

2009 Boys Football Tournament Regulations

These regulations were adopted by the Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors on May 7, 2009.

The Commissioner is authorized to modify these regulations when it is deemed necessary by the Commissioner, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 1 – TOURNAMENT ORGANIZATION

1. Sponsorship & Management

The Ohio High Athletic Association sponsors the Regional and State Football Tournaments. Each tournament game shall be conducted in accordance with the 2009 Football Tournament Regulations and the 2009 OHSAA Football Manual. A game manager shall be approved by the OHSAA Commissioner to manage each football tournament contest. The OHSAA Commissioner is the final authority on all questions and situations arising from the regulations and the management of the football tournament.

2. School Sponsored Football Team Schedule

OHSAA member schools that sponsor a varsity football team shall enter their home games and accept their away games in the myOHSAA system by May 15. Games played with non-OHSAA members (home or away) must be entered by the OHSAA member school. In order for a schedule change to be used for the tournament rating purposes the following conditions apply:

- 2.1 Any addition/deletion or change must be entered into myOHSAA before the game is played and;
- 2.2 There must be a written, signed agreement between the opposing schools dated prior to the date of the game, but not later than October 5, 2009 and;
- 2.3 Provided there is not a cancellation of a game already under contract, except if the date becomes open due to the prospective opponent school being on strike or discontinuing its football schedule and;
- 2.4 The game is not a “playoff” game involving intraleague or interleague play.

3. Division Assignments

The division to which a school is assigned is based upon the male enrollment of the school in grades 9-11 as reported by the State Department of Education. Divisions were established for a two-year period beginning August 1, 2009. Divisions will be realigned for the 2011 tournament. Note that the number of schools sponsoring football may change from one year to the next.

The division ranges with point values are:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Male Enrollment</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>No. of Schools</u>
I	518 or More	6.0	120
II	349 – 517	5.5	118
III	252 – 348	5.0	120
IV	177 – 251	4.5	119
V	125 – 176	4.0	120
VI	124 or less	3.5	<u>121</u>
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4. Eligibility for Football Tournament Participation

In order to be eligible for regional tournament participation the following requirements must be met:

- 4.1 The school must be a member of the OHSAA and in good standing.
- 4.2 A regular season football schedule must be submitted on myOHSAA as required above.
- 4.3 An eligibility certificate listing all eligible players on the football team must be filed in the high school principal's office prior to the first regular season game.
- 4.4 The football team must play a minimum of eight regular season varsity high school games.

4.5 All regular season game results must be provided to the OHSAA by 11:00 P.M. on October 31.

5. Football Team Computer Rating System

The procedure used to rate football teams is based upon a system developed by Jack Harbin of Cleveland and used with his permission. The Board of Control has modified the original system. Each team will earn points as explained below.

POINT SYSTEM

On the first level:

Points are earned for each game a team wins.

(FULL VALUE)

Points are earned for each game a team ties.

(ONE-HALF VALUE)

On the second level:

Points are earned for each game a defeated opponent wins.

(FULL VALUE)

Points are earned for each game a defeated opponent ties.

(ONE-HALF VALUE)

Points are earned for each game a tied opponent wins.

(ONE-HALF VALUE)

Points are earned for each game a tied opponent ties.

(ONE-FOURTH VALUE)

Points are earned on the following basis:

Division VI opponent win – 3.5 points; tie – 1.75 points

Division V opponent win – 4.0 points; tie – 2.0 points

Division IV opponent win – 4.5 points; tie – 2.25 points

Division III opponent win – 5.0 points; tie – 2.5 points

Division II opponent win – 5.5 points; tie – 2.75 points

Division I opponent win – 6.0 points; tie – 3.0 points

5.1 First Level Points are awarded for

- a. Each game a team wins (full value)
- b. Each game a team ties (half value)
- c. No points are awarded for game lost

5.2 Second Level Points are awarded as a result of a team defeating or tying an opponent according to the following formula:

- a. Defeating an opponent awards to the winner the loser's first level points.
- b. Tying an opponent awards the team one half the opponent's first level points.
- c. No second level points are awarded for losing to an opponent.
- d. A divisor is used to determine second level points. It is based on the number of games that opponents have played to date. For each open date that an opponent has had to date, a smaller divisor is used to calculate second level points.

