



2015 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

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2015 MIAA FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

	North	South	Central	West
Start of Qualification Period	September 8*	September 8*	September 8	September 8
Season Schedule and Commitment Information Due	September 30	September 30	September 30	September 30
Tournament Entry and Team Roster Information Due	October 21	October 21	October 28	October 28
Cut-off Date	October 25	October 25	November 1	November 1
Seeding Meeting	October 25	October 25	November 1	November 1
Sectional Quarter-Finals	October 30-31	October 30-31	N/A	N/A
Start of Non-Playoff Game Schedule	October 30-31	October 30-31	November 6-7	November 6-7
Sectional Semi-Finals**	November 6-7**	November 6-7**	November 6-7**	November 6-7**
Sectional Finals	November 13-14	November 13-14	November 13-14	November 13-14
State Semi-Finals	November 20-21	November 20-21	November 20-21	November 20-21
Thanksgiving	November 26	November 26	November 26	November 26
Championship Breakfast***	December 1	December 1	December 1	December 1
State Finals**	December 5**	December 5**	December 5**	December 5**

* North and South leagues must submit to the MIAA Office by September 8, 2015 whether they will use league standings to determine 1st and 2nd place teams (with tiebreaker information) or if they will defer to the Sectional Power Rating System to determine their top 2 teams. If a league does not submit their process, they will defer to the Sectional Power Rating System.

** SAT/SAT Subject Tests:

- A. Football Tournament games are scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 2015 and Saturday, December 5, 2015 - the same date of the SAT and SAT Subject Tests. Please tell all coaches & student-athletes now so alternative plans may be made. A listing of all dates and sports that may take place on scheduled College Board exam dates can be found on the MIAA website.
- B. The **College Board** offers a *SAT® Program Alternate Test Date Policy*. As stated in their published material: "The SAT Program will consider granting an alternate test date when the following criteria are met:
 1. The conflicting event must be unexpected. Regularly scheduled sporting events or previously scheduled school activities, such as a prom, are not considered unexpected. An event such as an academic or athletic competition, in which students have advanced through the competition or into post-regular season competition, can be considered an unexpected event."
- C. **SAT School Day**: Allows high schools to administer the SAT to students during the school day, thus avoiding weekend athletic conflicts. To date, the MA school districts that participate are Plymouth, Springfield, Revere, and most recently Fitchburg. SAT School Day is contracted through the College Board with participating districts. Contact Info: **Alan Bernstein, Senior District Director**, K-12 Services, New England Regional Office, The College Board, 1601 Trapelo Road, Suite 12, Waltham, MA 02451

*** A *Championship Breakfast* will be conducted for principals, athletic directors, head coaches and captains of teams participating in the MIAA State Final Games.

2015 MIAA FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Tournament Entry Information:** Tournament entry information must be submitted via the MIAA website by October 21 (for North and South) or October 28 (for Central and West). Upon submitting tournament entry information, schools will be required to certify eligibility of their team.
2. **Rosters:** The number of uniformed team members eligible for football tournament participation may vary based upon the following requirements: All athletes have been declared eligible according to MIAA rules by their High School Principal; only athletes who dress regularly as a member of the varsity team may be on the post season squad; and only uniform players will be allowed on the sidelines. Tournament rosters must be submitted via the MIAA website by October 21 (for North and South) or October 28 (for Central and West).
3. **Schedules:** Team schedules must adhere to the following guidelines to be eligible for the Sectional Tournament:

- **Minimum and Maximum Game Limitations**

Beginning September 8, 2015 through the established Sectional Cut-Off dates, teams must schedule and compete in the minimum and maximum number of games below:

Section	Minimum # of Games Played	Maximum # of Games Played
North	6	7
South	6	7
Central	7	8
West	7	8

- **Out of State Opponents**

Out-of-state opponents must be members of their NFHS state high school athletic association in order for the game to count toward the power rating system. Games played against schools that are not members of NFHS state associations cannot be considered for tournament qualification/power ratings (see MIAA Handbook Rule 39).

If an out-of-state opponent has played more than the MIAA Tournament maximum at the time of seeding, the results of that opponent's first seven games (eight in Central and West) will be used for power rating purposes.

- **Forfeited Games**

When a forfeit win is awarded to a school due to the termination of their opponent's football program or failure to fulfill their contractual obligation, the affected school has the option of accepting the forfeit win or playing a game against another school with the results of the newly scheduled game being used for power-rating purposes.

