AHSAA OFFICIAL OBSERVER REPORTING FORM
(To be completed by Visiting School Principals)

________________________ (HOME TEAM) VS. ______________________ (VISITING TEAM)

Class ______

Football Playoffs, 2019

Visiting Team Principals:

By action of the Central Board of Control, each playoff game will have an official observer who must report back to this office concerning the management of each playoff game. It is required that you or your administrative designee monitor each game in which your school is a visitor.

Please complete the following for each of these games and return to this office by Monday following the game played each week of the playoffs.

Please complete by writing yes or no:

____ Were the Game tickets sold outside the gate area (did not allow entrance inside the fence until a ticket was purchased)?

____ Were tickets taken and torn (entrance separate from selling area) and half of the ticket placed in a receptacle for accounting purposes? Was half of the ticket given to the patron (fan) purchasing the ticket(s)?

____ Was the Pass Gate manned by an adult with accompanying sign-in sheet and handled properly?

____ Was their uniformed security present for protection of fans and officials?

We are asking you to only monitor. Do not take corrective action. If there are discrepancies, please comment below.

Signed: __________________________

School: __________________________

COMMENTS:

After completion of this form, mail or fax it to the AHSAA office (334-387-0075).
HOME TEAM GAME BROADCAST REPORT
(Submit with ticket assignment sheet)
(Home team must complete this form at the playoff game site and RETURN IT TO
THE STATE OFFICE ALONG WITH THE TICKET ASSIGNMENT SHEET. If there are
no broadcasts of this game, mark “NONE” under the “Media” column before returning.
All media broadcasting live or delayed audio or video of games in their entirety must
present a letter of permission from the AHSAA (on AHSAA official letterhead) and should
contact the host principal or AD in advance. All fees must be paid in advance to the
AHSAA. No live video broadcasts, or live internet video webcasts are allowed except by
schools participating in the NFHS TV Network School Broadcast Program or by special
permission of the AHSAA.
Delayed video telecasts/webcasts are permitted but rights fees must be paid in
advance and playback delayed for a minimum 12 hours after kickoff. Producers must
present an AHSAA Letter of Permission. NO EXCEPTIONS.
If any questions arise on game night, call Ron Ingram, AHSAA Director of
Communications at 334-590-2232. ALL BROADCAST FEES MUST BE PAID IN
ADVANCE TO THE AHSAA.
The following media outlets broadcast a live audio or a tape-delayed video
telecast/webcast or live video stream as a member of the NFHS Network SBP, of
the football game played between:

__________________________  and  ____________________________
(visiting team)                 (home team)

on ________________________
(date)

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(Principal’s Signature)

(School)
NFHS Network Broadcast Policy
For Live Web-Streaming Rights Permission for Post-season Playoff Contests

NOTE: ONLY SCHOOLS CURRENTLY SIGNED UP ON THE NFHS NETWORK SCHOOL BROADCAST PROGRAM (SBP) ARE ELIGIBLE TO LIVE-STREAM VIDEO A POST-SEASON CONTEST.

1. Only member schools that have joined the NFHS Network School Broadcast Program (SBP) and are participating in the subscriber program are allowed to produce a LIVE playoff contest.

2. The game will be played under the rules and regulations of the AHSAA.

3. Live-streaming of a playoff game or event requires prior approval of the AHSAA. The AHSAA Media Policy is in effect. Each week the request to live-stream must be made at the Media link online https://www.ahsaa.com/Media/Broadcast-Permission-Request by filling out the Broadcast Permission Request Form.

4. A letter of permission on AHSAA letterhead will be sent via email to the producing school and must be presented at the pass gate. The production crew must use school media credentials provided in the playoff packet or have the school sponsor request credentials (max 4) by emailing ringram@ahsaa.com NO LATER THAN MONDAY, NOV. 4. The credentials will be good for first 4 four rounds.

5. No rights fee will be charged, but the subscriber fee required by the NFHS Network will be in effect for those who sign up to watch via the NFHS Network portal. The producing school will receive a percentage of the subscriber fees paid to the NFHS Network through the subscriber process. If both schools are members of the NFHS Network, each school may produce the contest and receive the percentage of the subscriber fees generated through their school’s production only.

6. Subscriber fees will be paid to the NFHS Network and distributed back to the schools by the Network.

7. Schools in the NFHS School Broadcast Program must make sure the game is submitted to the NFHS Network no later than Tuesday each week.

8. No other networks or schools will be allowed to live-stream playoff contests without prior written consent of the AHSAA.
Total number of games reported

Total (not average) length of all games reported from kickoff to final horn
Minutes—

Total scores of winning teams

Total scores of losing teams

Total number of overtime games

Total number of overtime periods or series

Total number of running plays — winning teams

Total number of running plays — losing teams

Total number of pass plays — winning teams

Total number of pass plays — losing teams

Total number of punts — winning teams

Total number of punts — losing teams

Total yards rushing — winning teams

Total yards rushing — losing teams

Total yards passing — winning teams

Total yards passing — losing teams

Total yards penalized — winning teams

Total yards penalized — losing teams

Total number of 15-yard penalties — winning teams

Total number of 15-yard penalties — losing teams

Total number of 10-yard penalties — winning teams

Total number of 10-yard penalties — losing teams

Total number of 5-yard penalties — winning teams

Total number of 5-yard penalties — losing teams

Total number of players disqualified with two unsportsmanlike fouls

Total number of coaches disqualified with two unsportsmanlike fouls

WINNING TEAM:

 LOSING TEAM:

REPORT AFTER PLAYOFF GAME
1. Bring To next playoff meeting or
2. Scan and email to: ringram@ahsaa.com or
3. Mail to Ron Ingram at PO Box 242367, Montgomery AL 36124
AHSAA Sportsmanship Guidelines for Game Announcers

The following guidelines are designed to help member school NFHS Network School Broadcast Program announcers and others understand the education mission of the AHSAA as outlined for our championship events. We thank you for supporting our high schools and high school-based athletics events. We also thank you in advance for your professionalism.

- Be positive
- Use the AHSAA and NFHS sportsmanship PSAs frequently.
- Be cognizant that you represent both participating schools.
- Do not criticize officials or officials' decisions. Describe the call but do not interject officiating from the broadcast booth.
- Refrain from criticism of coaches' decisions.
- Refrain from personal comments about individuals from each school – players, coaches, cheerleaders, bands, etc. – and always assume you are on the air.
- Promote positive examples of sportsmanship, character and life lessons taught and learned whenever possible.
- Since both teams and their student-athletes are already winners by their participation, please focus on the magnitude of the experience and not the game's outcome.
- Thank you for your dedication to the AHSAA mission.
These passes are of actual color and are accepted into all high school athletic contests. The holder of these cards must sign-in on the pass gate note pad and present a photo id.

Game officials may only be admitted with their card in the sport in which they officiated

**Please allow the News Media to use their passes for parking as well as admittance.

Thank you,

Steven P. Savarese, Executive Director, Alabama High School Athletic Association
AHSAA APPROVED MEDIA CREDENTIALS

The Following Credentials are good for the:

- Football Playoffs (first four rounds)
- School and Event Media Credentials listed here are good for the AHSAA Football Playoffs (first four rounds)
- Corporate AHSAA and Permanent Media Credentials good for all events including Super 7 Championships

ACCEPT ONLY CURRENT YEAR CREDENTIALS
(THESE COLORS ONLY) - NOT ACTUAL SIZE

AHSAA Staff, Central Board, Corporate Partner Credentials

Permit #121
AHSAA Staff

Permit #133
AHSAA Staff
GAME MANAGEMENT

1. All games must be played on Friday night and begin no later than 7:00 p.m. (Central Time). Pre-game ceremonies must not delay start of game.
2. A game coordinator (listed on front or back of bracket) is named to coordinate the events prior to the game.
3. Use all local news media for game publicity (newspaper, radio, television).
4. Host school must provide police protection (local, state troopers, etc.), fire marshal, and traffic directors.
5. Game Ball (both teams must use Wilson footballs).
6. Concessions to be operated or arranged by home team.
7. If the stadium is owned by the host school or its Board of Education, no fee will be paid for the use of the stadium. Host school must make all necessary arrangements for the use of the stadium and must furnish all necessary operational materials, services, and personnel. By action of the AHSAA Central Board of Control, no stadium rental expense shall exceed $500.00. If it exceeds $500.00, it will be taken from the host school share (Fall Sports Book, Page 95, c).
8. Visiting team will wear white jerseys. Home team will wear dark jerseys.
9. All ties will be broken, including the championship games. Tie-breaking procedures (approved by AHSAA and NFHS) are outlined in the 10-year overdue procedure in this packet.
10. Game programs should be printed and distributed. Home teams receive all proceeds from program sales. Programs must include tie-breaking procedures.
11. P.A. announcers are to be provided locally and should receive instructions on tie-breaking procedures for all playoff games. P.A. announcers must receive instructions pertaining to information and remarks to be made during the game (see attachment).
12. All funds must be deposited in a local bank. A final report, including all tickets not sold, and a school check should be mailed to the AHSAA office immediately following each game. The principal of each school is to receive a copy of the opposing school's ticket report (form supplied when tickets are supplied to each school). Ticket report must be postmarked by Wednesday of the following week. Playoff checks will not be mailed until all playoff ticket reports, money and unsold tickets have been submitted.

TICKETS/ADMISSION TO GAME

13. AHSAA provides tickets. Host school must provide change boxes, ticket sellers, ticket takers, ticket receptacles (all tickets must be torn and half of ticket placed in receptacles and the remaining half of ticket given to patron). Host school must keep torn tickets until financial reports have been finalized at AHSAA office. Only half of the ticket must be kept by the host school. NO PASSES OUT!

14. No reserve seats for any championship game. Ticket prices are as follows: Rounds 1, 2 and 3, $5.00; Semifinals, $10.00; Super 7 Championships, $12.00 (presale, plus fees), $15.00 (at the gate), Super 7 tickets good for entire day (all 3 games). GO FAN is the only online ticket provider for the AHSAA. Schools that are currently using GO FAN do not need to contact GO FAN to get set up for the playoffs. Schools wanting to use GO FAN please see the attached sheet in the packet.