Note: Before any games are played, the computer assumes that the opponents on each school's schedule will play a full complement of games and assigns the divisor of 100 (10 weeks times 10 opponents=100). After each week of the season, for each open date that occurs for an opponent that a school has played to date, the computer subtracts the divisor by one. In other words, if week five has just been completed and all five of a school's opponents have played a full complement of games, then the divisor remains at 100, and second level points are divided by 100. If one opponent on a school's schedule to date has an open date, then the divisor reduces by one to 99, and second level points are divided by 99, and so on. The second level points are then multiplied by the factor 10 in order to move the decimal point higher so that the averages are comparable to those in past years.

5.3 Non-member OHSAA school opponents are assigned a point value based upon male enrollment in grades 9-11. Second level points are awarded based upon the point value of the OHSAA non-member school multiplied times the number of victories by the non-member school (one-half value for a tie).

Note: It is the responsibility of the OHSAA member school to report the weekly results of the games of non-member OHSAA by entering the information into myOHSAA by 10 A.M. on the Monday following the game.

- 5.31 When the non-member school plays more than 10 regular season games, only the first 10 games will count unless the game with the OHSAA member school is the 11th game in which case the nine games preceding it shall be counted.
- 5.32 When the non-member school plays less than 10 regular season games, the open dates will be considered an open date except in those states which conduct a state tournament in which case the first round tournament game in those states will be counted, when the first round game is played before the final OHSAA football computer ranking is completed.
- 5.4 Calculation of Points for Ranking Purposes
Each week, a team's first level points will be added to the team's second level points. The total points obtained will be divided by the number of games played to obtain a per game average. Teams will then be ranked within each region based upon their per game average. The margin of victory is not a factor. A win by one point or 20 points counts only as a win. In order to be eligible for tournament participation, a team must play a minimum of eight games. If a team plays less than eight games during the season, the divisor for the end of season rankings will be eight.

6. Reporting Regular Season Results

- 6.1 Regular season results, during the first nine weeks, must be posted on the myOHSAA site by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday following the game. The OHSAA member host school is primarily responsible. However, the visiting member school shares the responsibility. Results not posted by the deadline will result in a \$150 fine for each school.
- 6.2 It is the responsibility of the OHSAA member school to report the results of games played by any non-member school which it has defeated.
- 6.3 Games on Friday, October 30, 2009 must be posted on myOHSAA by 11:00 A.M. Saturday October 31, 2009 or as instructed by the OHSAA. The OHSAA member host school is primarily responsible. However, the visiting member school shares the responsibility. Results not posted by the deadline will result in a \$150 fine for each school.
- 6.4 Games on Saturday, October 31, 2009 must be posted on myOHSAA no later than 11:00 P.M. The OHSAA member host school is primarily responsible. However, the visiting member school shares the responsibility. Results not posted by the deadline will result in a \$150 fine for each school and may not be utilized in the rankings.
- 6.5 Games played or completed after midnight October 31, 2009 will not count in the computer rankings.

The OHSAA Computer Rankings will be released after the game results of the first four weeks of the season. The rankings will be available on the OHSAA web site (www.ohsaa.org) and through the Associated Press on a weekly basis through the end of the season.

The rankings *do not* reflect the relative strengths of teams nor do they predict the results of future games. Rankings are used by the OHSAA to select the best teams for the tournaments based upon the caliber of their opponents.

7. Regional Qualifying Teams

The eight schools with the highest per game average of points in each region will qualify for the regional football tournament. If a school chooses not to participate in the regional tournament, the school with the next higher per game average will become a qualifier.

- 7.1 In case of a tie in any region for the eighth qualifying team, the point values of the tied teams shall be calculated using the third level of competition to break the tie.

On the third level of competition:

Points are earned for each game that a defeated opponent's defeated opponents may win (FULL VALUE)

Points are earned for each game that a defeated opponent's defeated opponents may tie (ONE-HALF VALUE)

INTERPRETATION #1: Team A and Team B after 10 games of the regular season are tied for eighth place in their region, each with an average of 7.6500 points. By using the third level of competition for Team A and Team B, it is determined that Team A earned, with third level points,

an average of 12.3500 points and Team B earned, with third level points, an average of 13.2785 points. Team B qualifies for a regional tournament, Team A does not.

INTERPRETATION #2: After 10 games of the regular season Team C and Team D are tied for eighth place in their region; each with an average of 12.4500 points. It is determined that Team C had played and defeated an out-of-state school opponent. There are no third level competition points available when an out-of-state or non-member opponent is involved. When the third level of competition cannot be applied in the case of a tie the following steps shall be followed in the order listed.

