

46th ANNUAL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

2020 Rules and Regulations for 11-Player and 8-Player

INTRODUCTION

The Representative Council has established parameters for schools hosting playoff games. It should be kept in mind that participation in MHSAA tournaments is voluntary and that expenses of teams are not guaranteed. Cooperation of all schools both entertaining and competing will enable the MHSAA to continue services to member schools and promote meets and tournaments in all sports.

PANDEMIC CONSIDERATIONS:

NO Scrimmages in football are allowed at any time during the fall season.

Consistent with all previous health epidemics, local schools will follow guidance from their respective local health departments, and abide by all state government mandates, to decide locally if their school and students will play. It is understood that some schools will choose NOT to participate in this restarted, shortened fall season. The MHSAA Constitution and Handbook does not require a school to play a sport or enter any MHSAA tournament if that school chooses not to play or instead decides to play the sport in a different season. Schools may still play football in the spring, organizing a local or league schedule but no MHSAA tournament will be offered. The ultimate authority is local control and schools may conduct a sport season at a time different than the MHSAA conducts its season-ending tournaments.

SPECTATORS: Spectator allowance will be determined by the current MDHHS Order and/or the Local health Department.

LIVE BROADCASTING/STREAMING: The live broadcast or streaming of tournament games in all sports at all levels still requires MHSAA permission. If you are a host site with a working Pixellot unit, permission is automatically granted. For sites where the Pixellot unit is not yet working/installed or which are not participating in the NFHS Network, schools may stream games on their own. Please send an email to John Johnson at the MHSAA – john@mhsaa.com – to let us know. Non-school based third party video and audio broadcast/streams require an online application with the MHSAA and payment of applicable rights fees before permission will be granted. Contact John Johnson for more information. No third party is allowed access to your facility unless you have received an email confirmation from the MHSAA Office. The presence of a live video broadcast/stream does not prevent audio broadcasts of any type from taking place for regular-season or post-season tournament games. Complete regulation modifications for the post season can be found on page three of the guidance document you were sent in August - <https://link.edgepilot.com/s/9e678ee9/gWg4caXmvk2mriiXxwT1mA?u=https://www.mhsaa.com/Portals/0/Documents/AD%2520Forms/Stream-Guidance.pdf>

11- PLAYER SCORING SYSTEM

8 - Player Scoring will award only Division 8 points

- (1) Playoff points are earned as follows and are figured only on the basis of games played:

60 points if you defeat a Division 1 team;
55 points if you defeat a Division 2 team;
50 points if you defeat a Division 3 team;
45 points if you defeat a Division 4 team;
40 points if you defeat a Division 5 team;
35 points if you defeat a Division 6 team;
30 points if you defeat a Division 7 team;
25 points if you defeat a Division 8 team;

All varsity football games involving MHSAA member schools must result in a win or loss. Varsity games ending regulation play in a tie score must be decided by the MHSAA-approved overtime procedures. Sub-varsity games will not use the tie-breaking procedure.

- (2) Bonus points are earned for every win by one of your opponents, and are figured only on the basis of games played:

6 bonus points for each Division 1 or 2 opponent win;
5 bonus points for each Division 3 or 4 opponent win;
4 bonus points for each Division 5 or 6 opponent win;
3 bonus points for each Division 7 or 8 opponent win;

Half of the bonus points are earned when an opponent ties.

There are no bonus points for your defeat to the opponent.

- (3) Add the playoff points and write as a fraction. The sum of the playoff points is the numerator and the number of games played is the denominator.

- (4) Add the bonus points for each opponent separately and write the total as a fraction. The bonus points of the opposing team are the numerator and the number of games played by that opponent is the denominator. Then add these two fractions for a total. (After adding the fractions, adjust to a decimal number to the nearest thousandth (92.8888 will become 92.889) to determine the playoff average.)

- (5) Varsity games only are to be counted. Non-varsity games are not recorded.

- (6) Schools may no longer opt up in Football.

- (7) Out-of-state opponents are classified on the basis of Michigan classification.

- (8) The number of points a team scores against an opponent has no bearing on the playoff point system.