15. All persons other than teams, bands and cheerleaders (in uniform) are required to have tickets or media credentials. Superintendents, principals, and coaches are admitted with observer's card, coach's card, AHSAA Special Pass, AASB cards, Football Official's card or Official's Special Pass. Persons admitted on the above cards must sign their names and school (school system) on a notepad at the Pass Gate. This list must be sent to the AHSAA office with the ticket report. Check credentials for current year.

CONTEST OFFICIALS

16. Contest officials will be assigned by the AHSAA office. Host schools are responsible for the security of contest officials before, during, and after the contest-including, but not limited to, providing a safe area for contest officials to park their vehicles. Protests of contest officials' decisions are NOT ALLOWED. NOTE: The host school will be responsible for providing a capable chain crew for each round of the playoffs. The AHSAA will provide a clip official to monitor the chain crew. The AHSAA will be responsible for payment of the game officials, clock operator and clip official, which includes game fees, travel and arbitrator pay transaction fee - $2 per official.

17. In addition to the chain crew, the host school is responsible for obtaining the 26/40 second clock operator (if one is used). If registered officials are used for the chain crew and/or the 26/40 second clock, the fee will be $40 per chain crew member and $60 for 26/40 second clock operator, and the host school will be responsible for payment.

18. The assigned officials will contact the host school by Tuesday to obtain contact information as well as directions, parking instructions and any other necessary information. The AHSAA will make payment to the officials (field crew, ECO and Clip Official) for each round of the playoffs.

19. Comments made to any media source regarding official's decisions will be considered flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct and subject to applicable fines and probations.

MEDIA

20. AHSAA will issue all media credentials prior to game time. Schools will receive special school media passes (good for first four rounds) to distribute to school reporters and photographers that serve their school. A photo ID is required for admittance with this pass and the pass is not transferable. No photos may be sold to the public or posted to any site other than the school site or the site of the media affiliate requesting the credential as per AHSAA Media Policy.

All requests for radio/TV broadcasts must be made online to the AHSAA office. Live audio or delayed video broadcasts must be requested online at www.ahsaa.com and are allowed by AHSAA permission only. Delayed video/streaming can be aired no sooner than 12 hours after kickoff. All broadcast rights fees ($500 for delayed video/streaming) are to be paid in advance directly to the AHSAA. A letter of permission will be sent to those approved once the fees have been received to the AHSAA. Only schools participating in the NFHS TV Network or by special contract with the AHSAA will be allowed to live-stream playoff games. All NFHS Network schools should fill out the broadcast request form online and contact the host school as early as possible. The school will receive a letter of permission from the AHSAA. The sponsor should also request credentials from the AHSAA by the deadline or use those provided in the playoff packet. These credentials will be good for the first four rounds. The Game Broadcast Summary Report, listing all radio/TV broadcasts of the game, must be submitted to the AHSAA office with the ticket report. TV stations, with credentials, will be allowed to shoot news footage.

HALFTIME

21. School bands may perform a maximum of 10 minutes each during halftime. If participating schools do not have bands, arrangements can be made, where possible, for bands from other schools to perform. Bands are not allowed to enter the opposing team's players' box (25-yard line to 25-yard line) before the half time officially ended without receiving prior permission from the opposing head coach. Bands are allowed one chaperone per 10 band members (Super Seven policy).
DIGITAL TICKET SALES FOR FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

GOFAN IS THE EXCLUSIVE PROVIDER OF DIGITAL TICKETING SERVICES FOR THE AHSAA. DIGITAL TICKETS WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE ONLINE AND ACCEPTED FOR ALL 2019 AHSAA FOOTBALL PLAYOFF GAMES.

Tickets for all football playoff games will be available for purchase at the web address below:

GOFAN.CO/AHSAA

SCHOOLS CURRENTLY OFFERING GOFAN DURING THE REGULAR SEASON:

- Tickets can be accepted at the gate in the same manner that your school currently does for regular season games.
- Mobile Only: Tickets will be presented and accepted.
- No scanning or scanning devices are required by your ticket takers.
- Fans can only present and redeem their tickets directly from their mobile phone.
- Review the 1-minute tutorial below on how to accept and redeem tickets at the gate.

SCHOOLS NOT CURRENTLY OFFERING GOFAN:

NEW FOR 2019 PLAYOFFS:

- Only host schools will receive rolls of Huddle Tickets at the playoff meetings.
- Visiting teams will NOT receive Huddle Tickets.
- Each AD will be sent a game link each week so that you can share it with your fans to let them know how to purchase tickets in advance.

All online ticket sales collected via GoFan will be reported and remitted directly to the AHSAA by GoFan. You, your school will not be responsible for remitting any online ticket sales information and/or monies to the AHSAA for sales that occur online via GoFan.
AHSAA Football Contest Completion Policy

The AHSAA expects all contests to be completed according to the rules and regulations of the AHSAA and the NFHS. If a situation occurs during a contest that causes the contest to be stopped while the situation is addressed, then the contest is expected to be completed as soon as the situation is resolved.

If a situation occurs that temporarily stops or delays a contest, please follow the procedures listed below:

1. Delay the contest until the home game administration resolves the incident, and then continue the contest until completed by NFHS rules and regulations.

2. If the contest cannot be resumed to completion according to NFHS rules and regulations due to a situation beyond the control of the home game administration on the same day, then reschedule and complete the contest on the next available date according to NFHS rules and regulations.

