
- Individuals/teams must be quarantined for a minimum of 14 days.

What is determined as close contact?
- You were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes
- They sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on you.
- You provided care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19
- You had direct physical contact with the person (touched, hugged, or kissed them)
- You shared eating or drinking utensils

Duty to Report
- If a team member — including players, coaches, managers, essential workers, etc. — tests positive for COVID-19, it is required that the school report this case to their local health department and any teams/individuals affected. This includes upcoming opponents, as well as opponents in the previous 14 days.
- If a contest official tests positive for COVID-19, it is the official's responsibility to report this case to health officials and any teams/individuals affected.

Isolation
- Individuals who have COVID-19 must isolate for a minimum of 10 days.
- Additionally, individuals must isolate if they have symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, fever or chills, loss of smell or shortness of breath, fatigue or muscle aches, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, headache, sore throat); OR
- If an individual is getting ill and think they might have COVID-19. Symptoms, especially early on, may be mild and feel like a common cold. Symptoms could include a combination of cough, body aches, fatigue, and chest tightness. Some people may not develop fever or fever may not appear until several days into the illness.
2020-2021 FOOTBALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

6-man   Joe Headley, Manzanola (2022)
6-man   Scott Sorenson, Peetz (2022)
8-man   Bryan Dermer, Merino (2021)
8-man   Mark Lowther, Fowler (2023)
1A      Greg Jones, Monte Vista (2023)
1A      Jeff Collins, Estes Park (2022)
2A      Frank Reeves, Middle Park (2023)
3A      Ryan Goddard, Pueblo South (2021)
3A      Autumn Sereno, Green Mountain (2022)
4A      Luke DeWolfe, Steamboat Springs (2023)
4A      John Sullivan, Vista Peak (2022)
5A      Marty Tonjes, Horizon (2022)
5A      Danny Filleman, Regis Jesuit (2023)

DATE OF MEETING: Thursday, December 10, 2020, 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 2021-2022 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.
# MAJOR BYLAW CHANGES
## 2020-2021

1. **ACTIVITY-ONLY MEMBER SCHOOLS**
   -- Constitution & Bylaws, Article 6, Rule 600.4

2. **CLOC COMMITTEE – Sport & Activity Adjustment in Off Years**
   -- Constitution & Bylaws, Article 15, Rule 1510 (e)

3. **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**
   -- Constitution & Bylaws, Article 18, Rule 1800.1

4. **RESTRICTED VARSITY ELIGIBILITY**
   -- Constitution & Bylaws, Article 18, Rule 1800.47

5. **HOMELESS STUDENTS - Eligibility**
   -- Constitution & Bylaws, Article 18, Rule 1870

6. **COACH EJECTION**
   -- Constitution & Bylaws, Article 20, Rule 2010.3

7. **HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL PRACTICE ALLOWED**
   -- Constitution & Bylaws, Article 23, Rule 2310.1

8. **PRACTICE REQUIREMENT CHANGE**
   -- Constitution & Bylaws, Article 23, Rule 2310.3

9. **TEAM COMPOSITION**
   -- Constitution & Bylaws, Article 23, Rule 2850.1

10. **UNIFIED SPORTS**
    -- Constitution & Bylaws, Article 45, Rule 4500, 4510 & 4520

Please note that the CHSAA staff continually updates the CHSAA Constitution and Bylaws when errors are found. The most updated document can be found at [CHSAANOW.com](http://CHSAANOW.com), then clicking on CHSAA.org, Member School Info + Tools, then Bylaws.
2020 CHSAA FOOTBALL CALENDAR & IMPORTANT DATES

September 24 .................................................................First formal practice
September 24-26 ..........................................................No football protective equipment – helmets ONLY
September 28-29 ..........................................................Players full uniform, Pads - No player to player contact
September 30 ...............................................................First day of FULL physical contact
October 8 .................................................................First Allowable Contest
November 14 ..............................................................Football Regular Season Ends
November 15 ..............................................................Football Seeding Meeting
November 20 ..............................................................Football First Round/Plus One Game
November 27 ..............................................................Football Semifinals/Plus One Game
December 5 ..............................................................Football Championship

December 10 ..............................................................CHSAA Football Committee Meeting
@ TBD

ADDITIONAL CALENDAR INFORMATION

INITIAL STARTING DATE
Start of Formal CHSAA Practice: September 24, 2020
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 contest only after the start of practice on September 24th.

