

Football – State Quarterfinal Seeding

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3-Activity

Football-Class AAAAA, AAAA, AAA, AA, A, and 9-Player

4-Rule

Sport and Activity Rules and Policies
Football Information-Postseason

FUTURE PAIRINGS

Quarterfinals

2023: Section 3 vs. 1, 4 vs. 2, 7 vs. 5, 8 vs. 6

2024: Section 1 vs. 4, 2 vs. 3, 5 vs. 8, 6 vs. 7

2025: Section 2 vs. 1, 4 vs. 3, 6 vs. 5, 8 vs. 7

2026: Section 1 vs. 3, 2 vs. 4, 5 vs. 7, 6 vs. 8

Semifinals

2023: Section 3 vs. 1 Winner vs. Section 8 vs. 6 Winner Section 4 vs. 2 Winner vs. Section 7 vs. 5 Winner

2024: Section 6 vs. 7 Winner vs. Section 2 vs. 3 Winner Section 5 vs. 8 Winner vs. Section 1 vs. 4 Winner

2025: Section 6 vs. 5 Winner vs. Section 2 vs. 1 Winner Section 8 vs. 7 Winner vs. Section 4 vs. 3 Winner

2026: Section 5 vs. 7 Winner vs. Section 2 vs. 4 Winner Section 6 vs. 8 Winner vs. Section 1 vs. 3 Winner

5-Proposed

1. Beginning in the Fall of 2024, Class 9-Player through Class 5A would begin seeding State Quarter Finals 1-4 North and 1-4 South. North and South to be determined when sections are aligned by FB Advisory and MSHSL Tournament Director. Semi-final round would place highest Qtr. Final seed North Vs Lower seed south, Higher seed South vs Lower seed north.
2. Section Championship games would be required to be completed by Friday night so that the seeding process can occur Saturday morning.
3. The Head Coach and Activities Director of each competing school in a Class will utilize the established MSHSL seeding process.
4. Upon receipt of all votes, the MSHSL shall communicate seeds to the participating schools, set the Quarterfinal matchups, and begin to assign sites. Matchups will be communicated to the participating teams Saturday morning.
5. Sites will be determined and communicated by Noon on Monday following all Section Championship games.

The MFCA believes that seeding State Qualifiers 1-4 North and 1-4 South is very feasible and is the proposal we wish to move forward with for implementation beginning in 2024. This will allow sites to be set up in advance to help with travel and site identification. The MFCA pledges to assist the MSHSL in the procurement of host sites for Quarterfinal games or other areas as needed.

6-Rationale

1. This meets all the required seeding policy criteria.
2. This proposal would continue to protect the importance of regional representation in the Football State Tournament. Section playoffs and the State Tournament qualification process would remain unchanged.
3. Unlike many of the other team sports, the Football Quarterfinals are played at a variety of sites throughout the state. This would allow for sites to be set up in advance.

7-Example

The Minnesota Football Coaches Association is supportive of regional representation in the Football State Tournament through geographic Section assignment. Our proposal to seed the State Tournament would not change that in any way. Unlike many other sports, the Quarterfinal Round is not played at a “destination” stadium, but rather takes place in many sites across the state. The MFCA would like to provide a greater opportunity for the most

deserving teams to have a chance to play at US Bank Stadium and still decrease travel in the Qtr. Final round. This also increases predictability of for procuring Qtr. Final Sites.

8- Survey

A survey taken of 9M-5A coaches showed 76.6% of coaches approved of this format.

9-Time

This proposal would not impact competition time during the Football State Tournament.

10-Competitors

This proposal would not change the number of competitors who qualify for the State Football Tournament.

11-Facilities

The adoption of this proposal would not alter the total number of sites that must be secured by the MSHSL to administer the State Quarterfinals of the Football State Tournament.

12-Awards

This proposal would have no impact on the number of awards provided by the MSHSL.

13-Other

This proposal appears to have no other impact on MSHSL governed sports or activities.

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