- **Postponed Games**

Postponed contests should be immediately re-scheduled on the first day that the teams do not have a scheduled competition (MIAA Handbook Rule 32.4).

- **Cut-Off Date**

No regularly scheduled games are permitted on the established cut-off dates. If a game is postponed due to weather on the day before the cut-off date, that game must be played on Sunday, October 25 (for North and South) or Sunday, November 1 (for Central and West) and results must be submitted to the Tournament Director by 4:00pm that day for seeding.

4. **Power Rating**

Teams will receive a power rating for tournament seeding purposes. Please see the Sectional Tournament Qualification and Seeding pages for specific Power Rating information.

5. **Scheduling Committees**

Scheduling Committees will assume jurisdiction for implementing games for non-playoff qualifying teams and teams eliminated from the playoffs. Each Scheduling Committee will appoint a chair as a point of contact. These committees will consist of the following representatives:

Central

- Representatives from District E on the MIAA Football Committee (exclusive of committee members that are football coaches) and representatives from each league in the Central Section.

West

- Representatives from Districts F and G on the MIAA Football Committee (exclusive of committee members that are football coaches) and representatives from each league in the West section:
AA, Suburban, Berkshire, Intercounty and Tri-County

North

- Representatives from Districts A, B and H on the MIAA Football Committee (exclusive of committee members that are football coaches) and representatives from each league in the North section.

South

- Representatives from Districts C, D and H on the MIAA Football Committee (exclusive of committee members that are football coaches) and representatives from each league in the South section.

Representatives of leagues and Scheduling Committee vacancies due to members who serve as football coaches will be appointed by MIAA District Athletic Committees.

6. **Non-Playoff Schedule**

Teams that do not qualify for the sectional tournament or are eliminated from the sectional tournament will have their remaining schedules determined by the Non-Playoff Scheduling Process described on page 15.

7. **Non-Playoff Opponent Appeals**

Schools may file an appeal with their Scheduling Committee requesting a change of a Week 8-10 Non-Playoff game opponent.

8. **Assignment of Officials**

Non-Playoff Games and Games between teams eliminated from the Sectional Tournament (Weeks 8-10)

Officials will be assigned by the home team commissioner.

Sectional and State Tournament Games

Five field officials and one clock operator will be assigned for all tournament games per the following process. Note the following abbreviations for official's positions R=Referee, U=Umpire, H=Head Linesman, L=Line Judge (or Field Judge), B=Back Judge and C=Clock Operator.

Football Commissioners must submit their assignment of officials by **Date TBD** to the Tournament Director in their section. The assignment structure below lists the numbers and positions of assignments that each Commissioner is responsible for.

When there are split assignments, the Tournament Director will work to assign the R, U and C from one commissioner and the H, L and B from the other commissioner. The Tournament Director for each section may choose another split for their Sectional games and by agreement between Tournament Directors for the State Semi Finals.

Sectional Quarter-Finals and Sectional Semi-Finals (Weeks 8 and 9)

The Home team's Commissioner shall assign a crew for all positions for the game, and forward the names to the Sectional Tournament Director no later than Tuesday at Noon of the game week.

Sectional Finals (Week 10)

In Odd numbered years the Home Team will assign the R, U, and C and the Visiting Team will assign the H, L and B.

In Even numbered years the Visiting Team will assign the R, U, and C and the Home Team will assign the H, L and B.

State Semi-Finals (Week 11)

For Divisions 2 and 5:

In Odd numbered years the North and Central will assign the R, U, and C and the South and West will assign the H, L and B.

In Even numbered years the South and West will assign the R, U, and C and the North and Central will assign the H, L and B.

For Divisions 4 and 6:

In Odd numbered years the South and West will assign the R, U, and C and the North and Central will assign the H, L and B.

In Even numbered years the North and Central will assign the R, U, and C and the South and West will assign the H, L and B.

For Division 3:

In Odd numbered years the NE and SE will assign the R, U, and C and the NW and SW will assign the H, L and B.

In Even numbered years the NW and SW will assign the R, U, and C and the NE and SE will assign the H, L and B.

State Finals (Week 13)

For Division 1:

In Odd numbered years the North will assign the R, U, and C and the South will assign the H, L and B.

In Even numbered years the South will assign the R, U, and C and the North will assign the H, L and B.

For Division 3:

In Odd numbered years the South will assign the R, U, and C and the North will assign the H, L and B.

In Even numbered years the North will assign the R, U, and C and the South will assign the H, L and B.