- 1) The team that won in head-to-head competition.
- 2) If the teams did not play each other, the team with the most regular season victories will qualify.
- 3) If the teams have the same number of regular season victories, the team whose opponents earned the most victories will qualify.
- 4) If the total victories of the opponents are equal, the team with the highest victory percentage will qualify.
- 5) If the teams have identical victory percentages there will be a blind draw conducted by the Commissioner to determine the qualifying team.

7.2 In the event there is an error in determining tournament qualifiers, the OHSAA reserves the right to make the correction and to insert the correct team into the tournament provided the error is discovered prior to 12 P.M. (noon) Tuesday of the week of the regional quarterfinal game. If the error is discovered after the regional quarterfinal game has been played, no change will be made.

7.3 If there is a forfeiture of one or more regular season games after the qualifying teams have been announced and the team announcing the forfeiture is a qualifier and would not qualify for the tournament when the forfeiture(s) is counted, only the qualifying team that forfeits will be removed from the tournament. Their line on the tournament bracket may be taken by the highest ranked non-qualifying team when the qualifying teams were first announced **or** the last team defeated **provided** the ineligibility is determined on or before 12:00 P.M. (noon) Tuesday of the week the game is scheduled to be played. The line on the bracket will remain vacant (a bye) if the ineligibility is determined after 12:00 P.M. (noon) on Tuesday of the week of the game is scheduled **or** if the new eligible team chooses not to participate. **Note: The computer rankings will not be rerun in any other region.**

8. Notification of Regional Qualifying Teams

Qualifiers and pairings for the regional quarterfinals will be available on the OHSAA web site (www.ohsaa.org) and through the Associated Press by 2 P.M. on Sunday, November 1, 2009.

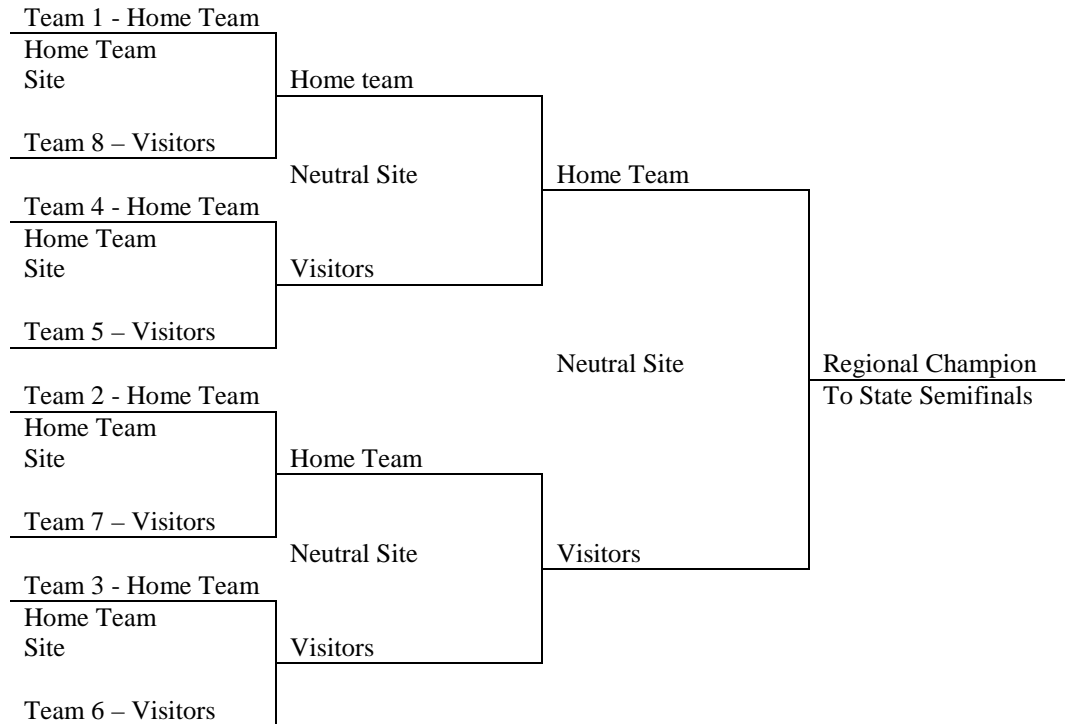
Teams that finish 1-4 in the final computer rankings will be the host (home) teams for finishers 5-8. Host sites are required to select a game manager. Game managers are required to meet at 1:00 P.M. at the Holiday Inn, 7007 N. High St, Worthington 43085 on Monday, November 2, 2009.

9. Region Assignments

NOTE: The number preceding the school name is the school identification number, not the enrollment. For complete list of region assignment, click on link www.ohsaa.org.