(9) **MHSAA Handbook policies on inclement weather (lightning and tornado specifically) shall be followed. The game resumption delays may be extended by host schools as a tournament policy superseding the game time and delay schedules used for regular season.** Regular-season games cancelled because of acts of God or emergency closing of facilities will not be counted unless they are rescheduled and played before Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020. All games **MUST** played before Oct. 25, 2020 that will count toward the playoffs even though the game may not have been reported to the MHSAA.

(10) Games arranged/contracted may count toward playoff points if the agreement to play is the result of game cancellations by previously contracted opponents for reasons of health or lack of available players and subject to MHSAA approval.

(11) Students who transfer from one school to another and are eligible immediately under one or more of the exceptions to the transfer rule and eligible under all other regulations, are eligible for MHSAA tournaments only if they are enrolled in the new school (actual attendance in one or more classes and on the official records of the school) prior to Oct. 1 (fall sports).

Eligibility lists shall be treated the same as during the regular season as in Regulation II, Section 4.

(12) Games forfeited for reasons including but not limited to:

- 1) Use of an ineligible player
- 2) Refusal to play for any reason will be recorded as a win for the aggrieved school and a loss for the offending school. All playoff and bonus points will be awarded even if the game was not played.
- 3) If a member school forfeits a varsity football contest and it is alleged by the opposing school that the forfeit is for reasons other than health or risk issues or other compelling circumstances but rather to avoid competition, the forfeiting school principal, athletic director and head coach must appear before the Executive Committee to show cause why other sanctions should not be applied to the forfeiting school.

(13) Prearranged league games will be figured into the computations if designated prior to Oct. 1. Games played after Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020 will not be figured into the 2020 playoff computations. Leagues and conferences engaged in crossover matchups must submit to the MHSAA office, prior to the start of the regular season, the exact method of matching teams in crossover games.

(14) Out-of-state games played before the selection of First Round District qualifiers will be limited to a maximum of seven (7) games. Whenever a Michigan school or a school playing a Michigan team appears on the schedule of an out-of-state team after the sixth date on that schedule, the last game(s) which does not otherwise contribute bonus points to a Michigan school shall be deleted from the schedule.

(15) Out-of-state schools playing more than seven games continuing beyond Michigan's final regular-season date will not have those final game/games bonus points counted for Michigan playoff standings.

(16) Schools may play the same opponent more than once during the season and receive separate playoff and bonus point totals for each game.

(17) After the first week of competition, football averages as determined by MHSAA systems will be released not later than each Wednesday. It is the intention of the MHSAA to publish names of schools in position to qualify for the playoffs by their team record and/or playoff average. School enrollments and number of scheduled games will be included in the report.

(18) Once qualifying teams are publicized Selection Sunday (Oct. 25, 2020), if it is discovered that a qualifying team used an ineligible player during the regular season and the forfeiture of that game(s) would have caused that qualifying team to not qualify, that team will be withdrawn from the Playoffs but no team will replace it. That team's scheduled Pre-District opponent will receive a 'bye' and advance in the bracket. If it is discovered that a non-qualifying team used an ineligible player, no changes will be made in qualifying teams, their seeding or home and away designations.

(19) 8-Player games will count only for 8-player playoff points. 11-Player games will count only for 11-player playoff points.

REPORTING PROCEDURE

Both teams are responsible for entering the result on the MHSAA website within one hour after the game. Also, schools are responsible for knowing their playoff total and average score. If a discrepancy occurs, the MHSAA is to be notified by the aggrieved school before 4:30 p.m. Thursday of that week.

11-Player Tournament: (Recommended Game Days: Friday Oct. 30 or Sat. Oct.31) Officials availability

Teams May Mutually Agree to play on Thursday Oct.29

- There are 507 teams split into eight divisions of 63-64 schools. This has caused 20 schools to drop a division from last April when original division lines had 65-66 schools in each division. These division changes will be reflected online later today in updated playoff points.
- Schools have been geographically assigned to eight Districts in each division, with 7-8 schools in each District. Here is the link to the Football District assignments
<https://www.mhsaa.com/portals/0/documents/FB/2020/2020%20Districts%2009-25-2020.pdf>
- Playoff points will create the brackets in each District. For the District First Round games, the following formula will be used. If a District has only seven teams, the #1 seed would receive a first round bye.
 - #1 vs. #8
 - #4 vs. #5
 - #3 vs. #6
 - #2 vs. #7
- Playoff points will determine home/host teams for the first four rounds of the playoffs. Semifinal sites will be prearranged sites if possible and the Finals site(s) will be finalized soon.
- The playoffs will be conducted over six weeks.
 - Oct. 30-31: District First Round
 - Nov. 6-7: District Semifinals
 - Nov. 13-14: District Finals
 - Nov. 20-21: Regional Finals
 - Nov. 27-28: Semifinals