For Divisions 2 and 5:

In Odd numbered years the North/South will assign the R, U, and C and the Central/West will assign the H, L and B.

In Even numbered years the Central/West will assign the R, U, and C and the North/South will assign the H, L and B.

For Divisions 4 and 6:

In Odd numbered years the Central/West will assign the R, U, and C and the North/South will assign the H, L and B.

In Even numbered years the North/South will assign the R, U, and C and the Central/West will assign the H, L and B.

The following conditions must be adhered to:

1. Only officials who are registered with the MIAA will be assigned playoff games.
2. All Officials must have at least 5 years varsity experience and officiated at least 40 games in that period.
3. All Officials must have worked at least 4 varsity high school games during the Fall Season.
4. Officials are to be assigned positions that they usually work.
5. Officials cannot work a State Semi-Final round and State Final round of the tournament in the same year.
6. Schools can recommend up to 5 officials to be included in the pool of officials.
7. No officials may work a State Final game in two consecutive years.

Chain Crews:

1. Sectional Tournament Games (Weeks 8-10) - Home teams will provide 4 person chain crews. The Chain Crew must report to the Head Linesman assigned to the game no later than 15 minutes prior to game time.
2. State Tournament Games (Weeks 11 and 13) - The Head Linesman assigned will provide the chain crew for that game. The chain crew will be football officials. If the Head Linesman cannot provide a chain crew, he must notify the Tournament Director immediately.

NORTH AND SOUTH SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT QUALIFICATION AND SEEDING

**Seeding Meeting - October 25, 2015 – 10:00 am
@MIAA Office (Franklin, MA)**

Qualification

- League Presidents must submit to the MIAA Office by September 8, 2015 whether they will use league standings to determine 1st and 2nd place teams (with tiebreaker information) or if they will defer to the Sectional Power Rating System to determine their top 2 teams. If a league does not submit their process, they will defer to the Sectional Power Rating System.
 - Leagues with 5 or more teams will automatically qualify two teams for the playoffs.***
Leagues with less than 5 teams will automatically qualify one team for the playoffs.
Remaining open seeds (Wild Cards) will be filled with the highest power rated teams in each division that are not automatic qualifiers.
- *** *In the event that a sectional playoff division is oversubscribed by automatic qualifiers (more than 8 teams), the following process will be implemented to determine qualification:*
1. All top ranked qualifying teams from each league will automatically be placed in the divisional bracket.
 2. The remaining second qualifiers from leagues of 5 or more schools will be ranked by the power rating system to determine the remaining seeds.
- Each League President is required to forward their league’s automatic qualifiers to the Sectional Tournament Director by Sunday, October 25.
 - Eight teams will qualify for the Sectional Tournament in each North Division – 1, 2, 3NW, 3NE, 4, 5 and 6
 - Eight teams will qualify for the Sectional Tournament in each South Division – 1, 2, 3SW, 3SE, 4, 5 and 6

Seeding Process

- Teams will be seeded in each division according to the EMass Power Rating System below:

Own Value	
12 Points	For a win over a team in a higher division or Division 1
10 Points	For a win over a team within your division, a lower division, or any out of state opponent
Opponents Value	
3 Points	For every win by an opponent you defeated
1.5 Points	For every tie by an opponent you defeated
1 Point	For every win by an opponent you lost to or tied
0.5 Point	For every tie by an opponent you lost to or tied

* *If an out-of-state opponent or Central/West Sectional opponent has played more than the MIAA Tournament maximum at the time of seeding, the results of that opponent’s first seven games will be used for power rating purposes.*

- A team’s Final Power Rating = (Own Value + Opponents Value) / Number of games played
- Seeding Tiebreaker
 1. If a team is an automatic qualifier, it will receive the higher seed
 2. Head to head competition
 3. Record against common opponents
 4. Coin flip

CENTRAL SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT QUALIFICATION AND SEEDING

Seeding Meeting – November 1, 2015 – 11:00 am
@ Grafton High School

Qualification

- Four teams in Division 2, 4, 5 and 6 will qualify for the sectional tournament.

Seeding

- Teams will be seeded in each division according to the CMass Power Rating System below:

12 Points	For defeating a team in a higher division or Division 2 Central
10 Points	For defeating a team within your division or a lower division
2 Points	For each of your opponent's wins (a team that you have defeated)
1 Point	For each of your opponent's wins (a team that has defeated your team)

* If an out-of-state opponent has played more than the MIAA Tournament maximum at the time of seeding, the results of that opponent's first eight games will be used for power rating purposes.