10. Regional Pairings – 2009 OHSAA Football Tournaments

Regional Quarterfinals	Regional Semifinals	Regional Finals	Winner to State Semifinals
Top 4 Teams Host	Neutral Sites - no Rebracketing	Neutral Sites – no Rebracketing	Neutral Sites - rebracketing may occur



Note: Team on top of bracket is the home team and will wear the dark jersey.

11. Regional Dates and Times

Quarterfinals		
Friday, Nov. 6	Division II, III, V	7:30 P.M.
Saturday, Nov. 7	Division I, IV, VI	7:00 P.M.
Semifinals		
Friday, Nov. 13	Division II, III, V	7:30 P.M.
Saturday, Nov. 14	Division I, IV, VI	7:00 P.M.
Finals		
Friday, Nov. 20	Division II, III, V	7:30 P.M.
Saturday, Nov. 21	Division I, IV, VI	7:00 P.M.

12. State Dates and Times

Semifinals

Friday, Nov. 27 Division II, III, V 7:30 P.M.

Saturday, Nov. 28 Division I, IV, VI 7:00 P.M.

Finals

Friday, Dec. 4 Division III 11:00 A.M. - Massillon

Division V 3:00 P.M. - Canton

Division II 7:00 P.M. – Massillon

Saturday, Dec. 5 Division IV 11:00 A.M. – Canton

Division VI 3:00 P.M. – Massillon

Division I 7:00 P.M. – Canton

SECTION 2 – TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT

1. Tournament Sites

1.1 Regional quarterfinal games will be played at the home site of the highest ranked teams in each region. Quarterfinal games will be played at the time and on the date as adopted by the Board of Control. If the site of the higher ranked team is not available at that time/date then the higher ranked team shall obtain a neutral site. If a neutral site is not available the game will be played at the opponent's field. When the host site has an unlighted field the game will be played at 1:30 p.m. on November 7.

1.2 The Commissioner will select the sites for all regional semi, final and the state semifinal games. The site of all tournament games will be based upon the best site available and, when feasible, in a general area between the two schools.

1.3 The Commissioner retains the authority to assign any tournament game to the home site of a competing team, but primary consideration is given to a site not used as a home site by either team during the regular season.

2. Game Manager

There shall be a game manager for each game site. The manager will be responsible for hiring and supervising personnel necessary for the administration of the game; e.g., media coordinator, ticket sellers, ticket takers, ushers, clock operators, and police. The manager will conduct each tournament game in accordance with the 2009 Tournament Regulations and current football management guidelines. The manager shall be responsible to the Commissioner.

3. Management Restrictions

3.1 Prohibited Advertising

There shall be no advertising through printed media, billboards, radio, or television that includes beer, wine, liquor, tobacco, political parties or candidates or any other information contrary to the philosophy of the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

3.2 Raffles Prohibited

There shall be no raffles nor any type of games of chance permitted at the site of football tournament games during the period beginning one hour prior to the game and ending one hour after the game has ended.

3.3 Prohibited Sales

The sale of, the distribution of, and the consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted at the site of any contest involving OHSAA member schools. The sale of clothing, souvenirs or any other item at the game site is prohibited without written permission of the OHSAA Commissioner.

3.4 Air Horns/Noisemaker Prohibited

Air horns are not permitted in the stadium. Noisemakers that require electric or power of other sorts are prohibited.

4. **Property Damage**

There is no insurance covering property damage. If property is damaged at a tournament site by competing school teams, student body or spectators, that school shall be liable and pay the cost of repair or replacement. The game manager is authorized to deduct from the offending school's expense reimbursement or bonus the cost of any damages. Other damages to facilities not attributed to a competing school could be a legitimate tournament expense and may be deducted from tournament receipts. Extensive damage must be reported to the Commissioner as soon as possible after the event. Student crowd control at OHSAA sponsored tournaments is the responsibility of the principals of the competing schools.

5. **Unsportslike Conduct Penalty**

During participation in OHSAA Football Tournaments any athlete or coach ejected for unsportslike conduct or a flagrant foul shall be ineligible for the remainder of that contest and the following contest.

The game manager shall report individuals ejected for unsportslike conduct to the OHSAA Commissioner. The Commissioner may impose additional penalties in accordance with Bylaw 12.