- **Rule 1, Section 1, Article 7** – The game officials shall assume authority for the contest, including penalizing unsportsmanlike acts, 45 minutes prior to the scheduled game time.

- **Rule 1, Section 1, Article 10** – The Referee’s decision to forfeit a contest is final.

- **Rule 3, Section 1, Article 3** – A period or periods may be shortened in any emergency by agreement of the opposing coaches and the referee. By mutual agreement of opposing coaches and the referee, any remaining period may be shortened at anytime or the game terminated.

- **Rule 3, Section 1, Article 4** – Games interrupted because of events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority shall be continued from the point of interruption unless teams agree to terminate the game with the existing score.

- **Rule 3, Section 1, Article 5** – When weather conditions are construed to be hazardous to life or limb of the participants, the crew of officials is authorized to delay or suspend the game. (The NFHS Lightning Policy Shall Be Followed.)

Suspension of Play Policy

The Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) recognizes that inclement weather may occasionally impact athletic contests during its Championship Programs. The AHSAA also recognizes the importance of protecting the health and safety of its student-athletes, coaches, fans, officials, and umpires.

Henceforth, no athletic contest during AHSAA championship play shall begin a new increment of play (period, inning, set, etc.) after 12 a.m. (midnight). Additionally, no increment of play that begins prior to midnight, may continue past 12:30 a.m. The resumption of play the next morning, if necessary, may not commence prior to 7 a.m.
PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING FOOTBALL GAMES
DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER DISTURBANCES

Prior to the day of the contest, assign a staff person to monitor local weather conditions before and during the event. Also develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby shelters. On the day of the contest, review your emergency and evacuation plans which should include the nearby shelters.

Before the Officials Jurisdiction (45 minutes prior to game time) begins and the administration feels safety is questionable, the administration has the authority to suspend the game. After the official’s jurisdiction begins, the Referee has the sole authority to suspend the game. If the Referee has not acted, and the administration feels safety is questionable, the administration will act to notify the Referee of the concerns which may cause the game to be suspended.

NFHS Lightning Policy:

1. When thunder is heard, or lightning is seen*, the leading edge of the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play for at least 30 minutes and vacate the outdoor activity to the previously designated safer location immediately.
2. 30-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or lightning is witnessed* prior to resuming play.
3. Any subsequent thunder or lightning* after the beginning of the 30-minute count will reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
4. When lightning-detection devices or mobile phone apps are available, this technology could be used to assist in making a decision to suspend play if a lightning strike is noted to be within 10 miles of the event location. However, you should never depend on the reliability of these devices and, thus, hearing thunder or seeing lightning* should always take precedence over information from a mobile app or lightning-detection device.

* – At night, under certain atmospheric conditions, lightning flashes may be seen from distant storms. In these cases, it may be safe to continue an event. If no thunder can be heard and the flashes are low on the horizon, the storm may not pose a threat. Independently verified lightning detection information would help eliminate any uncertainty.

According to NFHS guidelines, the first step in the suspension process would be to remove the participants to the locker rooms for a minimum of 30 minutes. If, at that time, the weather has not subsided the game may be declared terminated (By Mutual Agreement of Both Schools) or suspended by rule to be finalized on the next available date. Otherwise, it will be finished at that time.

If, after the first 30 minutes the outcome of the weather is still unknown, an additional 30 minutes of waiting time will be granted by the Referee. If, at that time, the weather has not subsided the game may be declared terminated (By Mutual Agreement of Both Schools) or suspended by rule to be finalized on the next available date. Otherwise, it will be finished at that time.

This procedure will continue until a determination of weather conditions can be made. If the Referee and both school administrations feel it is too late to continue the contest on that day, the game will be declared terminated (By Mutual Agreement of Both Schools) or suspended by rule to be finalized on the next available date. Otherwise, it will be finished at that time.

The administration shall, when severe weather is pending, keep a constant check on weather conditions using an on-site lightning detector and/or staying in contact with the Emergency Management Agency or nearby TV/Radio Stations that would have information concerning the path of the storm. This constant check,
AHSAA Expectations – “Working With Officials”

1. If you are the host, have someone greet the contest officials upon arrival. Make sure they have a parking place in a secure area.

2. Escort them to their private dressing area. Provide security for the contest officials and their vehicles from the moment they arrive until the moment they depart.

3. Be sure the contest officials have the privacy needed in their dressing area from the time they arrive until the time they depart.

4. Provide the contest officials with water/drinks throughout the contest.

5. Work with the contest officials throughout the game while they administer their duties (Pre-game equipment inspection, coaches conference, coin toss, sideline decorum, clear use of sideline restricted area for Game Officials).

6. To Aid in the safety of the participants, host administration should monitor the restraining line to keep media, spectators and others behind the restraining line.

7. Avoid confrontations with contest officials. During the game, only request information.

8. Be professional after the game. Thank the contest officials for the job they did and make sure they have easy access back to their dressing area.