Please note: You may have informal practice, camps/clinics prior to September 24, 2020 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: September 24-25-26, – Shoes, jerseys and helmets may be worn
September 28-29 – 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, September 30th. There may be no physical contact between players until Wednesday, September 30th.

FIRST SCRIMMAGE DATE
THERE ARE NO SCRIMMAGES FOR THE 2020 FOOTBALL SEASON.
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 (2) days of contact per week with no more than a total of ninety (90) minutes of contact practice over the course of those two (2) days. No team shall allow for more than thirty-five (35) 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 (70) minutes of contact practice over the course of those two (2) days. No team shall allow for more than thirty-five (35) 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.

- 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

Please use the following steps to start the MaxPreps process:

**EXISTING USERS**
1. Go to [www.maxpreps.com](http://www.maxpreps.com)
2. Select “Sign In” on the top right-hand side of the webpage.
3. Enter your e-mail address – This will be the e-mail address used to access your team.
4. Enter your password that you set when creating the account. If you do not remember your password, you can click the Forgot Password link on the Sign In page or you also can contact MaxPreps support at [support@maxpreps.com](mailto:support@maxpreps.com), or MaxPreps Colorado representative, Gerry Valerio at [gvalerio@maxpreps.com](mailto:gvalerio@maxpreps.com).
5. After entering your password, a person icon will appear at the top right-hand side of the webpage. Hover the mouse cursor over the icon and a dropdown box will appear with your list of coach admin accounts.
6. Click on the team you want to access to go to the coach admin, where you can update your schedule, roster and enter/edit stats.

6. The next time you visit the site, simply click on “Sign In” to access your team.

**NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTORS/COACHES**
1. Go to [www.maxpreps.com](http://www.maxpreps.com)
2. Select “Sign In” on the top right-hand side of the webpage.
3. On the Sign In page, click the Create an Account button in the middle of the page.
4. Enter your email address and complete the prompts through the registration process and select the appropriate role.
5. Once the membership process is completed, you will be prompted to Request Access.
6. Fill out the Request Admin Access form and it will be sent to MaxPreps for review.
7. You also can contact MaxPreps support at [support@maxpreps.com](mailto:support@maxpreps.com) for access, or contact MaxPreps Colorado representative, Gerry Valerio, at [gvalerio@maxpreps.com](mailto:gvalerio@maxpreps.com).
8. Once this is complete you can follow the above instructions for Existing Users to login into your account.
CHSAA COACHES INFORMATION

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 viewing the officials’ rules session from the Colorado High School Coaches Association Clinic in the summer is available on their website; Coaches should be prepared to have a form printed after viewing 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)

To review the bylaw please click on the article or point of emphasis below:

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Important Names and Telephone Numbers:

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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 September 21, 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 September 26th of the formal practice season. |

RULES
All regular season and playoff games will be played under the 2020 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 coin toss shall be conducted at the CHSAA office on Thursday mornings. The coin toss will dictate if the home team or visiting team has won the toss, and will apply to all games, at all levels, played during that competitive week. There will NOT be an on-field coin toss. During pre-game meetings with the head coach, officials will ask the team that has won the toss their choice and will relay that choice to the opposing head coach.

SAMPLE GAME TIME COUNT DOWN
7:00 PM KICKOFF
6:57 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. Length of timeouts may be adjusted by the officiating crew to allow time for water.

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 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.

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**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.

1. The request for express written consent from the host school district should be made no later than Monday of game week. Response to said request should be provided no later than 24 hours prior to kickoff.
2. All FAA policies covering the use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems should be reviewed and followed. These policies can be found at [https://www.faa.gov/uas/](https://www.faa.gov/uas/)
3. Drone usage should remain on the offensive side of the ball.
   a. A minimum of 15 yards behind the deepest offensive back
   b. A minimum vertical height of 40 feet above the playing surface
   c. Remain motionless during live action.

**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 game workers only. Live broadcast personnel (radio, streaming, student broadcasts) are to be permitted where space allows.

Schools and/or school districts will have the final word on how media may or may not access contests during this unprecedented time. CHSAA recommends no practice access be granted to maintain health and safety of all concerned. The decisions will be the sole determination of the school/school districts based on recommendations from local, county, state and federal health guidelines. Schools and school districts should require all media to hold a CHSAA-issued credential.

