

NOTE: ALL NEW RULES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES ARE UNDERLINED

I. CLASSIFICATION

- A. For the purpose of determining the football championships, the schools playing eleven-man football will be assigned by the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association Board of Directors to classes based on the Average Daily Membership as shown on the initial Annual Statistical Report completed by the Examiner's Division of the State Department of Education for the preceding school year and filed on June 30 of each year. The new classification on the initial report may be changed when the report inadvertently places a school in a lower classification. The ADM that was used for school years 2011-12 and 2011-12 classification purposes was the 2009-10 school year ADM. Football is classified on a two-year cycle and the present cycle concludes with the 2011-2012 school year season. **NOTE:** In regard to football re-classification, the OSSAA will consider input from all member football playing schools. Plans submitted by the schools must be approved by the OSSAA staff and are subject to change before being submitted to the OSSAA Board of Directors for approval. In establishing plans for new districts, Classes 5A-6A shall be sensitive to teams who traveled during the previous two year classification plan. Also, since there may not be an even east/west split in Classes 5A-6A teams, a team(s) will be selected by the OSSAA to balance the number of teams on either the east or west side of the state. The OSSAA will consider requests by Classes 5A-6A teams to be assigned to the area where there is an imbalance in the number of teams, but will have final authority on the east/west split. Also, cross-bracketing within the play-off brackets for all classes will take place in the quarter-final round.
- B. The following is the classification used for Classes 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A, B, and C:
1. Class 6A shall include the 32 largest eleven-man football playing schools.
 2. Class 5A shall include the next 32 largest eleven-man football playing schools.
 3. Class 4A shall include the next 32 largest eleven-man football playing schools.

Classes 3A, 2A and 1A will be divided into thirds. Classes B and C will consist of the smallest 76 Class A football schools that petition to play eight-man football. For the 2011-12 and 2011-12 school years those classifications will be as follows:

Class 3A – the next 57 largest eleven-man football playing schools.

Class 2A – the next 58 largest eleven-man football playing schools.

Class A - the next 58 largest eleven-man football playing schools.

Class B – the 40 largest eight-man football playing schools.

Class C – the remaining 36 eight-man football playing schools.

Only Class 1A football-playing schools shall be eligible for assignment to participate in the eight-man football championships program. **NOTE:** Any eligible football playing school that chooses to change from eleven-man to eight-man after district pairings have been released, or after one year of a two-year alignment period, may be allowed to participate only as an independent until the next alignment period.

II. BEGINNING AND ENDING OF FOOTBALL SEASON

- A. The football season shall open in week nine on the OSSAA calendar. Varsity games for students in grades nine through twelve must be scheduled on Thursday, Friday or Saturday of that week. Junior High and junior varsity teams may schedule games on earlier days during week 9. OSSAA's Board of Directors may approve an earlier opening date in extreme circumstances involving a member school playing an out-of-state team.
- B. The football season for member schools, school personnel, and players shall close on Saturday of week eighteen on the OSSAA calendar, except for those teams having elimination games following week eighteen, whose season shall close with their last elimination game. An individual who has represented his/her school during the current season shall not participate in football unattached or as a member of a team for the remainder of the school year.
- C. In case of death, impassable roads, or extreme weather conditions, a game is postponed and no date is open to play the postponed game, the Board of Directors shall have jurisdiction in deciding whether the season shall be extended.