➤ Dec. 5-6: Finals

- During the playoffs, if a school is unable to play, the opponent advances in the tournament. If both teams scheduled to play during a week are unable to do so, neither team advances in the tournament.
- Once a school has been eliminated from the playoffs, no further football competition may take place for that team. If a school opts-out of the tournament, that school would not be permitted further football competition this fall.
- A team must have at least four regular season contests to be tournament eligible and qualified.

8-Player Tournament: (Recommended Game Days: Thursday Oct. 29 or Saturday Oct. 31) Officials Availability

- The 8-Player format is the same as 2019, except the number of playoff qualifiers doubles from 16 per division to 32.
- There are 78 teams split into two divisions. Division 1 has 40 schools and Division 2 has 38. There is no change in the division lines from April, when both divisions had 42 schools each.
- On Selection Sunday, playoff points will determine the top 32 teams in each division.
- Those 32 teams will be drawn into four Regions of eight teams each.
- If school(s) complete a fall season but do not qualify for the playoffs, those school(s) may schedule a game during the week of Oct. 29-31 against another school also not included in the playoffs.
- Playoff points will create the brackets in each Region. For the Regional First Round games, the following formula will be used:
 - #1 vs. #8
 - #4 vs. #5
 - #3 vs. #6
 - #2 vs. #7
- Playoff points will determine home/host teams for the first four rounds of the playoffs. The Finals site(s) will be finalized soon.
- The playoffs will be conducted over five weeks.
 - Oct. 29 or 31: Regional First Round- note that 8-player games in week one of the tournament can be played on Thursday or Saturday.
 - Nov. 6-7: Regional Semifinals
 - Nov. 13-14: Regional Finals
 - Nov. 20-21: Semifinals
 - Nov. 28: Finals
- During the playoffs, if a school is unable to play, the opponent advances in the tournament. If both teams scheduled to play during a week are unable to do so, neither team advances in the tournament.
- Once a school has been eliminated from the playoffs, no further football competition may take place for that team this fall.
- A team must have at least four regular season contests to be tournament eligible and qualified.

TEAM SELECTION PROCESS

ALL 11-Player participating schools that desire to have tournament entry in a SIX week playoff will be placed in 8 separate divisions. A minimum of four (4) games must be played to be declared a qualifier

All 8-Player participating schools that desire to have tournament entry in a FIVE week playoff will be placed in 2 separate divisions. A minimum of four (4) games must be played to be declared a qualifier.

Qualifiers will be selected as follows:

- (1) Divisional alignments – All Divisions will be assigned based on a schools desire to participate.
- (2) All participating schools will be placed in divisions based on enrollment and based on playoff points
- (3) If two or more teams finish with an identical average, the tie will be broken as follows:
 - (a) If the tied teams played each other, the winner will receive the higher ranking.
 - (b) If a tie still exists, the wins of your opponents will be totaled and divided by the total games played and the higher percentage will be selected for the higher ranking.
 - (c) If a tie still exists, the team will be selected by a coin toss conducted by the MHSAA staff in the East Lansing office.

DISTRICT First Round, DISTRICT Semifinals and District FINALS PAIRINGS and GAME HOSTS

- (1) Changes in home and away designations and opponents within a Pre-District may be made no later than 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 26, if they are the result of MHSAA clerical error. **Games may be played on Friday at 7 p.m. or 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 1 p.m., 7 p.m. or 7:30 p.m., unless teams mutually agree to a different time.**
- (3) In the second week of playoffs the Teams with the highest playoff average will host the District championship game.
- (4) When the distance between competing schools is within 75 miles, the host school will determine the day, site, and time of game. Games may be played at 7 or 7:30 p.m. Thursday or Friday, 1 p.m. Saturday afternoon or at 7 or 7:30 p.m. Saturday. If the distance between schools is over 75 miles, agreement as to date and time must be made by both schools. If agreement is not reached, the game must be played Saturday afternoon.
- (5) When distance is an issue an alternate site mutually agreed upon by the principals of the competing schools may be used at any time.
- (6) Schools listed as being on a probationary status with no hosting or reimbursement privileges may not host any level of competition and will not receive any share of competition receipts or reimbursement for participation.