- The total number of points for each team will be divided by the number of games played by that team to determine the team's Power Rating.
- If a game ends in a tie after regulation time, all football games in Central Massachusetts will adhere to the MIAA Tie Breaker procedure to determine a winner of the game.
- Seeding Tiebreaker
 1. Head to Head Competition
 - Two team tie:**
Team A defeats Team B, Team A is the higher seed
 - Three team tie:**
Team A defeats Team B, Team B defeats Team C, Team C defeats Team A – go to 2nd tie breaker
 - 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 to 2nd tie breaker
 - Five team tie:**
Teams will be eliminated based on head to head records with all teams involved in the tie.
The remaining teams would move to 2nd tie breaker.
 2. Winning percentage within your division
 3. Coin flip

WEST SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT QUALIFICATION AND SEEDING

Seeding Meeting - November 1, 2015 – 11:00am

@Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School (Northampton, MA)

Qualification

- Four teams in Divisions 2, 4, 5 and 6 will qualify for the sectional tournament.

Seeding

- Teams will be seeded by the Western Mass Football Tournament Walker System below:

Point Value

- League values will be used for WMass teams:
 - AA – 5 points
 - Suburban – 3 points
 - Berkshire A (Wahconah, Hoosac, Pittsfield, Taconic) – 3 points
 - Inter-County – 2 points
 - Berkshire B (Mt. Greylock, Drury, Monument Mountain, Lee) – 2 points
 - Tri-County – 1 point
- Divisional values will be used for other State teams
 - Division 1 – 6 points
 - Division 2 – 5 points
 - Division 3 – 4 points
 - Division 4 – 3 points
 - Division 5 – 2 points
 - Division 6 – 1 point
- Out of State Opponents - Same value as your own school value

Record vs. qualified teams equals record vs. teams .500 and above

Criteria

- Must be .500 or above to qualify for tournament
- Top Walker rated team in each league receives automatic qualification (must consist of at least a 5 team league)
- If divisional bracket isn't filled, next highest Walker rated team is seeded

Tie Breakers – Ties in the final totals will be broken in the following order:

1. Head to head competition
2. Teams ranked higher in more Walker categories
3. Strength of Schedule calculated figure
4. Coin flip

- If a game ends in a tie after regulation time, all football games in Western Massachusetts will adhere to the MIAA Tie Breaker procedure to determine a winner of the game.

SECTIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENT GAME ADMINISTRATION

1. Rules:

All games will be played under NCAA Football Rules as modified by the MIAA (see MIAA Handbook Rule 69).

2. Game Sites:

Sectional Tournament Games - Games will be played at the site of the higher seed*.

* If in the opinion of the Tournament Director, the facilities of the team with the higher seed are not suitable, another site will be selected. For the purpose of safety, convenience or other valid reasons, the Tournament Director shall have the option to set or change the site or date of any tournament game after consultation with the MIAA Staff Liaison (see MIAA Handbook Rule 97.3.2).

* **Sectional Final Games in Central and West will be played at neutral sites.**

State Semi-Finals - Games will be played at predetermined sites selected by the MIAA Staff Liaison and Tournament Director according to the following rotation:

	<u>2015</u>
Central vs. West (Div. 2 and 6)	West
Central vs. West (Div. 4 and 5)	Central
North vs. South (Div. 2 and 5)	North
North vs. South (Div. 4 and 6)	South
Northeast vs. Northwest (Div. 3)	Northeast
Southeast vs. Southwest (Div.3)	Southwest

State Finals - Gillette Stadium

3. Game Length:

Sectional Tournament Games – 11 minutes per quarter

State Semi-Finals and State Finals – 11 minutes per quarter*

*Games at Gillette Stadium will be played with 10 minute quarters

4. Timeouts:

Sectional Tournament Games – 5 Timeouts per half (per MIAA Handbook guidelines)

State Tournament Games – 5 Timeouts per half (per MIAA Handbook guidelines)*

*Games at Gillette Stadium will be played with 3 Timeouts per half

5. Home Teams:

Sectional Tournament Games – Higher Seed

State Semi-Finals - Determined by sectional game rotation listed in #2 above.

State Finals – Determined by coin flip at the Championship Breakfast.

6. Uniforms

The higher seeded/home team will wear colored jerseys and lower seeded/away team will wear white jerseys throughout the Sectional Tournament. In the State Semi-Finals, the team from the home section will wear colored jerseys and the team from the away section will wear white jerseys. A coin flip will take place at the Championship Breakfast to determine the home team for State Final games.

