



# 2006 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

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## Time and Date of Games

Time and date of games are determined by the MIAA Football Committee and are designated on the following pages.

## SAT's-College Board Exams

*MIAA Football Superbowls will be played December 2, 2006. This is also the college board exam date. All prospective playoff times should advise participants to schedule their college boards on an alternate date.*

## Site of Games

The sites have been determined by the MIAA Football Committee; if a team refuses to play at a given site, the next eligible team in that league will be selected.

## Tie Games in Semi-finals and Finals

The MIAA tiebreaker system below will be used in EMass Divisional Playoffs as well as all Superbowl Finals.

Immediately following the conclusion of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, the teams will go to their team area for two minutes.

*The officials will escort the captains to the middle of the field for the coin toss. The winner of the toss will choose one of the following options: (1) offense or defense; or (2) which end of the field shall be used in both series of the overtime period (10-yard line).*

*There may be more than one (1) series per team, during the overtime period. For the **first** and **subsequent** tie breaking periods, any team that scores a touchdown must attempt a two-point conversion by run or a pass from scrimmage. No one point extra point kick is allowed during any tie breaking period. The defense may score during the tiebreaker.*

*Each series shall begin at the 10-yard line unless a penalty overrides. First down chains will not be used. It is always goal-to-go. If penalty enforcement calls for an automatic first down, it will be first and goal.*

*If there is a change of possession during the last play of overtime, fouls by opponents for the team in possession give the team in possession the option of putting the ball in play, where the penalty leaves the ball, for one down free of penalty. This option is exercised only if the offensive team is free of foul during the down.*

*Example: Second Series - Team B intercepts Team A's pass and, during Team B's run back, Team A commits a personal foul.*

*Ruling: Extend the overtime for one down free of penalty, with Team B putting the ball in play where the penalty leaves the ball, provided Team B has not fouled during the down.*

## Practice on Playing Site

Practice opportunities may be available at the Divisional Final game site. Qualifying teams are invited to communicate with the Site Administrator subsequent to site assignment.

## Number of Players Allowed

No school shall have more than 55 uniformed team members. Deviations from this team member limit must be addressed to the Tournament Director and will only be approved when appropriate.

## Contingency Plans for Playoff/Superbowl Postponements:

The last playable date for EMass Semi-Final playoffs will be Wednesday, December 6th. In the event we exceed the semi-final deadline, we will revert back to a single round format (as in 99-2000).

The final date to play any MIAA Superbowl game will be Sunday, December 10th.

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## **Tie Breaking Process – Seeding**

If there are league co-champions or multi-champions, the selected league representative shall be determined in the following manner: (1) the league will determine their representative by using their league tie-breaking rule; or (2) if the league does not have a tie breaking process, the following procedure will determine the league representative; follow the order below, eliminate all the teams you can at each step of the criteria, after eliminating all possible teams at that criteria level, revert back to step one and continue the same process until you are only left with one team.

1. Head to head competition
2. Fewest League losses
3. Most League wins
4. Eliminate last two (2) calendar year Super Bowl participants
5. Coin flip

**Please note: In every case a school to be considered for tournament participation must be eligible by all MIAA rules and regulations.**

## **Intent to Enter**

The Intent to Enter Form for football has been eliminated. Each league notifies the MIAA of the team that will represent them in the Superbowl by 3:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. Upon notification the eligible team will be required to certify eligibility of their team.

## **Film Exchange**

Schools must make available to their opponent's films or tapes of any two of their games that the opposing coach desires. If one of the teams does not take game films or tapes, there will be no exchange.

## **Site Administration**

Jersey colors, selection of benches, etc., will be determined by the MIAA Football Committee.

## **Official Ball**

The MIAA and Spaulding Sports Company have agreed that *any model* from the Spaulding J5V football will be the official ball of the football play-off series and will be used at all Super Bowl sites. Only the J5V will be used. Our thanks to Spaulding for its support of the MIAA as represented by this agreement.

## **Medical Coverage**

A game will not start unless an MIAA assigned physician, licensed athletic trainer or certified EMT is present. In the event of an accident or injury to a player, that medical person will make the final judgment as to whether a student athlete may continue. In playoffs, the Home team is responsible to provide a Licensed Trainer, Doctor, EMT and the visiting team is welcome to bring their Trainer, Doctor or EMT. In MIAA Superbowls, the MIAA will provide Medical Coverage.

## **Game Length**

EMass playoffs and EMass Superbowls will be 10 minutes per period. It is also REQUIRED by the Football Committee that teams in contention for playoff births be limited to play 10 minute periods in their Thanksgiving game.

CMass/WMass Superbowls will be 11 minute periods.

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**Eligibility:** In every case a school to be considered for Tournament participation must be eligible by all MIAA rules. Schools without league affiliation are not eligible for playoffs. Each league is responsible to forward their league champion to the MIAA for divisional playoff participation. Should a tie result, the MIAA Tiebreaking Procedure, criteria 1,2,3,4 and 5 will be used to resolve a league championship tie unless the league has their own tiebreaker which will supersede the MIAA tiebreaker.