REGIONAL GAME HOSTS

- (1) Regional championship games will be hosted by the District winner with the highest regular-season playoff average. If both teams have the same average, the tie will be broken by the published tiebreaker procedure.
- (2) Game times will be determined on the same basis as District First Round, District Finals

GENERAL REGULATIONS

- (1) Forfeitures – The MHSAA must be notified in writing as soon as a forfeiture is known but no later than 24 hours after the occurrence. Written notification should include game details and full explanation of forfeiture. The forfeiting school has the primary obligation of notification.
- (2) The 10-yard line overtime rule outlined in the Football Rule Book will be in effect for all varsity regular-season and playoff games. The Point Differential Rule will be in effect during regular season and playoffs.
- (3) There is to be no practice on game fields the week prior to Pre-District, District, Regional, Semifinal and Final games (unless approved by the MHSAA). Host schools are exempt from this regulation. Qualifiers may not practice in Ford Field once the playoff teams have been determined.
- (4) Roster: A maximum of seven (7) school coaches and four (4) managers/statisticians will be permitted in the team boxes during all playoff games. All persons not in uniform and on the sideline must have a pass. Head coaches must be mindful of sideline control issues that will be officiated to the spirit and letter of the rule. All substitutes must be in the same color and design legal uniform.
- (5) A maximum of four (4) Pre-District, District, Regional, and Semifinal **SCOUTING PASSES** will be given to competing schools for the game played in the opposite bracket of their division.
- (6) **Cheerleaders** -- A maximum of 12 cheerleaders in uniform, including mascots, will be admitted and a maximum of 12 may lead cheers from the field. Schools with more than 12 varsity cheerleaders during the regular season may include those cheerleaders during the playoffs, but sub-varsity cheerleaders may not be brought up for the postseason games. Cheer squads shall follow either the MHSAA **Cheerleading Guidelines** or the guidelines approved by their local school district for regular cheerleading, whichever is more restrictive & limiting. Local school districts are RESPONSIBLE for enforcing restrictions which are more limiting than the MHSAA guidelines. All cheer squads shall adhere to all guidelines provided by the tournament manager. Representative Council action in May of 2004 prohibits tunnels for players by spectators, bands or others (but permitted for cheerleaders) at any location and any level of MHSAA tournament play.
- (7) Schools should furnish their own **TEAM PHYSICIAN**. The host manager, however, is required to have medical personnel on duty and to secure emergency ambulance service if possible. Schools are to notify the MHSAA if they do not have a physician for the Final game.
- (8) Host schools may not conduct 50-50 drawings or special raffles at MHSAA tournament games.
- (9) Merchandise sold at playoff sites must be from an approved MHSAA vendor.

YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY

During the MHSAA Tournament events, the MHSAA expects all designated managers, volunteer or paid staff assisting in the event, officials, or any other personnel to follow local school district policy and state statute regarding the mandatory reporting of child abuse, bullying, hazing and sexual harassment. A report of such activity shall be made to legal authorities and to the MHSAA Executive Director or his designee.

IMAGE TAKING DEVICES in LOCKER ROOM

Using devices of any kind to capture or transmit images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms, dressing areas, training rooms, weighing rooms, showers, restrooms, or other areas where there is an expectation of privacy during MHSAA tournament events. Tournament managers or athletic directors that discover such use should move immediately to have the device removed and inform the head coach or athletic director of the identity and nature of the activity of the person involved.

TOURNAMENT GAME BALL

Each competing school will present (3) NFHS legal and MHSAA-approved game balls of its choice from those listed in the Wilson product line. **In 2020 teams winning the First Round Contest will receive one complimentary Wilson football after the tournament.**

The Representative Council has affirmed that all games of the MHSAA Football Playoffs will use any of the models of the Wilson footballs that are consistent with National Federation Football Specifications.