7. Official Ball:

Sectional Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals – Ball of choice, supplied by participating schools

Sectional Finals, State Semi-Finals and State Finals

Beginning with the Sectional Finals, the Wilson GST F1003 football will be the official ball. Two game balls will be provided by the Tournament Director to each team participating in the Sectional Finals prior to competition. In addition, Wilson has agreed that the F1001 (Traditional Pro Pattern), F1004 (GST Collegiate Pattern) and F1005 (Traditional College Pattern) can be used for these tournament rounds. All game balls must be approved by the Head Official at midfield prior to the beginning of the game.

8. Tie Games in Tournament Games

The MIAA tiebreaker system below will be used in all Sectional and State Tournament games.

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

The officials will escort the captains to the middle of the field to conduct an **Extra Periods coin toss as prescribed in the NCAA rules.**

The winner of the overtime coin toss shall choose one of the following options:

1. **Offense or Defense**
2. **Which end of the field shall be used for both possession series of that overtime period**

The loser of the coin toss shall exercise the remaining option.

In subsequent Even numbered overtime periods, the loser of the coin toss will have the first choice of the two options.

In subsequent Odd numbered overtime periods, the winner of the coin toss will have the first choice of the two options.

Each series shall begin at the ten-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.

For the first and subsequent tie breaking periods, any team that scores a touchdown must attempt a two point conversion by run or pass from scrimmage.

If there is a change of team possession during the last play of an overtime period (second series), **live ball personal fouls or live ball unsportsmanlike conduct fouls** by opponents of the team last gaining possession, that occur after the change of possession, gives the team in possession the option of putting the ball in play, where the penalty leaves the ball, for one down free of penalty or penalize as a dead ball foul at the succeeding spot in the subsequent overtime period. This option is exercised only if the team last gaining possession 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: Team B has the option of extending the overtime period 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. Or Team B may choose to penalize as a dead ball foul at the succeeding spot in the subsequent overtime period. (see MIAA Handbook Rule 69.3)

9. Halftime

Sectional Tournament Games - The home team will accept responsibility for the organization and administration of the half-time program. This program shall be conducted within the time limits established by the rules of the game.

State Semi-Finals and State Finals – Halftime information will be provided by the Tournament Director to participating schools in advance.

10. Medical Coverage

Sectional Tournament Games - The home team is responsible to provide a licensed physician, licensed athletic trainer or certified EMT. The medical person shall be responsible for both teams unless the visiting team has its own medical coverage, then each school's medical person/staff is responsible for the members of that team (see MIAA Handbook Rules 56.2, 69.2 and 97.4.2).

State Semi-Finals and State Finals - MIAA will provide Medical Coverage according to MIAA Handbook Rules. If a school has provided its own medical coverage, he/she shall be responsible for the members of that team (see MIAA Handbook Rules 56.2, 69.2 and 97.4.2).

11. Film Exchange

Schools must make available to their opponents, 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.

12. Postponements

Tournament game postponements due to inclement weather or other unusual circumstances will be the decision of the Tournament Director in consultation with the MIAA Executive Staff and Host Site Administration. The rescheduling

of a postponed game will be determined by the Tournament Director in consultation with the MIAA Executive Staff and administration of the participating schools. In the event of postponement on December 5, 2015, State Final games will be played on Sunday, December 6, 2015. Conflicts with student activities will not be honored on this date.

13. Administrative Supervision

Sectional Tournament Games

All member schools participating in the MIAA Football Tournament are required to provide school personnel to assist in maintaining the control and conduct of student spectators at all MIAA Football Tournament sites in which their team is a participant.

State Semi-Finals and State Finals

Participating schools in the State Semi-Final and Final rounds are required to provide School Sideline Security Monitors and Stands Monitors. Information will be provided by the Tournament Director to participating schools in advance.

14. Post Game Awards Ceremonies

Sectional Finals – MIAA Trophies will be presented to the Sectional Champion and Finalist Teams.

State Finals – MIAA Trophies will be presented to the State Champion and Finalist Teams.

