



TO: Principals, and Athletic Directors of all Football Playing Schools

FROM: Trinity Johnson, Assistant Director

SUBJECT: 2023 Football play-offs

DATE: November 6, 2023

If your high school football team qualifies for the 2023 play-offs, the following will apply:

1. All first-round games will be scheduled for Friday, November 10 at 7:00 pm (multi-school districts could move games to Thursday due to a facility issue). Teams may mutually agree to move the contest to Thursday or Saturday.) Game dates and times of other play-off rounds will be listed on the championship brackets on our web page. Championship brackets can be found on the OSSAA Football page NOTE: Updated brackets will be available on the web site by noon pm on Saturday throughout the play-offs.
2. **Please remember that each school is required to enter the score of their play-off game within 24 hours of the conclusion of the game.**
3. **All non-championship rounds of 2023 OSSAA Football Play-offs will utilize the GoFan Electronic Ticket process as the primary ticket option. There will be a cash ticket option in the non-championship rounds. The ticketing procedure will be discussed during the Administrators Football Play-off Zoom meeting on Monday, November 6th at 8:00 a.m.**

Ticket prices for all non-championship games throughout the state play-off series will be \$7.00. All championship game tickets will be \$10. NOTE: In games that are not semi-finals or championship games, host schools may sell cash price reserve seats for \$12.00 All money received from reserve ticket sales must be reported on the financial form provided by the OSSAA. Reserved seating shall not affect seating for the visiting fans or cause them to purchase tickets at an increased price. Email our office for a settlement sheet for reserved seating tickets.

4. **The settlement sheet for hosting play-off football games will be emailed to the host Athletic Director on Tuesday.**
5. **OSSAA will calculate travel reimbursement for all schools in the football brackets. Travel reimbursement checks will be mailed to participating schools by January 15th.**
6. **Game officials will be assigned and paid by the OSSAA.** A link listing the game officials will be posted to the secured site of our webpage on the Tuesday prior to the respective round of play-off games. (This is the same list we send to officials.)
7. We ask each school hosting a play-off game to develop an emergency plan for unexpected occurrences during the game, and to make everyone involved in the operation of the game aware of your plan, including the administration from the visiting school. Please communicate your plan for ambulance services, should they be needed. Specify whether you will have an ambulance on site or have access to services in a timely manner. Also please review your plan for inclement weather. You can find those guidelines under "Sports Medicine" on the OSSAA web page at www.ossaa.com.
8. Plaques for district (regular season), bi-district (second round winners for classes B-1A-2A) regional (second round for Classes C-3A-4A-5A) and area (semi-finals) champions will be sent directly to the winning schools.

9. Additional information regarding the 2023 play-offs can be found in the 2023-24 OSSAA Administrators Handbook on pages FB9-FB11.
10. REMINDER: Applications for Academic Achievement Awards are due no later than Friday, November 17. The application form can be found on our web page under the "sports" tab and the football link.
11. **STREAMING PROTOCOL: Any group wishing to video live stream and/or televise an OSSAA playoff contest, regardless of length or where it is shown, must fill out the 2023-24 Football Video Live Streaming Agreement form found on the OSSAA website under the MEDIA tab and send it in for approval by Monday at 3:00 pm. Failure to fill out the form for approval will result in being charged the full amount plus \$100 the first round of the playoffs, the full amount plus \$200 for the second round of the playoffs, the full amount plus \$300 for the third round of the playoffs, etc. NFHS Network schools must fill the form out, but they will NOT be charged to video live stream. Please e-mail all requests to vsiven@ossaa.com. A link with all approved video live streams will be posted on the OSSAA website at least 24 hours before the contests take place.**
12. **Confetti Canons:** Confetti canons are **not** permitted at OSSAA events. Any costs incurred by the host for confetti cleanup will be passed on to the celebrating school. Future sanctions could be imposed on the celebrating school.
13. Kick off Time: Non-semi-final football contests and championship football contests are scheduled to kick-off at 7:00 p.m. Participating schools may change the kickoff to 7:30 p.m. by agreement of both school administrations. Please notify OSSAA staff as soon as a change in kickoff time is agreed upon. Original brackets will be updated on Tuesday morning of the playoff week with any kickoff time changes. Text kickoff time changes to 405-818-3541 or email changes to tjohnson@ossaa.com
14. **There will be an Administrator Football Play-off ZOOM meeting on Monday, November 6th at 8:00 am. Link is on the Football page.**
15. **STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SOUVENIRS**
The official vendor for OSSAA Championship Souvenirs—Fine Designs—will be selling t-Shirts and Souvenirs at all State Championship venues. A variety of products will be available, including T-shirts, long-sleeved T-shirts, hoodies, caps, sweatpants, shorts, etc. You can also order products from their website as well, [Fine Designs - Official Event Apparel \(ossaastore.com\)](https://fine-designs.com)
16. **Veterans Day Recognition** - The OSSAA is happy to once again allow a veteran and a guest in for free to the first-round playoff games. Veterans need to show a military ID card or their Driver's License that indicates they are veterans.
17. **Veteran Day Game Activities** - Attached to this email are PSA announcements to be read after the conclusion of the 1st and 3rd quarters. Also, if schools choose to, they can have a veteran participate in the coin toss.
18. **Zoom Meeting** - The link below will take you to the recorded Zoom meeting.
19. https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/SQgXFSOWFbGiWabUEEboVx6rvow4c19LofYofhUA_QXULkzlw1W_GuoDWoe4apobKHMOhS2-kMY9pBTy.bh48wMv7I6dqPKQt?canPlayFromShare=true&from=my_recording&continueMode=true&componentName=rec-play&originRequestUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fus02web.zoom.us%2Frec%2Fshare%2Fd7PCJrC5RZ6eizf4eE16bPGLwDRjR-vfzKXnfs14KEKeKXTHoBZsP_cWeRaQ_vMI.zkRMMAUiLjmgfzMW
20. **8-Man, Championship games** - Southern Nazarene will be the 8-Man Championship site for 2023.
21. **Play-off passes** - Only official OSSAA Media passes and OSSAA Playoff passes will be accepted.