In the event that one of the participating schools does not provide appropriate game balls, those schools will use one of the approved Wilson models provided by the opposing school. If the school refuses to use the opposing team ball, the game will be forfeited.

TOBACCO and ALCOHOL POLICY

Use of alcohol or tobacco, including e-cigarettes or other smoking devices, is prohibited at MHSAA tournament events by players, coaches and spectators. Managers should stress in coaches meetings that they are not to use tobacco at the tournament venue.

GAME TIME

District Games -- See preceding page, "Game Hosts" (No. 4).

Regional Games -- See preceding page, "Regional Game Hosts."

11- and 8-Player Player Semifinal Games -- The games will be played Friday evening (MHSAA designated) or Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. as predetermined. At sites where two games are scheduled, game times will be 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., with separate admissions for each game. If local conditions allow, game management may schedule consecutive games with one admission of \$8. Semifinal games may be televised live as selected by the MHSAA and the TV production company.

11- and 8-Player Final Games -- All 11-Player Final games TBA. 8-Player Finals games site is Midland HS.

UNIFORMS

(All dark and white jersey colors may be switched if mutually agreed upon by the two competing teams.)

District Games -- Home teams (teams with the highest playoff average) are to wear dark-colored jerseys and the visiting team white-colored jerseys.

Regional Games -- Home teams are to wear dark-colored jerseys and the visiting team white-colored jerseys.

Semifinal Games -- Teams with the higher playoff average will be home teams and are to wear dark-colored jerseys; visiting teams are to wear white-colored jerseys.

Final Games -- Winners with the higher playoff average will be home teams and wear dark-colored jerseys.

PREGAME – PUBLIC ADDRESS ANNOUNCER and TIMERS

The host First Round District, District Finals, Regional, Semifinal, and Final management will select the P.A. announcers and timers.

Pre-game clock starts at least 20 minutes before kickoff. Clock should be set so time is at 0:00 five minutes prior to kickoff time. (For example: 7 p.m. game time, place 55 minutes on clock at 6 p.m. – clock will be at 0:00 at 6:55 p.m. anthem start.

Coin toss at 20-minute mark.

Team Introductions at 4-minute mark (teams not required to be on the field).

Playing of the National Anthem with 0:00 on clock, (Bands either in the stands or in either end zone, no further than the 25-yard line).

Kickoff immediately after the National Anthem observance.

Note: Teams are required to be on the field and on respective sidelines for the playing of the National Anthem.

PRE-GAME and HALFTIME ENTERTAINMENT for all PLAYOFF GAMES

Participation by school bands is optional. If the participating schools do not have a band, the MHSAA will determine the pre-game and halftime entertainment at the Finals. Representative Council action in May of 2004 prohibits tunnels for players by spectators, bands or others (but permitted for cheerleaders) at any location and any level of MHSAA tournament play. **Representative Council action in May of 2007 requires the following policy: Bands may play during the pregame, any dead ball, halftime and after the game, and bands may play from the official's dead ball whistle until players break the huddle for traditional huddle offenses or to the official's whistle for ready to play when non-traditional, no-huddle offenses are used.**

Bands will play either from the stands or in either end zone, no further than the 25-yard line.

The following will prevail if both bands desire to participate.

Pregame -- Bands from schools designated "home" teams may play the National Anthem. If they prefer not to play, the "visiting" team band may play.

Halftime -- Bands from schools designated "visitors" may perform the first seven (7) minutes of the half. The "home team" band may perform the second seven (7) minutes of the half. Time allotted includes entering and leaving the field. Bands must be off the field at least three minutes before the start of the second half.

Schools may use pompon routines, choral or other school groups if they wish, but the maximum time allotted for each school is seven minutes. Local management is not to be expected to furnish risers, backdrops, etc. If a school chooses not to perform, the opposing school may use their allotted time (not to exceed 14 minutes). If a specific announcer is required for the halftime show, arrangements must be made the preceding week with managers of Pre-District, District, Regional, and Semifinal game sites. Schools competing in the Finals must make arrangements with the MHSAA office.