9. Avoid public criticism of contest officials in public or social media.
80 of the top high school football players in Alabama and Mississippi are headed to Hattiesburg, MS on Dec. 14th for the 33rd Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Football Game to be held at M.M. Roberts Stadium on the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi. Two 40-member squads of high school seniors will match their talents a 2:00 p.m. on that Saturday afternoon. Tickets will be available online and at the stadium on game day for $10 each. The event is hosted by the Alabama High School Athletic Directors & Coaches Association and Mississippi Association of Coaches. Don’t miss it – Dec. 14th!

*** A PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE FROM THE ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION. ***

All AHSAA championship events are made possible by the support of our corporate partners – Alabama Power Company, ALFA Insurance, Cadence Bank, Coca-Cola, Encore Rehabilitation, Future Ones, Jacks’ Restaurants, Team IP, and Wilson and corporate sponsors, Blue Cross Blue Shield, PlayOn, and TNT Fireworks. These fine corporate citizens are worthy of your support. A special “Thank you” to our corporate partners.

**** A PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE FROM THE ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION. ****

The AHSAA reminds fans that we all play a role in the education of our students. Parents, fans and people in the community all set an example for students – whether they are aware of it or not. Help set a positive example in everything you do – both at the games and in your community. Good sportsmanship is what sets your school apart!
PSAs

<< 30 seconds >>>

In Alabama, good sportsmanship is a high school tradition. Whether at home or on the road, make our schools, our communities and our students proud by displaying positive sportsmanship.

Good Sportsmanship and positive citizenship are vital in the development of good citizens. The AHSAA gladly welcomes the challenge of being a leader in sportsmanship and in continuing this proud tradition.

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Win or lose, the name of the game is sportsmanship in AHSAA education-based high school athletics. The lesson learned on the court and in the bleachers is "Good Sports are winners no matter what the score."

Support high school athletics with Good Sportsmanship.

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Good sportsmanship is a top priority for the AHSAA and our member schools. While you enjoy this outstanding event, please give all student-athletes your positive support and encouragement.

Booing, taunting and derogatory remarks directed at opponents or contest officials are unsportsmanlike and unacceptable.

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A PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE FROM THE ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.
AHSAA 2019 FOOTBALL PLAYOFF DATES/REMINDERS

GAME TIMES: All games will be set at 7:00 p.m. Central Standard Time
RESERVED SEATS: There will be no reserved seats for any state playoff contest.
REPORTING PLAYOFF SCORES: The host school is responsible for designating someone to post the playoff game score online on its C2C schedule within 30 minutes after completion of the contest and no later than 11 p.m. Failure to do will result in the $100.00 fine to the host school. If you experience problems with the website, email the score to rimgram@ahsaa.com or text to 334-590-2232 (Ron Ingram) before 11 p.m.
Remember: Reporting scores can be done on line at C2C or straight from the sidelines by using the AHSAA C2C link: https://app.c2cschools.com/mobile/#login

To report scores using the link, you must be checked into C2C with scorekeeper permission for that sport. If you are using Scorebird, make sure it is plugged in and working properly prior to the game, then check after the game to make sure the score is showing on C2C.

VIDEO SWAP: All schools in the playoffs must exchange their last two game videos but may exchange additional videos by mutual agreement. Both schools may agree to exchange videos electronically or by any other means as long as the exchange is done prior to the meeting; otherwise, the video exchange will take place at that morning meeting. Remember, if all schools participating provide their best quality videos, the exchange will be fair and easy for all coaches.

COACHES PLAYOFF MEETING SCHEDULE
At AHSAA Office, Montgomery

Nov. 2:  Classes 1A, 2A, 3A  9 a.m.
        Classes 4A, 5A, 6A, 7A  10:30 a.m.

Nov. 9:  Class 1A thru 7A  9:30 a.m.

Nov. 16: Class 1A thru 7A  9:30 a.m.

Nov. 23: Class 7A  8:30 a.m. (Raycom TV interviews)**
         Class 7A  9:30 a.m. (Super 7 host meeting)
         Class 1A thru 6A  9:30 a.m. (coaches meeting)

Nov. 30: Class 1A thru 7A  8 a.m. – 9:25 a.m. (media interviews**)
         Class 1A thru 7A  9:30 a.m. (coaches meeting)
         Class 1A thru 7A  10:30 a.m. (host meeting)

**-Interviews will be scheduled based on travel distance. Head coaches should be dressed in game time attire, should be well groomed and should bring a team helmet to be used as an interview prop. A group photo of all head coaches will be made on Dec. 1 immediately following the coaches’ meeting and prior to the host meeting. (All helmets will be in the group photo)

2019 SUPER 7 GAME SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Dec. 4
3:30 p.m. – Unified Sports Finals
7 p.m. – Class 7A

Thursday, Dec. 5
11 a.m. – Class 3A
3 p.m. – Class 1A
7 p.m. – Class 5A

Friday, Dec. 6
11 a.m. – Class 4A
3 p.m. – Class 2A
7 p.m. – Class 6A
AHSSA STADIUM CRITERIA

Each school hosting a playoff game must provide a facility that meets the minimum standards.