Each of six (6) divisions will include four (4) leagues (except Division IV). Leagues in each division are designated as A, B, C, and D (ref. below). The divisional playoff games will be for determining the Finalists for the Divisional Championship to be played the following Saturday or Sunday. The Division IV championship game will be December 1st or 2nd. Snow Date Dec. 3rd.

### 2006 EMASS FOOTBALL DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

#### *NORTH/SOUTH ALIGNMENT*

##### **Division I**

- A) Catholic Conference
- B) Greater Boston
- C) Big Three
- D) Old Colony

##### **Division II**

- A) Middlesex League
- B) Bay State (Herget)
- C) Eastern Athletic Conf
- D) Hockomock League

##### **Division III**

- A) Catholic Central (Large)
- B) Commonwealth (Large)
- C) South Shore League
- D) Tri-Valley

##### **Division IA**

- A) Merrimack Valley
- B) Dual County
- C) Bay State (Carey)
- D) Atlantic Coast Conf

##### **Division IIA**

- A) Cape Ann (Large)
- B) Northeast Conf
- C) South Coast Conf
- D) Patriot League

##### **Division IIIA**

- A) Commonwealth (Small)
- B) Cape Ann (Small)
- C) Boston North
- D) Mayflower (Large)

##### **\*Division IV**

- A) Boston South
- B) Mayflower (Small)
- C) Catholic Central (Small)

\* *The determination of the league which will receive a bye for the Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> playoff game will be based upon: head to head competition, fewest losses, best overall winning percentage and a three way coin flip will occur and the team winning the flip will get the bye*

**2006 EMASS DIVISIONAL SEMI-FINAL ROUND MATCHUPS TO BE PLAYED TUES., NOV. 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2006  
at 4pm + 7pm and will be announced Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> and be played on artificial turf**

*League listed first will be the home team designee*

#### **Division I, IA, II, IIA, III, IIIA,**

**North**  
**B Vs. A**

**South**  
**D Vs. C**

**\*IV**

**\*\*PLAYOFF & SUPERBOWL GAMES ARE INTENDED TO BE PLAYED AT NEUTRAL SITES, HOWEVER, WHEN A SITE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AND THE MEMBER SCHOOL IS A PARTICIPANT IT WILL BE PLAYED AT THEIR HOME SITE.**

**EMASS SUPERBOWLS-DECEMBER 2ND OR 3RD. SNOW DATE DEC. 3RD.  
VICTORS IN THE NORTH AND SOUTH SEMI-FINALS WILL BE PAIRED FOR SUPERBOWLS**

**Pre-game Organizational/Celebratory Meeting:** Winners of Semi-final games and Div IV will participate in an organizational/celebratory meeting which will include Principals, Athletic Directors, Coaches and Captains on Thursday morning, November 30th @ 9:30 a.m. at MIAA headquarters. Home Team for the Divisional Championship, which for the 2006-2007 will be a North vs. South Divisional Championship, will be determined by coin flip at the playoff organizational meeting at MIAA Headquarters Thursday, November 30th.

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**Contingency Plans for Thanksgiving Day Weather Postponement in EMass**  
*The changes below will be administered by and subject to the discretion of the Tournament Director*

1. If Thanksgiving games were to be re-scheduled to Friday due to inclement weather, then:
  - Nothing changes in the Playoff system schedule
2. If Thanksgiving games were to be re-scheduled to Saturday due to inclement weather, then:
  - Semi-Final Games would move from Tuesday to Wednesday at 4pm and 7pm
  - Finals would move from Saturday/Sunday to Sunday/Monday
3. If Thanksgiving games were to be re-scheduled to Sunday due to inclement weather, then:
  - Revert back to single round format (1999 – 2000)
  - Multiple Champions (A & B) in Division I – IV
  - 13 Games spread out from Friday night – Sunday – The weekend of December 2 & 3.

**CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS/WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2006**

CMass Div. 1 Winner vs. WMass AA Winner  
CMass Div. 1AA Runner-up vs. WMass AA Runner-up  
CMass Div. 1A Winner vs. WMass Suburban Winner  
CMass Div. 2 Winner vs. WMass Berkshire Winner  
CMass Div. 2A Winner\* vs. WMass Suburban/Berkshire Runner-up\*\*  
CMass Div. 3 Winner vs. WMass Inter-County Winner  
CMass Div. 3A Winner vs. WMass Tri-County Winner

\*The CMass 2A Winner would play either the Berkshire Runner-up or the Suburban Runner-up. The Runner-up with the best record determined by the tie-breaker system would be the opponent.

\*\*Runner up team will use the state tie breaker rating, using 10 pts. for all wins.

11 minutes periods for all teams/15 minute half-time/30 minute pre-game warm up on the field. Home Team will be determined by the playing site of each division. Dark shirts will be worn by the home team. Format will rotate sites in the Year 2006.

**Tie Breaking Process for Central Mass**

**1. Head to Head Competition**

*Two-team-tie*-Team A beats Team B-Team A wins championship

*Three team tie*-Team A beats Team B, Team B beats Team C, Team C beats Team A go step 2.