III. PRACTICE REGULATIONS

- A. A school team may begin practice without pads twenty days prior to the opening of the season. Although junior high and junior varsity may play earlier during week 9, the opening of the season, for the purposes of determining when practice without pads may begin, is deemed to be on Thursday of week nine, the first day on which any varsity game may be scheduled. Practice shall not be permitted on Sundays during the pre-season practice period, and Sundays therefore are not counted when determining the starting date for pre-season practices. For the 2011 season, therefore, practices without pads may not begin until Tuesday, August 9.
- B. A school team may begin practice with pads no more than seventeen days prior to the opening of the season. For the 2011 season, therefore, practice with pads may not begin until Friday, August 12.
- C. Schools must have a minimum of three days of conditioning without pads immediately preceding the beginning of practice with pads.
- D. During the first three days of the twenty-day pre-season training period, only footballs, shoes, and helmets can be used. No other protective equipment such as pads, guards, etc., and no training devices such as tackling or blocking dummies, charging sleds, or similar devices are to be used, nor shall players participate in drills that are designed to cause contact. Training aids such as air and stand-up dummies which are non-attached, tires, ropes, boards, and any other equipment not requiring body contact, may be used.
- E. During the three days of practice without pads, practice must be held on a team's home field or practice field. Practice held after the three days of practice without pads may be on or off the home field or practice field.

- F. From the close of the football season until the close of school (local district), member schools and school personnel shall not sponsor nor conduct clinics or training camps for their football teams, and shall not hold football practice from the close of the football season until twenty days (excluding Sundays) prior to the opening of the varsity football season, except provided in Articles G and H of this section. Organized practice is defined as school personnel (those people who are designated as coaches or assistant coaches within the school district) or anticipated school personnel, directly or indirectly, giving individual or team instruction concerning fundamentals of football. School personnel may coach their team in summer passing leagues or summer camps (see camp regulations - Section XX).
- G. After all spring activities end in a respective classification, high schools (grades 9-11) will be allowed to conduct spring football practice for two hours per day for a maximum of ten days. **Students who are currently in the 8th grade are not allowed to participate in spring football practice.** Spring practice must be completed by June 1. Regulation equipment for full contact drills may be used during spring practice. Interschool scrimmages are not allowed and only students who are currently attending the school can participate in spring practice.
- H. When there is no organized physical education class scheduled during the school day, a school may schedule an additional class period (same time length as a school day class period and cannot exceed one hour) immediately after the close of the school day. A school that is bringing its freshmen and sophomore athletes from another site may schedule its practice period immediately upon the arrival of these athletes for the purpose of conducting a physical education class. The practices will be conducted by the certified coaching staff. Any individual is limited to the maximum time of a regular class period and cannot exceed one hour.

IV. GAMES AND SCRIMMAGES

- A. In Classes 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A, B, and C, senior high varsity teams can play a maximum of ten regular season games.
- B. In Classes 6A and 5A, teams which include only ninth grade students, sophomore teams, and junior varsity teams can play a maximum of nine regular season games. **NOTE:** If a student below the ninth grade is participating on a team, only eight regular season games can be played.
- C. In Classes 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A, B, and C, any team on which seventh and eighth graders participate can play a maximum of eight regular season games.
- D. In Classes 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A, B, and C, all teams other than the high school varsity team can play a maximum of eight games. **NOTE:** This includes seventh grade teams, eighth grade teams, ninth grade teams, a junior high team consisting of seventh, eighth, and ninth graders, sophomore teams, and junior varsity teams.
- E. Before the opening date of the regular season, member schools and individual students are limited to two inter-school scrimmage dates. No inter-school scrimmages are allowed once the regular season begins. In inter-school scrimmages, there will be no kick-off or return of any kicks. Coaches shall be responsible for the supervision and administration of the scrimmage. All OSSAA rules and regulations, and all National Federation football playing rules apply in scrimmages.

V. PARTICIPANT PLAYING LIMITATIONS

A student may participate in a maximum of two football games during a week (Monday thru Sunday). A student in uniform with his/her team shall be considered as having participated.