The minimum seating capacity for schools in each class are:

Class 1A-1,750
Class 2A-2,000
Class 3A-2,250
Class 4A-3,500
Class 5A-4,000
Class 6A-4,500
Class 7A-4,500

Other minimum standards for football stadiums are:

1. The field shall include coaches’ areas and team boxes and be marked as outlined in the National Federation Rules Book (Rule 1-The Game, Field, Players and Equipment).
2. The barrier (wire fence) enclosing the field shall be at least five yards from the sideline and four-feet high.
3. A secure area (ticket booth) for the sale of tickets must be provided outside the stadium.
4. Entrance gate(s) for receiving tickets and a pass gate must be provided.
5. The stadium (seating areas and playing field) must be totally enclosed so fans must use the gate(s) to gain entrance to the stadium.
6. Dressing rooms with hot and cold showers for both teams must be provided.
7. An officials’ dressing room with hot and cold showers must be provided.
Playoff Teams that will be utilizing instant replay

Class 4A
   Good Hope
   Handley

Class 5A
   Lawrence County

Class 6A
   Opelika
   Oxford

Class 7A
   Auburn
   Austin
   Central Phenix City
   Thompson
   Baker
NFHS Approved Experiment
AHSAA Football Instant Replay Protocol

Article 1: Purpose and Philosophy

Section 1. Instant replay is a process whereby video review is used to let stand or reverse certain on-field decisions made by game officials.

Section 2. The instant replay process operates under the assumption that the official’s ruling on the field is correct. The replay official may reverse a ruling only if the video evidence convinces him or her beyond all doubt that the ruling on the field was incorrect. Without indispensible video evidence that the ruling on the field was incorrect, the ruling will stand as called.

Article 2: Instant Replay Personnel & Equipment

Section 1. Instant replay personnel shall consist of the referee and one other game official that was not directly involved with the play.

Section 2. AHSAA approved DVSport equipment will be the only instant replay equipment to be utilized in an AHSA contest. The use of any other type of equipment provider for instant replay review is a finable offense to the school(s), and the officials will be suspended.

Section 3. The instant replay area shall be a protected area and restricted to only the replay officials. The area will contain all necessary equipment to review a play during the instant replay process. The instant replay area shall be in a secure location near the sideline, outside the team boxes or other AHSAA designated area and not allow anyone, other than the replay officials, within 15 feet of the review.

Section 4. The instant replay provider (home school, visiting school or venue) is responsible for having two red flags for the coaches to use during the contest. Instant replay will not be utilized if both teams do not have red flags. The instant replay flag may be self-made using a 12"x12" red cloth or purchased from a vendor.

Article 3: Eligibility for Instant Replay

Section 1. All AHSAA varsity level football games (regular season and playoffs) may use instant replay in venues where the necessary equipment is provided by either team. The home team’s equipment will have priority as to the equipment to be utilized. All cameras utilized must feed through the approved AHSAA DVSport instant replay system. When instant replay is used, it must be in accordance with AHSAA protocols.

Section 2. Instant replay will be used for AHSAA state championship contest and is solely the property of the AHSAA. The AHSAA will use equipment provided by the venue. The AHSAA will designate a replay booth official for each state championship finals. (see Article 5, Section 5)
Article 4: Reviewable Plays

Section 1. Instant replay may be used to review any possible on field error other than those listed in Sections 2 and 3.

Section 2. Instant replay shall not be used to review on-field rulings made by officials where a penalty flag was thrown (or not thrown) for fouls other than the situations listed below.
   a. The call or no call of a player throwing a forward pass beyond the line of scrimmage is reviewable.
   b. The call or no call of a team having more than 11 players participate during a down is reviewable.
   c. A foul for illegal contact that resulted in a disqualification is reviewable. (This includes, but is not limited to, targeting, spearing, blind side block, and fighting)
   d. When instant replay is initiated (a challenge by either team) the replay official has the autonomy to correct or enforce any unsportsmanlike acts or flagrant fouls.

Section 3. Timing errors may be challenged in venues that have a visible clock embedded in the video replay. Time elapsed during a challenged play is not placed back on the clock unless it was a timing error. Also, time may be corrected when a call is reversed on the last play of any quarter.

Section 4. When a team requests a challenge that does not meet the criteria for reviewable plays, the team will be charged with a time out and assessed a delay of game penalty if they don’t have any time outs remaining.

Section 5. The decision of the replay official is final. Protest are not allowed.

Article 5: Initiating the Instant Replay Process

Section 1. Instant replay shall be initiated by the designated head coach tossing a red flag onto the field in front of a nearby official. (See Article 2 Section 4) The flag must be thrown following the end of the play in question and prior to the next legal snap or free kick of the next play. The officials will call an officials’ time out to confer with the coach as to what is being challenged.

Section 2. Each team shall be allowed two instant replay reviews during the contest. If the challenged ruling is not changed, the team will lose that challenge for the remainder of the contest and be charged a time out. (Delay of game penalty will be accessed if a team does not have any remaining time outs.) If the challenge ruling is changed, the team will maintain that challenge and not be charged with a time out. Once a team has requested two unchanged challenge rulings, the team will not be allowed to challenge for the remainder of the contest.

Section 3. The review official will have a maximum of two minutes to make a decision on the challenge. The two minutes will begin once the official is at the monitor.

Section 4. When a challenge is reversed on a penalty play, the offended team will be given new penalty options based on the result of the reversal of the challenge.