6. **Banners and Signs**

Banners and signs will be permitted provided they are not personal, negative, unsportslike, or vulgar. **Signs or banners may not be attached or fastened to a building or facility unless approved in advance by the manager. The school representatives who put the signs up with permission are responsible for removing them following the game. Parades with signs or banners will not be permitted.**

SECTION 3 – GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Game Managers and Meetings**

Game managers will be selected and announced on Sunday prior to the date of the game. Game managers for all regional quarterfinals, will be required to meet with the Commissioner on the Monday preceding the game to be hosted. The managers' meeting will take place at 1:00 P.M. at the Holiday Inn, Lane Avenue, Columbus (across from St. John Arena). Managers for regional semi-finals, finals and state semi-finals will receive all information via courier.

The game manager will conduct a meeting of representatives from both schools to distribute tickets and to cover all aspects of game administration as early in the week as is possible.

2. **Videotapes**

The exchange of videotapes between competing schools shall be the responsibility of the schools involved. Each school shall provide the opponent with ½" videotape of any three regular season or tournament games. The opponent shall have the choice of the three games. The opponent's choice of videotape must be exchanged at the meeting with the site manager or earlier. The penalty for failure to comply is \$750.00. The Commissioner may impose additional penalties.

2.1 Tournament – The OHSAA will not videotape regional or state semifinal tournament games.

Game managers will make arrangements for each participating team to videotape the game in which the team is participating.

2.2 Third Party Video – It is not permissible for a school or school representative or any person from a school not playing in the game to videotape a tournament game without the written consent of the school administrators of the teams participating in the game.

3. **Student Eligibility**

An eligibility certificate listing the names of all players in uniform must be submitted to the game manager at the meeting of qualifying schools.

A student who uses anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing drugs is ineligible for interscholastic competition until such time as medical evidence can be presented that student's system is free of anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing drugs.

4. **Game Balls**

The official football of the OHSAA football tournaments is the Wilson GST. Game balls must be any Wilson brand and shall be provided to the Referee a minimum of one hour prior to the scheduled kickoff. The officials may maintain possession of the balls until game time. Use of a football other than a Wilson brand ball will result in a financial penalty to the offending school not to exceed \$5,000.

5. **Fan Education**

The OHSAA requests that participating school administrators take this opportunity to educate students and adults from your school of the importance of proper behavior and conduct. Please relay this information to the fans from your school community. A positive approach to this matter prior to the game will result in a more pleasant atmosphere. Fans should be reminded to stay off the field at the conclusion of all games.

6. **Programs and Publicity Materials**

PROGRAM MATERIALS FROM PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS/GAME MANAGERS – The OHSAA will notify schools with directions on how to submit all information through “*myOHSAA*” .

7. **Playing Rules**

The NFHS football rules as written and interpreted shall apply in all tournament games. The coin toss will be held at center field 20 minutes prior to game time in accordance with adopted mechanics. The OHSAA 20 yard line overtime procedure shall be used when the score is tied at the end of a regulation game.

Overtime Procedure

AFTER THE COIN TOSS – The (Offensive team name) will put the ball in play first and ten on (defensive team name) 20-yard line. The possession shall be terminated if the offense scores or the defense has possession of the ball at the end of any down, or the offense fails to make the line-to-gain.

After (offense) has completed its possession, (defense) will become the offensive team. In order to ensure equal game conditions, both teams shall use the same goal.

If the score remains tied after each team has been given one series, the procedure shall be repeated, except there will be no coin toss, until a winner is determined. There will be an intermission of two minutes during which the loser of original coin toss will be given first choice of the options, which includes the option to change goals. First choice of options will alternate for each overtime period. There will be an intermission of five minutes after every third overtime period.

8. **Officials**

A crew of five football officials will be assigned to each tournament game by the OHSAA Commissioner's office. In addition, officiating observer/evaluators may be assigned to tournament games.

9. **Awards**

A team trophy will be awarded to the regional runner-up and to the regional championship team. No awards will be given until the Regional Finals (refer to Section 7 regarding state awards).

10. **Extra Equipment**

Each school shall be responsible for bringing extra equipment in case of emergencies.

11. **Cheerleaders & Mascot**

Eight cheerleaders in uniform, one student mascot and one sponsor will be admitted free provided a **Pass Gate** by the high school principal. Only cheerleaders in uniform and the student mascot will be allowed to participate. A maximum of 16 cheerleaders in uniform is permitted to lead cheers at field level. More than 16 cheerleaders will result in forfeiture of expense allowances. The number of cheerleaders greater than 16 will be removed from the field.

11.1 Pyramids and mounts by cheerleaders are prohibited. Individuals may not stand on another's shoulders or support another individual in any type of mount. Individual cheerleaders violating the regulations shall be immediately removed from the field area.