VI. DISTRICT PLAY AND ADVANCEMENT INTO PLAY-OFF SERIES

- A. District Assignments - The Board of Directors shall determine the number of districts for each classification.
- B. District Schedules - A chairman for each district shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. If it is necessary, each chairman shall call a meeting of the representatives of the schools in his/her district to complete district schedules. Games between any two schools of a district will be alternated between their home fields unless otherwise mutually agreed upon. The entire district schedule must be completed before contracts for games with schools outside the district will become binding. Each team is to play all other teams of the assigned district. In district play, games are to be played on Friday unless there is mutual agreement, between both schools involved, to play on another day of the week.
- C. The first, second, third and fourth place finishers in all classes from each district shall be eligible to participate in the elimination games.
- D. District Standings - The first, second, third and fourth place finishers in each district shall be determined in percentage of games won and lost in district play. In case two or more teams are tied in percentage of games won and lost in district play, the highest available position in the district standings and next highest available position(s) in the district standing shall be determined in the following manner:
 1. When two teams are tied in percentage of district games won and lost, the highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other in district play. The team that lost to the other tied team will occupy the next highest available position in the district standings.
 2. When three or more teams are tied in percentage of district games won and lost, the highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other tied teams in district play. The next highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the remaining tied team(s) in district play. This procedure shall continue until all available positions are filled.
 3. When three or more teams are tied in percentage of games won and lost in district play, and no team is the winner over the other tied teams in percentage of games won and lost in district play, the representative(s) for the highest available position(s) in the district standings shall be determined by:

- a) Total the marginal points each tied team had in all district games only. Marginal points will be the difference in score. Winners will add the difference in score to their marginal point total and losers will subtract the difference in score from their marginal point total. No team will add more nor subtract more than fifteen points in any district game. Example: Winning score, Team A, 21 points; Team B, 18 points; Team A will add three points to its marginal point total and Team B will subtract three points from its marginal point total. No team will add more nor subtract more than one point in any district game that goes into overtime(s). The team with the greatest number of marginal points will occupy the highest available position in the district standings. The team which has the next greatest number of marginal points will occupy the next highest available position in the district standings. This procedure shall continue until all available positions are filled. Any time two teams are tied in marginal points, the teams shall advance in the order as to which team won over the other in district play.
 - b) In the event ties cannot be broken by the criteria in the paragraph (s) above, the highest available position in the district standings shall be determined by lot. After lot has decided the highest available position in the district standings when three teams are tied in marginal points, the next highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other tied team in district play. When four teams are tied in marginal points, the highest available position in the district standings will be decided by lot. The next highest available position in the district standings will go to the team that won over the other two tied teams in district play. If the next available position in the district standings cannot be determined by who won over the other tied teams, then lot will determine the next highest available position in the district standings. The two remaining tied teams will determine their district standing position by which team won over the other in district play.
4. Should it become necessary for a representative to be determined by lot, the OSSAA will call a meeting of the involved schools and conduct the necessary procedure to determine the representative.
 5. If the first, second, third, or fourth place team in any class does not elect to play or is ineligible to play in the elimination games, the Board of Directors shall select the next team in line until a team is found to represent the district in the play-off series.