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT REVENUE, EXPENSES AND TICKET PRICES

The home team will be responsible for paying the game expenses during all rounds of the Sectional Tournament. After expenses, revenue will be split as detailed below:

ROUND	SITE	REVENUE	TICKET PRICES
QUARTER-FINALS October 30-31	Higher Seed	Split 50/50 Between Participating Schools	Set by Home Team
SEMI-FINALS November 6-7	Higher Seed	Split 50/50 Between Participating Schools	Set by Home Team
FINAL November 13-14	Higher Seed (North and South)	50% Gross to MIAA Remainder split between participating schools (after expenses)	Set by MIAA
	Neutral Site (Central and West)	50% Gross to MIAA Remainder split between participating schools (after expenses)	Set by MIAA

STATE TOURNAMENT REVENUE, EXPENSES AND TICKET PRICES

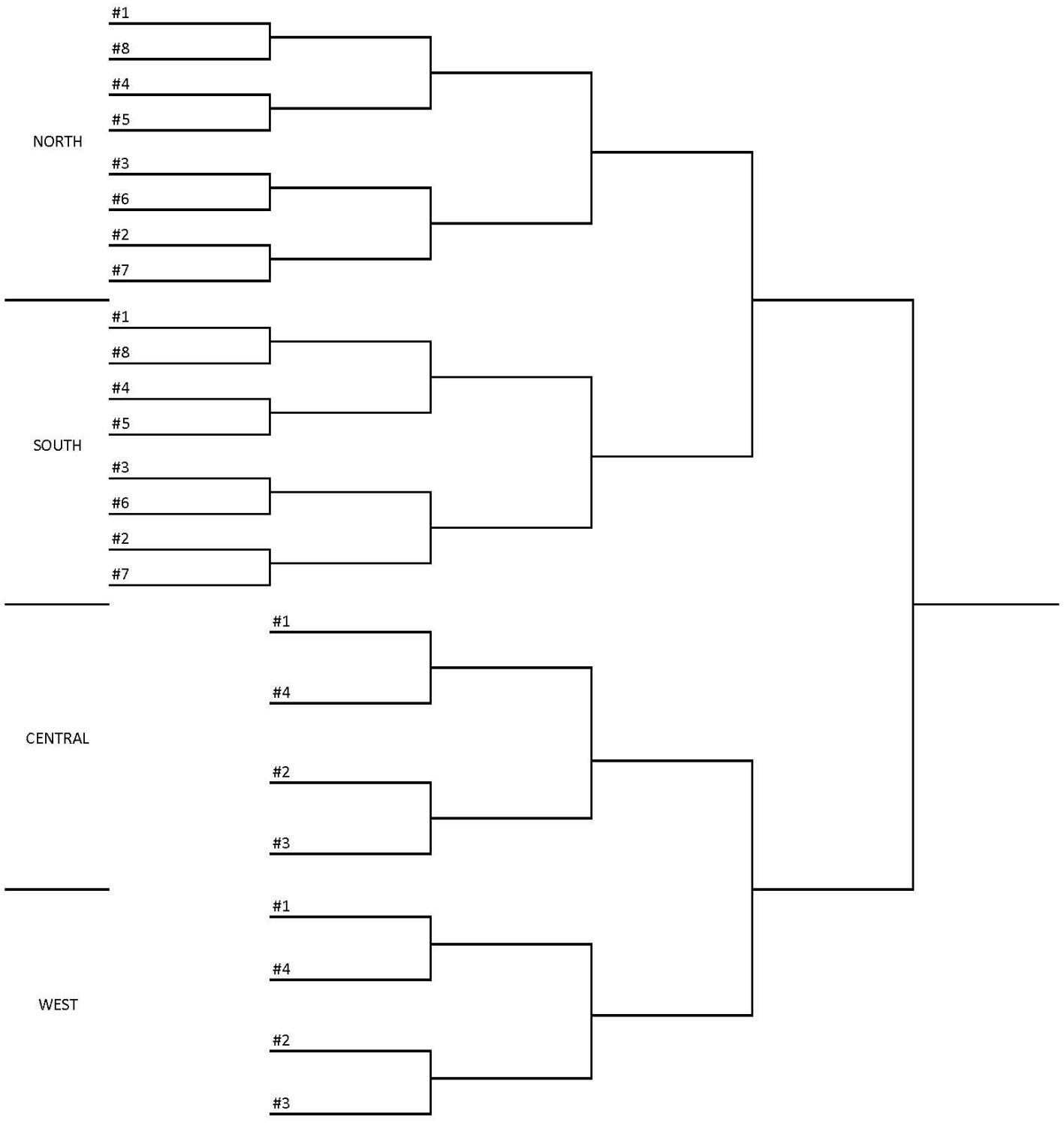
The MIAA will be responsible for paying the game expenses during all rounds of the State Tournament.