11.2 Mascots

Live animal mascots are not permitted either outside or inside the stadium. Violation of this regulation may result in forfeiture of tournament expense.

SECTION 4 - GAME ADMINISTRATION

1. Game Administration Checklist

A manager shall administer each game. The manager shall:

- Provide participating schools with any necessary information not included in these regulations.
- Appoint a media coordinator who will make necessary arrangements for the news media.
- Provide visitors with similar press box accommodations and field phone equipment as available for use by the home team. The manager shall notify the competing teams if field phones are not available so that each school may make arrangements for their own communication equipment.
- Arrange for a competent timer, scoreboard operator, public address announcer and line-to-gain crew. The timer is required to meet with the officials no later than 30 minutes prior to game time.
- Make arrangements for concessions.
- Arrange to have a doctor and/or trainer present. Arrange to have an ambulance available or on call for emergencies.
- Arrange for an adequate number of law enforcement officers and/or private security.
- Provide uniformed police or security to escort officials to and from their dressing quarters and to their cars after the game.
- Secure ticket sellers and ticket takers.
- Assign dressing rooms to teams and game officials.
- Designate seating sections for each school
- Make arrangements for halftime activities by school bands.
- Assist teams in making housing arrangements, even though each school will be responsible for its housing.
- Employ ball boys or girls – high school age or older.
- Advertise parking arrangements.
- Employ program sellers.
- Employ a statistician.
- Mark fields in accordance with the National Federation Field Diagram including team areas and the 4-inch wide broken line around the entire field a minimum of six feet from the boundaries.
- File financial reports with the OHSAA as soon as possible following the game.

2. Lightning and Inclement Weather

Upon the first indication that thunderstorm development is within 15 miles of the contest, the contest official shall suspend the competition until 30 minutes after the storm has left this 15 mile zone. In order to protect student-athletes, spectators and other participants, there shall be access to appropriate shelter in the event of such suspension. All contests suspended shall be resumed at the point of interruption.

Weather can be monitored using the following methods:

- **Monitor Weather Patterns** – Be aware of potential thunderstorms by monitoring local weather forecasts the day before and morning of the competition, and by scanning the sky for signs of potential thunderstorm activity.
- **Flash to Bang** – This method is used to assess how far away lightning is striking. It is determined by counting the number of seconds it takes to hear a clap of thunder after witnessing a flash of lightning. The number of seconds is then divided by five to get the distance, in miles, to the lightning flash.
- **National Weather Service** – Weather can also be monitored using small, portable weather radios from the NWS. The NWS uses a system of severe storm watches and warnings. A watch indicates conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop in an area; a warning indicates severe weather has been reported in an area, and everyone should take proper precautions.

3. Trainer Present During Game

A Licensed Athletic Trainer will be present for all games. Whenever possible a doctor will be present. A team may furnish its own doctor or trainer.

4. The Public Address Announcer

The game manager shall appoint a public address announcer. No announcement shall be made without the permission of the game manager. Each school shall provide a spotter to assist the game announcer when requested by the manager.

4.1 Introduction of Players

Eleven players from each school will be introduced. The names of the players to be introduced shall be provided to the announcer immediately.

5. Security

The game manager will provide uniformed police and/or security in sufficient numbers to provide adequate public safety.

6. Concessions and Parking

All concessions and parking will be operated under the direction of the game manager. Income from those sources will not be considered as game receipts. Sites may charge up to \$2.00 for parking. The OHSAA Commissioner must approve higher parking charges.

7. Warm-Up Period

Teams may use as much time as they desire for pre-game warm-up provided the field is cleared of all players 15 minutes prior to game time.

8. Uniforms

Light and Dark jerseys – The top team in each bracket is designated as the home team and will wear dark jerseys. The bottom team in each bracket is designated the visiting team and will wear light jerseys.

9. Dressing Rooms and Team Areas

The game manager, at the pre game information meeting, will assign teams to dressing rooms and team areas. The team designated as the home team will be assigned to the normal home dressing room and team area. A responsible person will be on hand in the dressing rooms at all times.

10. Field and Team Area Limitations

The number of players on the field and in the team area prior to and during the game shall be the number on the regular season traveling squad and 20 others. The high school principal or administrator shall provide a list to the manager.

Schools that violate these limitations shall forfeit all expenses and bonuses for the game at which the violation occurs.

11. Field Passes

All team area personnel not in a football uniform must wear a field pass. Each coach will receive 20 field passes from the game manager. Individuals wearing school field passes must remain between the 25-yard lines during play.