TROPHIES and MEDALS

No First round Trophy or medals

Districts and Regionals -- A trophy will be awarded to the winning team at each District Final and Regional Final game. In addition, 50 medals will be awarded to each winning team. For those teams with more than 50 players, additional medals may be purchased through the MHSAA office at the competing team's expense. Please contact the MHSAA for further information.

Finals -- Trophies will be awarded to the winner and runner-up schools in each division after the Final game; 50 medals will be awarded to each winning and runner-up team in each division. For those teams with more than 50 players additional medals may be purchased through the MHSAA office at the competing team's expense. Members of the MHSAA Representative Council will make postgame award presentations.

OFFICIALS

The Football Officials Assignment Committee will assign officials to all District Semifinal, District Final, Regional Final, Semifinal and Finals playoff games. It is recommended that officials selected to work District and District games will receive \$65 per game with 5-person crews being used in all games. Regional game officials will be paid \$68 per game with 5-person crews being used in all games. Semifinal and Final game officials will receive \$70 per game and these 11-player games will use 7-person crews.

Mileage -- Pre-District, District, Regional and Semifinal officials will receive mileage in excess of 50 miles paid at the rate of 30 cents per mile round trip starting with the 51st mile.

Coin Toss -- At 20 minutes prior to game time, the officials will call team captains together for the coin toss. Visiting team captain will call first.

Chain Crew -- The home management is to select a **four**-person chain crew. The fourth person is to manage the spot of the ball and the placement of the clips for on-field measurements. It is recommended that registered officials should work the yardage chains; however, local management may use their home crew if they have been regulars in that capacity. If possible, the crew is to be in full officials' uniform and will be reimbursed \$15 per individual, per game (no mileage).

Media -- Officials are not to be involved with any microphone hook-ups, TV or radio interviews -- no exceptions.

Timeouts -- All timeouts are not to be less than 70 seconds in length. This includes breaks between quarters and after scoring plays.

PROGRAMS

Host schools during the first four rounds of playoffs will provide their own programs.

PRESS, RADIO, and TELEVISION

All requests for press space are to be directed to the game manager (MHSAA for Final games). **Radio and television requests for all games are to be directed to the MHSAA.** Managers are not to permit broadcasts without clearance from the MHSAA.

VIDEOTAPING or FILMING

Competing Schools -- Per Representative Council, unless other arrangements are mutually agreed upon, as a last resort, each school will make available by 9 a.m. on Monday in the office of its school principal the required film or videotape for the "exchange."

Teams will exchange videos/films of their two most recent games by 9 a.m. Monday following "Selection Sunday" unless both schools agree on another arrangement. The procedure of exchanging videos/films of the two previous games played prior to the scheduled playoff game will continue throughout the tournament. Schools refusing to cooperate will be reported to the MHSAA. A competing school desiring to videotape or film a Pre-District, District, Regional, Semifinal and/or Final Football Playoff game must receive permission to reserve space in the press box from the tournament manager. Films of losing teams in the playoffs taken at the Pre-District, District, Regional or Semifinal games may not be used for scouting purposes by winning teams in the opposite bracket. Schools wishing to videotape/film games **at other sites** may do so without securing advanced permission but must film from the stands or spectator standing area if press box space is not available. **End zone filming is permitted by competing teams during the MHSAA tournament with equipment that is easily transported and that is specifically designed for end zone filming** The film/tape is not to be used to second-guess decisions made by game officials and may not be sold, rented, or loaned for commercial purposes.

Media Taping/Filming -- The filming/taping of MHSAA events must be cleared through the Michigan High School Athletic Association. Members of the media may, without paying a fee, arrange with local tournament managers to take clips of MHSAA events for public showing. Under no condition may an entire athletic event be filmed or taped for showing without advance clearance through the MHSAA and the local tournament manager.

Spectator Videotaping/Filming for all Football Playoff Games -- Spectators may videotape games without prior consent of the tournament manager with the understanding that the tape/film may not be sold, leased, borrowed, or rented for commercial purposes. The tournament manager should not permit spectators to interfere with the view of other spectators or news media personnel covering the games.