ROUND	SITE	REVENUE	TICKET PRICES
SEMI-FINALS November 20-21	Predetermined Site by MIAA	100% to MIAA MIAA assumes all expenses	Set by MIAA
FINAL December 5	Gillette Stadium	100% to MIAA MIAA assumes all expenses	Set by MIAA

SECTIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENT BRACKETS

DIVISION 2, 4, 5, 6

	<u>WEEK 8</u>	<u>WEEK 9</u>	<u>WEEK 10</u>	<u>WEEK 11</u>	<u>WEEK 13</u>
Date:	October 30-31	November 6-7	November 13-14	November 20-21	December 5
Round:	SECTIONAL Quarter-Finals	SECTIONAL Semi-Finals	SECTIONAL Finals	STATE Semi-Finals	STATE Final
Site:	Higher Seed	Higher Seed	Higher Seed (N, S) Neutral Site (C, W)	Predetermined	Gillette Stadium



SECTIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENT BRACKETS DIVISION 1

	<u>WEEK 8</u>	<u>WEEK 9</u>	<u>WEEK 10</u>	<u>WEEK 13</u>
Date:	October 30-31	November 6-7	November 13-14	December 5
Round:	SECTIONAL Quarter-Finals	SECTIONAL Semi-Finals	SECTIONAL Finals	STATE Final
Site:	Higher Seed	Higher Seed	Higher Seed	Gillette Stadium



SECTIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENT BRACKETS

DIVISION 3



NON-PLAYOFF GAME SCHEDULE

For teams that do not qualify for the Sectional Tournaments and teams that are eliminated from the Sectional Tournaments

All Non-Playoff games during Weeks 8-10 should be managed as regular season games per MIAA Handbook guidelines. Sectional and State Tournament game administration guidelines do not apply. Officials shall be assigned by the home team commissioner. The home team will be responsible for paying the game expenses during all weeks of the Non-Playoff Game Schedule. After expenses, revenue will be split as detailed below:

REVENUE, EXPENSES AND TICKET PRICES

SECTION	REVENUE	TICKET PRICES
CENTRAL	Home Team receives all revenue	Set by Home Team
WEST	Home Team receives all revenue	Set by Home Team
NORTH	50/50 Between participating schools	Set by Home Team
SOUTH	50/50 Between participating schools	Set by Home Team

SCHEDULES

Non-Playoff Game Schedules for Weeks 8-10 will be determined in each section by the process below:

Central

- By Scheduling Committee
- Games based on power ratings, division and will avoid rematches whenever possible.
- Set by 12:00pm on Sunday of Weeks 9 and 10 and posted on the MIAA website.

West

- By Scheduling Committee
- Games based on league/rivalry games, competitive match-ups, power ratings, home/away considerations and will avoid rematches whenever possible.
- Set by 12:00pm on Sunday of Weeks 9 and 10 and posted on the MIAA website.

North

- By Scheduling Committee
- Games based on league/rivalry games, competitive match-ups, power ratings, home/away considerations and will avoid rematches whenever possible.
- Set by 12:00pm on Sunday of Weeks 8, 9 and 10 and posted on the MIAA website.

South

- By Scheduling Committee
- Games based on league/rivalry games, competitive match-ups, power ratings, home/away considerations and will avoid rematches whenever possible.
- Set by 12:00pm on Sunday of Weeks 8, 9 and 10 and posted on the MIAA website.

Teams that are eliminated from the Sectional Tournaments will have their remaining schedules determined by the Sectional Scheduling Committees.

In addition to these games, teams in all sections play on Thanksgiving Day as the final game of the season.

MIAA Football Tournament

Sportsmanship Responsibility of Competing Schools Compliance Policy & School Monitor Job Description

As part of MIAA continuing efforts to promote the concepts of sportsmanship and provide the on-site atmosphere that will keep interscholastic athletic events in an educational perspective, the Football Committee has adopted the following regulations relatives to the participation in the MIAA Football Tournament.