12. Field Phones and Press Box Coaches

The host site should provide competing team with two sets of field phones. Competing teams must provide all additional phones. If the host site has no phones available, then the competing teams must furnish their own.

Space for a minimum of three coaches per team will be allowed in the press box. When the manager determines that space is available for an equal number of additional coaches per team these coaches may enter the press box. All coaches must wear a field pass (see item above). Each school may have one statistician in the press box.

13. Officials

Game officials will be assigned from the Commissioner's office. A team of officials – referee, umpire, linesman, line judge and back judge will be assigned to each game. Each official is permitted two complimentary admissions.

13.1 OFFICIALS DRESSING ROOM

A private room for the officials who officiate the game shall be provided. The room must include toilet and shower facilities. Uniformed police or security will be assigned to the officials room before and after the game as well as at halftime and will escort officials to and from the playing field. No one other than the game officials, official observers, or tournament personnel are authorized to enter the officials room.

13.2 ASSISTANT OFFICIALS

The game manager for all regional and state semifinal games shall appoint the timer and the line-to-gain crew. **The timer shall meet with the officials 30 minutes prior to kickoff.**

14. Marching Bands

14.1 PRE-GAME

When both schools have a marching band, each is allowed six minutes for a pre-game show. If possible, both bands will join in playing the National Anthem. If a joint performance is not possible, the home team band will play.

In the event there is only one marching band present, it may use the entire 15 minutes for a pre-game show and to play the National Anthem.

14.2 HALFTIME

The visiting team band shall perform first and must be prepared to start its performance within one minute after the end of the first half of play. The performance by the visiting team band may not exceed ten minutes including time to get on and off field. The home team band shall be prepared to start its performance within thirty seconds after the visiting team band clears the field. The performance by the home school band may not exceed ten minutes including time to enter and leave the field. The clock will be in operation between halves, and will be started on the referee's signal. The 20-minute halftime shall be timed on the field clock.

The field must be cleared 20 minutes after first half is ended for mandatory three-minute warm drills for players.

SPECIAL NOTE: No team will be penalized if the band exceeds the time allotted, causing a delay in starting either half. Bands that exceed the time limit will not receive expense money.

14.3 ANNOUNCER

If a special announcer is required for the band show, previous arrangements shall be made with game manager in order to gain access to the public address system.

SECTION 5 – ADMISSION INFORMATION

1. Admission Prices

Regional Quarterfinals, Semifinals & Finals ; \$7.00 presale; All tickets \$9.00 at gate
State Semifinals & Finals \$8.00 presale; All tickets \$10.00 at gate

Note 1: Children age 6 or older will be charged regular admission. Note 2: The OHSAA Commissioner is authorized to deviate from the established admission prices when “double headers” are conducted.

2. Ticket Information

The following ticket procedure will be followed:

- a.) Tickets will be serially numbered.
- b.) Before the contest begins, check the tickets with the report form from the OHSAA.
- c.) Instruct sellers to be sure that all UNSOLD tickets are in consecutive serial number order, meaning that the remainder of the UNSOLD roll is consecutively numbered without any intermittent tickets having been removed.
- d.) If tickets are sold from more than one booth, sell them from two or more rolls at the same time. This will avoid having to sell from removed portions of a roll.

- e.) **Special Notice:** Each person paying admission **MUST** be given the ticket purchased. All tickets must be torn in two when the purchaser is admitted, unless a bar coded ticket is used. If the sale and admittance is handled at the same location and shall be given, one part purchased ticket. Such ticket stubs shall **NOT** be used as pass-out tickets.
- f.) Managers shall not use pass-out tickets. A good rule to follow is: "If you're in, you're in; and if you're out; you're out." It is not necessary to give pass-out checks. It simply invites people to move in and out of the stadium. In the event it is necessary (inclement weather, outside restrooms or concession facilities, etc.) the manager is authorized to provide a pass-out system.

3. Reserved Sections

The game manager has the option of providing reserved seats if it is believed there is sufficient need. If seats are reserved, the schools shall be notified in advance. There is no adjustment in ticket prices.

4. Ticket Distribution

Tickets will be provided to each school for advance sale. Each school shall notify the game manager of the ticket needs. If requested, all available tickets shall be allocated to competing schools for advance sale.

During regional quarterfinals, tickets will be allocated as follows: Home team - home side and Visiting team - visitors side. Note: The Commissioner retains the authority to direct the game manager to allocate the tickets equally between the competing schools or require the game be played at a larger venue.