Section 5. In state championship finals: a) the last timed down of the fourth quarter or any overtime possession will be reviewed for any error or misapplication of a rule, if it has a bearing on the outcome of the contest; b) all scoring plays or potential scoring plays will be reviewed by the replay official.
AHSAA 10-Yard Overtime Procedure

An overtime period is unlimited play after a regulation game has ended with the score tied. During an overtime period each team has an opportunity for an offensive series of downs. However, an overtime period may include only one offensive series of downs if the defensive team scores a safety or touchdown.

3-1: When the score is tied at the end of the fourth period, the referee will instruct both teams to return to their respective team boxes. There will be a three-minute intermission during which both teams may confer with their coaches. All game officials will assemble at the 50-yard line, review the overtime procedure, and discuss how penalties, if any, including any carry-over penalties from the regulation contest will be assessed to start the overtime procedure. (See 8-3-5,6) At the end of the intermission, the head linesman will go to the team on the side of the field where the line to gain equipment is located and the line judge will go to the other team. They will inform the coaches of any special penalty enforcement that apply.

3-2-1: At the coin toss in the center of the field the visiting-team's captain shall be given the privilege of choosing “heads” or “tails” before the coin is tossed. The winner of the toss shall be given his choice of defense or offense first, or of designating the end of the field at which the ball will be put in play for this set of downs. The loser will have his choice of the other options. The referee will indicate the winner of the toss by placing a hand on his shoulder. To indicate which team will go on offense, the referee will have that captain face the goal toward which his team will advance and indicate this with the first-down signal. The other team captain will face the offensive captain with his back toward the goal he will defend.

3-5-1: Each team shall be permitted one time-out during each overtime period (a series for A and a series for B). The team scoring the greater number of points in the overtime shall be declared the winner. The final score shall be determined by totaling all points scored by each team during both regulation time and overtime periods.

5-1-1: To start the overtime, the offensive team shall put the ball in play, first and goal, on the defensive team's 10-yard line or succeeding spot if carry-over penalty has been administrated (15-yard line for six-player football) anywhere between the hash marks. The first offensive team shall have a series of four downs. That series shall be terminated by any score by the offensive team or if the defensive team has possession of the ball.

If the team on offense scores a touchdown, it is entitled to the opportunity for a try unless the points would not affect the outcome of the game or playoff qualifying.

A field-goal attempt is permitted during any down.

If the defensive team gains possession, the ball becomes dead immediately and the offensive team's series of downs is ended.

After the first team on offense has completed its series of downs, the first team on defense will become the offensive team with the ball in its possession at the same 10-yard line anywhere between the hash marks. The same end of the field will be used for possessions by both teams during the two sets of downs to ensure equal game conditions and conserve time.

If the score remains tied after each team has been given one series of downs in an overtime period, then the procedure shall be repeated with other overtime periods until a game winner is determined. In this case, there shall be an intermission of two minutes. At the subsequent meeting of team captains, the loser of the overtime coin toss will be given first choice of the options. If additional overtime periods are required, then first options will be alternated with no coin toss.

5-1-3: If a safety is scored by the offensive team, the succeeding spot will be the 10-yard line in possession of the team that was on defense, provided the defensive team has not had its series of downs (the temporary overtime score is: Team A-2; Team B-0).

When the defensive team gains possession of the ball, the down and series immediately end for the offensive team.

5-2-1: The offensive team shall be awarded a new series of downs when any one of the following occurs:
   a. Offensive team recovers a scrimmage kick (field-goal attempt) between the goal lines after it has been touched first by the defensive team beyond the neutral zone.
   b. Defensive team is guilty of roughing the kicker, place-kick holder, snapper or passer.

5-3-1: The line to gain is always the goal line regardless of whether or not a penalty enforcement places the ball more than 10 yards from the goal line to start a new series.

8-1: If the defensive team scores a safety or touchdown, the game is ended.

8-3: No try will be attempted if the winner of the game has been determined.

10-4-3: Post scrimmage kick enforcement is not applicable in this procedure.
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AHSAA NON-PARTICIPATING TEAM - SPECIAL TICKET REQUEST FORM

All non-participating teams will have an exclusive opportunity to attend the Super 7 Championships as a team for a significantly discounted price. On-site tickets are $15 per day. As a non-participating team, you can order tickets in advance as a group for $5 per ticket. Teams MUST arrive at the game together and MUST be accompanied by their coaching staff in order to be admitted for the discounted price. Bus parking is available in the Seed Processing Lot and a map can be downloaded from www.super7al.com.

Please fill out the information below and return with your payment to the contact below. All tickets must be picked up at WILL CALL (Gate 14) at Jordan-Hare Stadium. Tickets will be left under the contact name you list below. If you have additional questions, please contact Daniel Smith at daniel@knightscoa.com.

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AHSAA COACHES SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

AHSAA COACHES HOSPITALITY
As a part of the Super 7 State Football Championships, an AHSAA Coaches hospitality area will be located in the 3rd level suites of Jordan-Hare Stadium. Complimentary meals, snacks, and drinks will be available each day of Super 7. Coaches are required to stay in 3rd level suites designated for AHSAA coaches only as other suites in the area will be in use by other guests of Super 7.

All AHSAA coaches who present their coaches’ card and their valid photo ID will be allowed to access the hospitality area along with one (1) guest. The AHSAA Coaches Pass Gate/Hospitality Entrance is located inside the East Elevator Lobby Entrance between Jordan-Hare Stadium GATES 4 & 5.