*Four team tie*-Team A is 2-1, Team B is 2-1, Team C is 1-2, and Team D is 1-2. *Teams C & D are eliminated, Teams A & B move on to step 2.*

In a situation with 5 or more teams tied, teams will be eliminated based on head to head records with all teams involved in the tie. *The remaining teams will move onto step 2.* To determine the Runner-up in Division 1 from the remaining tied teams of the above scenario, the CMFC will use step tow (Power Ratings-Overall Schedule).

**2. Power Ratings-Overall Schedule**

- a. 10 points for beating a team in the same division plus 2 points for each of their victories.
- b. 1 point for each victory of any opponent that beats you.
- c. 10 points for beating a team out of district and 2 points for each of their victories.
- d. 12 points for beating a team in a higher division (s) plus 2 points for each of their victories.
- e. 8 points for beating a team in a lower division (s) plus 2 points for each of their victories.

**3. Coin Flip**

**Tie Breaking Process for Western Mass Leagues – Seeding**

**Berkshire Playoff Games**

The loser of the Berkshire County Football League Championship Game will be in contention (with the runner-up of the Suburban League) to represent Western MA. In the Div. 2A Western/Central Superbowl, play-off games will count as a part of their overall record.

In the event of a tie in the Western Mass. Leagues the following procedure will be used to determine the team that will participate in the SuperBowl game.

1. Head to head competition
2. Ratings within League only
3. Overall ratings
4. Coin flip

**Western Mass. Power Ratings**

1. 10 points for every win
2. 2 points for every win of your defeated opponent/1 point for each tie.
3. Total points winner

**PRE-GAME INFORMATION MEETINGS FOR CMASS/WMASS**

The Pre-Game Information Meeting will be held Wednesday, November 29th at Worcester State College at 9:30 am. Coaches, Athletic Directors, Principals and Captains will be expected to attend and local media will be invited. Team information packets will be developed by each area Tournament Director.

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## SELECTION OF OFFICIALS

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**Five field officials will be assigned as per the following process:**

### **EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS**

Eastern Massachusetts Football Commissioners are asked to submit by November 11, 2006 to the Football Director one complete crew for each league that a Commissioner assigns officials.

If a team you represent as League Commission is the **home school** in the contest, the referee; **umpire** and clock operator you have nominated will work the game. If a team you represent as League Commissioner is the **away school, the headlinesman**, field judge and back judge will work the game. If you represent both teams, your crew will work the game.

**The following conditions must be adhered to:**

1. Officials who worked a Superbowl game last year are not eligible to work a game this year. Officials will be eligible every other year to work the Superbowl.
2. Only officials who are registered with the MIAA will be assigned play-off games.
3. Officials must have at least 5 years varsity experience and officiated at least 40 games in that period.
4. Officials must have worked at least 7 varsity high school games during the 2005 Fall Season.
5. Officials are to be assigned positions that they usually work (Exception - Back Judge).
6. Officials cannot work a semi final round and final round of the Playoffs.
7. No Official may work two years in succession in the Playoffs. If an official works the playoffs he may work the Superbowl the following year if selected.

### **CENTRAL MASS**

1. A letter is sent in late August, early September to both the Central Massachusetts Board of Football Officials and North Central Board of Officials requesting both boards to submit officials who would like to work the Central Mass Football Tournament.
2. Nominations must be by position where officials work the majority of their High School games.
3. Officials must work a majority of the games at High School level. Selection Committee has the right to place officials in other positions when necessary.
4. Officials cannot work consecutive years.
5. Letter of nomination must be sent to the Tournament Director by October 7, 2006.
6. Selection Committee Meeting held October 13, 2006.
7. A vote by the members of the Committee is taken after looking at each official by position. When all crews are filled, a vote is taken to place the crews for each of the three (3) divisional games.
8. One Alternative Crew is also selected.

### **CENTRAL/WESTERN OFFICIALS ASSIGNMENTS - 2006**

DIVISION I..... Worcester.....	CM .....	R, U, L
	WM .....	BJ, FJ
DIVISION I (Runner-up) ..... Worcester.....	CM .....	R, U, L
	WM .....	BJ, FJ
DIVISION IA ..... Roberts Stadium, Holyoke.....	WM .....	R, U, L
	CM .....	BJ,FJ
DIVISION II..... Worcester .....	CM.....	R, U, L
	BERK .....	BJ, FJ
DIVISION IIA..... Roberts Stadium, Holyoke.....	WM .....	R, U, L
	CM .....	BJ, FJ
DIVISION III ..... Roberts Stadium, Holyoke.....	WM + BERK.....	R, U, L
	CM .....	BJ, FJ
DIVISION IIIA ..... Worcester.....	CM .....	R, U, L
	WM + BERK.....	BJ, FJ

### **WESTERN MASS**

1. Each school in consideration will nominate 2 officials for each position. (Failure to nominate in all categories will invalidate nominations). *Referee, Umpire, Linesman, Back Judge, Line Judges-submit by 11/4/06*
2. Commissioners from each district will also nominate two (2) officials for each position.
3. Each Board of Officials will nominate two (2) officials to the Western Mass Super Bowl.
4. The Director and/or Committee will assign the best officials before Thanksgiving to work the playoff.