5. Complimentary Admission

Managers will adhere to all regulations pertaining to complimentary admission. It would be unfair and defeat the purpose of Board adopted regulations if game managers are not consistent in the application of these regulations. Participating school administrators can assist the manager by reviewing admission information with coaches, faculty members, players, band members and others.

5.1 Team and School Personnel

The number of players that will be in uniform for the game and up to 20 others will be admitted at the team pass gate.

5.2 Cheerleaders

Eight cheerleaders in uniform, one student mascot and one sponsor will be admitted free provided a certified list is filed at the **Pass Gate**. Note: A maximum of 16 cheerleaders in uniform are permitted to lead cheers at field level. If more than 16 cheerleaders lead cheers, the school forfeits the expense allowance for cheerleaders and the number of cheerleaders greater than 16 removed from the field.

5.3 Bands

Marching bands, Flag or Drill Corps must be in uniform to be admitted. Schools must notify game manager at least 48 hours prior to game time if special seating is required for the Band and the number of seats needed. The game manager shall reserve the space needed for the bands if notified 48 hours before the game. A maximum of three adult chaperones per bus shall be admitted free.

5.4 Administrative Passes

The schools competing at the site are entitled to eight complimentary administrative passes. The first eight tickets from a roll provided to each school for presale should be used as complimentary tickets for Superintendent (2), Principal (2), Athletic Director (2) and two additional. The game manager is authorized to establish an alternate method of complimentary administrative admission.

5.5 OHSAA Pass

The OHSAA will issue passes. Each game manager will receive two passes. Passes will also be issued to others as directed by the Commissioner. No other passes will be honored.

5.6 Admission for Team Scouts

The host site manager will provide admission for a maximum of four persons for the purpose of scouting a potential opponent in the tournament. Scouts must contact the manager prior to the game in order to arrange admission. No OHSAA passes are provided for scouting purposes.

5.7 Media Credentials

All requests for media credentials, and broadcast or telecast space shall be directed to the Media Coordinator. Proper identification must be presented for admission at pass gate and credentials shall be worn at all times during the contest. All on-field news media personnel are required to stay a minimum of six feet from the side or end line and are not permitted in team areas during the game. (All fields will be marked with a 4-inch wide broken line around the entire field a minimum of six feet from the boundary lines).

5.8 Game Officials

Game officials are permitted two complimentary admissions.

SECTION 6 - FINANCES & GAME EXPENSES

1. Game Manager

The game manager is responsible for all receipts and unused tickets. Duties of the manager include game day oversight, compliance with OHSAA regulations, enforcement of OHSAA tournament regulations, completion of accurate financial reports and ticket reconciliations, payment of team and official expenses, payment of venue expenses and other as outlined in the Football Tournament Managers Handbook.

2. Team Expenses – To be determined.

3. Cheerleader Expenses – To be determined.

4. Band Expenses – To be determined.

5. Game Officials

Game officials will be assigned from the Commissioner's office. A team of officials – referee, umpire, linesman, line judge and back judge will be assigned to each game.

Regional Fees - \$135 plus \$1.00 per mile after 50 miles.

State Fees - \$180 plus \$1.00 per mile after 50 miles.

SECTION 7 - STATE FINALS INFORMATION

1. State championship games will be played at Paul Brown Tiger Stadium, Massillon and Fawcett Stadium, Canton.

2. Finalist Meeting

A meeting of school representatives will be conducted by the OHSAA Commissioner on Sunday, November 29, 2009 at 12:00 P.M. Each qualifying school may have up to four individuals attend. It is recommended that the Athletic Director and/or principal, the ticket manager and if possible, the Head Coach or another coach be present. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 7007 N. High St, Worthington 43085.

3. Game DVD

The OHSAA will provide a DVD of the championship game to each school. The tape will be a copy of the telecast. In addition, each school will be provided space for one camera and one videographer.

4. Live Telecast

No live telecast of any regional or state football tournament game is permitted without the consent of the OHSAA Commissioner.

5. Awards

A championship and runner-up trophy will be awarded at the conclusion of the state championship game. In addition, 50 individual player awards and one coach award will be provided to the runner-up and championship teams. Additional awards may be purchased by contacting Croton Craft 1-800-947-5521.

6. Line to Gain Crews

Local officials associations will provide line-to-gain crews for the state finals. Six OHSAA registered football officials will be used.

Local Associations selected to provide one crew each:

Heart of Ohio Football Officials Association

Muskingum Valley Football Officials Association

Northern Ohio Football Officials Association

Firelands Area Football Officials Association

River Cities Football Association

Butler County Football Officials Association