At CHSAA playoff events, passes will be issued up to ten days in advance of an event. CHSAA will limit access to its events based on local, state and national social distancing guidelines. All media will be required to wear face coverings.

Media members are expected to cooperate with school/school district and CHSAA decisions regarding access to students, coaches and events.

**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
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 lighting 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 10 percent of the season's regularly scheduled matches or contests of the same level. Standard mathematical rounding rules apply. he/she/they may not coach in any other contest at any level during this time.

A coach ejected from a second contest during the same season shall be suspended from coaching for 20 percent of the season's contests of the same level. Standard mathematical rounding rules apply.

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.
CHSAA FOOTBALL FIELD/SIDELINE REMINDERS

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 and are limited to two per sideline. 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.
Defining Team Designated Representative for Penalty Decisions [1-4-1, 1-4-4 (NEW), 2-32-5, 3-5-2, 10-1-1, 10-1-2, 10-2-4] — Prior to the game, the head coach will notify the referee of the designated representative (coach or player) who will make decisions regarding penalty acceptance or declination.

Halftime Intermission Option Following Weather Delay [3-1-6c EXCEPTION (NEW)] — The halftime intermission may be shortened by mutual agreement of opposing coaches if a weather delay occurs during the last three minutes of the second period.

40-Second Play Clock Clarification [3-6-1a(1)e EXCEPTIONS 2 and 3 (NEW)] — To eliminate a potential timing advantage gained by the defensive team, the rules committee approved the play clock being set to 40 seconds when an officials’ time-out is taken for an injury to a defensive player or a defensive player has an equipment issue.

25-Second Play Clock Clarification [3-6-1a(1)f (NEW)] — Following a legal kick when either team is awarded a new series, the play clock will be set to 25 seconds.

Disconcerting Act Foul and Penalty Reclassified [7-1-9 (NEW), 7-1-9 PENALTY (NEW)] — Disconcerting acts or words by the defense has been reclassified from a unsportsmanlike foul to a disconcerting act foul, and the penalty changed from 15 yards to 5 yards.

Spiking the Ball to Conserve Time (7-5-2e EXCEPTION, TABLE 7-5-2e EXCEPTION, TABLE 7-5e EXCEPTION) — The exception to allow a player to conserve time by intentionally throwing the ball forward to the ground immediately after receiving the snap, has been expanded to include any player positioned directly behind the center. This exception now includes snaps that are not hand-to-hand.

2020 EDITORIAL CHANGES

NOCSAE Warning Label, 1-3-1d and g, 1-3-1i (NEW), Table 1-7, 2-33-2, 2-41-9, 3-1-6 (NEW), 3-1-7 (NEW), Table 3-1, 3-4-8, 3-4-9 (NEW), 7-2-5a, 7-5-12, Table 7-5, 8-2-4, 9-5-1d, 9-9 PENALTY, 10-4-2 EXCEPTION, 10-5-1j, Penalty Summary, Official Signal 17 (NEW) and 23, Appendix H (NEW), Index

2020 POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Sportsmanship

2. Intentional Grounding

3. Ineligible Downfield and Line of Scrimmage Formation
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.
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:

2020:
Formal Practice Begins: Thursday, September 24
First Allowable Contest: Wednesday, September 30

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2020 FALL SEASON 8 MAN LEAGUES

Arkansas Valley  Plains  Mountain
Fowler  Akron  Dove Creek
Holly  Caliche  Mancos
Crowley County  Dayspring Christian  Norwood
McClave  Haxtun  Sanford
Springfield  Merino  Sangre de Cristo
Wiley  Sedgwick County  Sargent

Southern  Northwest  Central
Pikes Peak Christian  Gilpin County  Lyons
Simla  Hayden  Elbert
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**2020 FALL SEASON 4A LEAGUES**

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- The higher seed will host both round one and two of the post-season.

**CHSAA PLAYOFF INFORMATION**

**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/her 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, the team with the higher designation will host that game.

EXCEPTIONS:
In 5A, the higher seed shall host both the first and second rounds.

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.
E. A game that is not played due to COVID19 quarantines is considered a no contest and does not carry with it forfeit status for either team involved.

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

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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.

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
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 halftime 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

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*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:
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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:

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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)

## 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

**Alternates 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.
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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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 $6 to each official between league cities. Colorado Springs schools will pay mileage travel stipend of $6 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 neutral site State Championship games.

**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 the 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!!