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 4, 2019
GAME SCHEDULE
3:30 p.m. – Unified Game
7:00 p.m. – Class 7A State Championship Game

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 5, 2019
FCA BREAKFAST (REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT www.ALABAMAFCA.org)
  • 9:30 a.m.
  • The Tiger Walk Club of Jordan-Hare Stadium
  • ALL GUESTS SHOULD ENTER AT THE HARBERT FAMILY RECRUITING ENTRANCE
    (NEAR GATE 10) AND NOT AHSAA COACHES ENTRANCE

GAME SCHEDULE
11:00 a.m. – Class 3A State Championship Game
3:00 p.m. – Class 1A State Championship Game
7:00 p.m. – Class 5A State Championship Game

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 6, 2019
GAME SCHEDULE
11:00 a.m. – Class 4A State Championship Game
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7:00 p.m. – Class 6A State Championship Game
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Coaches:

ALFA, a valued corporate partner of the AHSAA, is partnering with the AHSAA on a Road to Super 7 promotion to help highlight one key match-up per week during the Football Playoffs. Each week two schools will be contacted by a representative from Knight Eady, the AHSAA’s management and marketing partner, to inform them they have been selected along with a few action steps.

The Road to Super 7 Promotion will feature both a social media and an on-field component. The home team will be encouraged to use its athletic social media handles to direct students and followers to LIKE a #protectyourhome hashtag campaign and the visiting team will be encouraged to direct students and followers to RT a #driveto6in hashtag campaign. The night of the playoff game a representative from ALFA will be on-site to present an AHSAA and ALFA Road to Super 7 specially designed football to both participating schools. A local ALFA representative will present the specially designed football to an administrator from both the visiting team and home team. This presentation will take place before the game begins and will not need to include anyone from either coaching staff.

The following script can be read while the ALFA agents presents the game balls to the schools:

“HOME TEAM’s Week 4 Match-up against AWAY TEAM was selected as the ALFA Super 7 Game of the Week! All week long fans have participated in a social media contest to test whether the AWAY TEAM MASCOT have the Drive to Win or if the HOME TEAM MASCOT will Protect Your Home. ALFA is committed to your community by protecting your team and what’s most important to you.”

Questions should be directed to Knight Eady.

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Nov. 30 Meeting (Coach Interview Schedule)

- **ALL COACHES MUST ARRIVE BY 8:20 A.M.; first coaches by 7:50 a.m.**
- From 8:30 to 9:30 Coaches will meet with Team Hosts from Auburn/Opelika
- Playoff Meeting from 9:30 to 10:30
- Please be prompt and a little ahead of schedule
- Remember to bring a team helmet
- Be neatly groomed;
- Wear what you plan to wear on the sidelines for your Super 7 Final

**NOTE:** Unified Coaches will here for interviews at 7:40 a.m.

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Dear Head Coach,

Congratulations on your school advancing to the semi-final round of the playoffs which will continue your great 2019 season!

In order to begin preparing for your team's potential trip to Super 7, each school will be required to complete the first of four (4) online forms focusing on key contact information and file uploads that will be needed by the Super 7 game program publisher prior to your semi-final game being played on either Friday November 22 (7A) or Friday November 29 (1A-6A).

Playoff teams in 7A must submit semi-final round team forms no later than Monday November 18, 2019 at 12:00PM and participating teams from 1A-6A must submit their information no later than Monday November 25, 2019 at 12:00PM since ALL SEMI-FINAL TEAMS are included in the Super 7 game program.

The form will not submit without all information and file upload items being completed so please review this information with whomever you have selected to complete the form prior to them starting to ensure that they will have all answers and files on hand. Your answers and files will be shared with various staff managing Super 7 instantaneously, so we hope that this format will eliminate your program being contacted multiple times for the same pieces of information.

The following items will be required on the semi-final round online team form:

- **Team Size** – Please provide your official numbers of varsity student-athletes, varsity coaches, and support staff that will travel with you to Super 7.
- **Contact Information** – Please provide name, cell phone, and email for your primary team contact, head coach, athletic director, principal, superintendent, band director, head cheerleading coach or sponsor, team statistics contact, and booster club contact.
- **File Uploads** – Please upload digital copies of your team’s logo, team photo, head coach photo, athletic director photo, superintendent photo, and team roster.

The process has been designed to greatly reduce the number of contacts made to each school, team, or head coach and hopefully it creates an efficient system to communicate with key project managers across the Super 7 event. In order to ensure that happens, each team must provide all information and files required quickly and accurately.

The online team forms can be accessed at:
http://www.ahsaa.com/Sports/Football/Super-7-Online-Team-Information

PASSWORD: Ahsaa7325

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Michael McGreevey with Knight Eady via email at mcgreevey@knighteady.com and thank you for your hard work!
TO: All Super 7 Coaches

FROM: Steven P. Savarese, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Pass Gate

Just a reminder for all Super 7 coaches who will be on the field coaching – if your spouse will use your coaches’ card for admittance into Jordan Hare Stadium through the pass gate, they MUST have along with your coaches card their identification (driver’s license) for clarification.

Thank you.

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