

## DIV FOOTBALL INFORMATION

\* Qualifiers in each class will be determined by the District IV Power Ranking System.

\* Power Ranking Deadline: Contests played by Monday, Oct. 26

\* Two qualifiers in Class 1A and Class 4A One championship game in each classification on Friday, Oct. 30 or Saturday, Oct. 31 at the home site of the No. 1 seed unless the site is not allowing visiting fans.

\* Four qualifiers in Class 2A and 3A

\* Class 2A and Class 3A semifinals will be played on Friday, Oct. 30 or Saturday, Oct. 31. Championship games will be played on Friday, Nov. 6 or Saturday, Nov. 7. All games will be played at the home site of the higher seed unless that site is not allowing visiting fans.

**ELIGIBILITY:** To be eligible for the tournament a team must play a minimum of (3) three games.

Games not played due to Covid exposure will be considered NO CONTEST. If a team's opponent for a scheduled game cannot play due to Covid it may schedule a replacement game. The results of the replacement game will count for power ratings, provided it is against a PIAA member school and is played prior to the power ranking deadline.

**OPT-OUT DEADLINE:** Schools that do not wish to participate in the tournament must inform District IV via e-mail to the District Football Chairman by 12 pm on Monday, October, 26.

Teams that are unable to participate on the first date of their class' tournament due to Covid exposure will not be permitted to enter the tournament.

A team that qualifies for the tournament but must suspend its season due to Covid after the power ranking deadline will be eliminated.

Schools that do not qualify for the tournament and schools that are eliminated from the district tournament may continue their regular season until Saturday, November 28.

**FINANCES** – The host school will pay game expenses.

**GAME TIMES** - 7:00 PM (night) and 1:00 PM (day). Time adjustments may be made by the District IV Football Chairman as needed to accommodate facility use and programming.

**POSTPONEMENT/SUSPENDED CONTESTS** - The postponement and/or rescheduling of playoff games will be at the discretion of the District Football Chairman and the District IV Committee.

Any PIAA District IV Football playoff contest interrupted due to events beyond the control of District IV will be resumed at the point of suspension later that same day or the next playable day unless deemed an official contest by NFHS rule.

**ATTENDANCE** - Attendance at games will be determined by the state guidelines as they apply on the date of the event. Further information will be provided as changes occur.

**UNIFORMS** – The HOME team will wear dark colored jerseys. The visiting team will wear their white jerseys.

FILMS/VIDEOS – All competing schools will trade tapes, DVDs, or on-line access to images of their last three (3) games played.

TEAM WARM-UP – Warm-up period prior to the game will be limited to one (1) hour beginning 90 minutes prior to kick-off. All teams must leave the field 30 minutes prior to the game and return 10 minutes before game time.

COIN TOSS – At 30 minutes prior to game time the officials will call one team captain, the head coach, and administrators from both teams together for the coin toss and the reading off the PIAA sportsmanship message. The visiting team will call the toss.

TIE GAMES – If the score is tied at the end of regulation play, overtime shall be used until a winner is declared. The tie-breaking procedure shall follow National Federation Rules unless amended by the P.I.A.A.

AWARDS – Medals will be provided for members of the championship team only. Medals will NOT be presented on the field following the championship games. Immediately following the completion of each championship game, a team trophy will be presented on the field to the champion.

Individual medals – 50

OFFICIALS – The District IV Officials Rep will assign game officials. The District will assign seven (7) officials for each game. The home team is responsible for the chain crew.

INSURANCE – Liability insurance is provided through the PIAA. Each school is responsible for extending their individual student accident insurance to cover injuries.

OFFICIAL FOOTBALL – The official game ball for all District and PIAA football games is the Wilson GST 1003. Each team participating is required to bring and use the GST or other Wilson NFHS approved footballs for all District play-off games.