Live Television Coverage -- Radio Coverage -- No radio or television origination is permitted at any site until application has been made through the MHSAA, fee paid and authorization given by the MHSAA through the tournament manager.

Delayed Television -- Arrangements for tape-delayed broadcasts must be made through the MHSAA office and only one origination will be allowed at a tournament site. A fee is required for each football game at each site. Contact the MHSAA office for additional information.

FOX Sports Detroit Pre-Finals Television Coverage - During the first four weeks of the Football Playoffs, there will be four games selected for live video streaming by the MHSAA Network through the FoxSportsDetroit.com Website. Priority will be given to sites based on the following:

- 1 – Ability to accommodate the two-camera, one-announcer crew;
- 2 – Access to appropriate Internet connectivity in the football stadium press box; or
- 3 – Ability to access Internet connectivity from the school building if in close proximity to the football stadium.

Finals Television -- The Finals of the MHSAA Football Playoffs will be televised statewide by FOX Sports Detroit.

Finals Press Conference

At the conclusion of each championship game each head coach will be required to attend a press conference to meet with the media covering the contest. Coaches may bring up to three players to the press conference.

TICKETS/PASSES

The MHSAA will use GoFan for ALL levels of the football tournament. (See audit info.) The GoFan convenience fee for each ticket is \$1 plus 5% of the price of the ticket.

Ticket prices (includes GoFan fees):

District - \$7.30

Single-session Regional - \$7.30

Multiple-session Regional games and a single admission is charged - \$8.35

Single-session Semifinal - \$9.40

Multiple-session Semifinal - \$10.45

8-Player Final - \$11.50

11-Player Final - \$19.90

Each competing school at the Pre-District, District, Regional and Semifinals may purchase an allotment of tickets, not to exceed **CURRENT MDHHS ALLOWANCES** Each competing school will receive 10 game passes from the manager to be used for crowd management purposes. Band members in full uniform representing competing schools will be admitted without charge. No passes will be honored including league passes, coaches' passes, etc.

8 – Player Finals: Date: Sat., Nov. 28 Site Midland HS
Tickets \$11.50 (includes GoFan fees)

11-PLAYER FINAL GAMES --TICKETS/PASSES

All tickets for Final games will be \$19.90 per day **and will not include the cost of parking in Ford Field lots**. The ticket holder will be admitted to all four games that day. A separate admission will be required each time an individual enters the stadium. Each competing school will receive 10 passes to be used for crowd management purposes. There will be no sale of reserved seats for Final games.

MHSAA 2020 SEMIFINAL FOOTBALL GAMES

11- and 8-Player Semifinal Games: 8-Player games may be played on Fri., Nov. 20 (MHSAA Approved) or Sat., Nov. 21, 2020. 11-Player games may be played on Friday Nov. 27 (MHSAA Approved) or Saturday Nov. 28. Game times will be 7pm on Friday. Saturday 1 p.m. unless one site is scheduled for two games. In that event, there will be two separate sessions at 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. or a double header at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. (MHSAA may approve a different start time)
For 11-player Football Semifinals games in 2020, the team with the greater number of playoff points will host the Semifinal game. If the distance using Apple Maps between the two Semifinal schools is 200 miles or more, the MHSAA will assign that game at a prearranged site if one can be secured in a reasonable location.
A public release announcing sites and times will be made Monday morning, Nov. 30, 2020. Based on available venue Internet connectivity, as many Semifinal games as possible will be streamed live on the FoxSportsDetroit.com and MHSAA.tv Websites.
Home teams (teams with highest POP) are to wear dark jerseys; visiting teams are to wear white jerseys.

2020 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 5 - 6, 2020

(All 11-Player games at Ford Field, Detroit, Michigan)

	Division	Time	Manager
Saturday Dec. 5	TBA	10 a.m.	MHSAA Staff
	TBA	1 p.m.	
	TBA	4:30 p.m.	
	TBA	7:30 p.m.	
	Division	Time	Manager
Sunday, Dec. 6	TBA	10 a.m.	MHSAA Staff
	TBA	1 p.m.	
	TBA	4:30 p.m.	
	TBA	7:30 p.m.	

Semifinal winners with the highest playoff point average will be home teams and wear dark-colored jerseys. Visitors will wear white-colored jerseys.