These regulations specifically provide the requirement, that all member schools who elect to enter the MIAA Football Tournament, after meeting the necessary requirements, will provide for the presence of school personnel that will assist the efforts of on-site management in **MAINTAINING CONTROL AND CONDUCT OF THEIR STUDENT SPECTATORS AT ALL GAMES IN THE TOURNAMENT IN WHICH THEIR TEAM IS A PARTICIPANT. THIS IS A REQUIREMENT FOR ENTRANCE INTO THE TOURNAMENT.**

These school staff members, designated as school monitors shall be appropriately identified. **They are to report by name to the Site Manager and seat themselves in their school-student section.** Vests or other identifiable symbols will be supplied by the MIAA and worn by school staff members, designated as school monitors, for the sectional first round through the conclusion of the tournament. It is the responsibility of the Site Manager to distribute vests to the designated school representatives. The competing schools must return vests to the Site Manager at the conclusion of the game. The Site Manager shall review the functions of school monitors as listed below:

- A. SIT WITH STUDENT POPULATION OF THEIR SCHOOL
- B. DISCOURAGE ALL UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR AND ACTIVITY THAT PROVOKES OR RESULTS IN UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR BY OTHERS OR IS RETALIATORY TO UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR OF OTHERS.
- C. KEEP STUDENT POPULATION IN THEIR OWN AREA
- D. ASSIST IN ENFORCING TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS RELATED TO SIGNS, BANNERS, NOISEMAKERS, RADIOS, ETC.
- E. PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE SITE MANAGEMENT PERTAINING TO ENTRANCE AND EGRESS OF STUDENT SPECTATORS

COMPLIANCE WITH THESE REGULATIONS IS MANDATORY:

Schools ***WILL NOT*** be permitted to enter the tournament if the Tournament Entry information is not completed (online process) by October 21 (North and South) or October 28 (Central and West).

Schools not in compliance with the minimum school monitors for their scheduled game will have this action of noncompliance subject to review by the Football Committee. Noncompliance may lead to ineligibility for the Football Tournament the following year.

This requirement for participation in the Football Tournament has been approved by the Board of Directors in the interest of good sportsmanship and of conducting the tournament in an educational atmosphere.

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Specific Requirements

**SECTIONAL QUARTERFINAL GAMES:
(MINIMUM STAFF REQUIRED: Schools supply staff identification)**

- 1 – Principal or Assistant Principal or his/her designee
- 1 – Athletic Director or his/her designee
- 1 – Other School Staff Personnel
- TBD – Other Staff/Personnel as determined by School Administration

**SECTIONAL SEMIFINAL & FINAL GAMES:
(MINIMUM STAFF REQUIRED: Schools supply staff identification)**

- 1 – Principal or Assistant Principal or his/her designee
- 1 – Athletic Director or his/her designee
- 3 – Other School Staff Personnel
- TBD – Other Staff/Personnel as determined by School Administration

**STATE SEMIFINALS & FINALS – ALL DIVISIONS:
(MINIMUM STAFF REQUIRED: Identification supplied by MIAA and must be worn)**

- 1 – Principal or Assistant Principal or his/her designee
- 1 – Athletic Director or his/her designee
- 4 – Other School Staff Personnel
- TBD - Other Staff/Personnel as determined by School Administration (10 max)

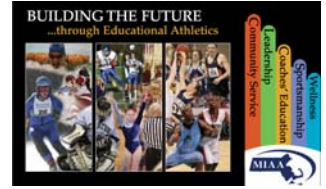
PLEASE NOTE: The above staffing is the responsibility of the competing schools. Any compensation to these individuals is the responsibility of the competing schools.

Each Athletic Director must contact the MIAA Tournament Site Manager to advise him/her of the name of the individual(s) who will represent the school. The coach **MAY NOT** be the representative. This representative must report to the MIAA Site Manager at least 30 minutes prior to game time.

Updated by MIAA Football Committee – 9/17/15



Football Team Sportsmanship Award



The MIAA Tournament Management Committee has approved an Annual Sportsmanship Award to be presented to one school in every sport at the MIAA State Championship.

Schools are encouraged to nominate a football team for consideration by the MIAA Football Committee for recognition at the MIAA Football State Championship on December 5, 2015. Nominated teams do not have to be tournament teams but should exemplify the tenets of good sportsmanship to the highest degree. Criteria to include: teamwork, fair play/respect for opponents, ethics and citizenship. Self nominations are acceptable.

I would like to nominate the following team for consideration of the MIAA Football Sportsmanship Award:

School: _____ Division: _____

City/Town: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Principal: _____

Athletic Director: _____ School Phone: _____

Coach: _____ Home Phone: _____

Please provide a brief statement with regard to the reasons for this nomination below:

Your Name _____ *Signature* _____

Position _____ *School* _____

Date _____ *Phone* _____

Send to: MIAA, Attn: Football Committee
33 Forge Parkway, Franklin, MA 02038
Fax: 508-541-9888 / Email: ekawesa@miaa.net

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 13, 2015