VII. STATE PLAY-OFF SERIES

- A. On week nineteen of the OSSAA calendar, a series of elimination games in all classes shall start and shall be continued by the winning teams playing one game each week until a champion is determined. The first, second, third and fourth place finishers in all classes from each district shall be eligible to participate in the elimination games.
- B. All first and second round games with the exception of possible multi-high school district conflicts will be played on Friday night at 7:30 p.m. of week nineteen on the OSSAA calendar. Game dates and game times of other rounds will be determined by the pre-determined championship brackets and other related criteria. The Activities Association has the authority to alter game times in order to accommodate teams that have excessive travel, for security reasons, and other problems that may develop. Host play-off schools cannot alter assigned game times without OSSAA and visiting school approval. **NOTE:** In a multi-high school district, games may be adjusted between Friday and Saturday by mutual agreement if a field conflict exists. Thursday may be used, if the visiting team agrees to play on Thursday. The district administration of the multi-high school district shall have first priority in determining the first round play-off dates when a conflict exists between the host multi-high school district schools. If the district administration cannot resolve the conflict(s), the following criteria shall be used to resolve the conflict(s): (1) If two teams are involved, the team that finished highest in its district standings shall have first priority; (2) If district standings will not determine first priority, then regular season head-to-head competition shall determine which team has first priority; (3) If three or more multi-high school district teams have first round home games, the team(s) that finished highest in its district standings shall have priority and regular season head-to-head competition shall determine any additional conflicts; (4) if the criteria in 1, 2, and 3 does not determine which team(s) have priority, the OSSAA shall determine the playing dates.
- C. The home field for all second round games shall be played on the home field of the district winner providing the district winner advances. In the event that they do not advance, the team that did not host a game in the first round shall have the home field unless neither team had a home game in the first round, then the team on the even-numbered line of the respective class championship bracket in the even-numbered calendar years will host and the teams on the odd-numbered lines of the respective class championship bracket in the odd-numbered calendar years will host.
- D. Starting the third round for Classes 3A, 2A and 1A, the home field shall be determined by:
 1. Check the number of home play-off games each team has played. If one team has played more play-off games at home than the other team, the home field shall be the team with the least number of home play-off games.
 2. If both teams have played the same number of play-off home games, the home field shall be determined by the team which did not host a play-off game in the immediate preceding round.
 3. If both teams have played the same number of play-off home games and in the event both teams hosted or did not host a play-off game in the immediate preceding round, the home team shall be the team on the even-numbered line of the respective class championship bracket in the even-numbered calendar years and the team on the odd-numbered line of the respective class championship bracket in the odd-numbered calendar years.
- E. All semi-final games shall be played at neutral sites.
 1. In determining which side of the state to play semi-finals and finals games for classes 5A & 6A, the following criteria will be used: In an even-numbered calendar year, the best available site on the east side of the state will be selected. In an odd-numbered calendar year, the best available site on the west side will be selected. For games that include schools outside the Tulsa or Oklahoma City areas, the OSSAA will select play-off site. If an adequate facility is not available using this criteria, the OSSAA shall determine the play-off site.
- F. The Board of Directors shall select the sites, set the dates and times, and appoint the manager for the semi-final and championship games in each class.

- G. In the semi-final and final rounds of the football championship series, the home team shall be the team on the even-numbered line of the respective class championship bracket in the even-numbered calendar years, and the team on the odd-numbered line of the respective class championship bracket in the odd-numbered calendar years. **NOTE:** The home team shall wear its dark color jerseys and the visiting team shall wear its light color jerseys. If there is a disagreement regarding jersey colors, the Activities Association will determine which color jersey each team will wear. **NOTE:** Cross-bracketing in the play-offs will begin in the quarter-final round (second round for classes 6A, 5A, 4A, B, C and third round for classes 3A, 2A, 1A.)

VIII. PLAY-OFF EXPENSES

- A. All teams will participate at their own expense during the football play-offs.
- B. All reimbursements will be made through the Activities Association office using the uniform reimbursement schedule adopted by the board of directors.
- C. Local game expense amounts for host schools will be determined by the board of directors at its August board meeting. That information will be sent to member schools after the board meeting.
- D. After games expenses have been paid, the net receipts will go to the Association.
- E. The host school shall have all concession rights.
- F. The expense of the game officials will be paid by the Activities Association.
- G.. In games of the state play-off series, the following will apply:
1. When the game is played on the home field of either school, a representative of the home team will serve as the game manager, and he/she will be responsible for completing arrangements for the game and financial accounting.
 2. If the game is played on a neutral field, the Activities Association will appoint a game manager, who will be responsible for completing arrangements for the game and financial accounting.
 3. A detailed, itemized financial statement provided by the Activities Association shall be completed by the game manager, and a copy shall be sent to each involved school and the Activities Association as soon as possible following the game. If the Activities Association gives the host school permission to issue complimentary game tickets, the cost of the tickets is to be deducted from the home team's percentage of the net game receipts.
- H. Ticket prices for all games of the state play-off series will be established by the Activities Association. The Activities Association will provide tickets for the games of the state play-off series.
1. In classes 6A, 5A, 4A, B & C, first and second round ticket prices will be \$5.00 for students and adults.
 2. In classes 3A, 2A & A, first, second, and third round ticket prices will be \$5.00 for students and adults.
NOTE: In classes 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A, B, and C first and second rounds and also Classes 3A, 2A and 1A third round, host schools may sell reserve seats for an admission price higher than \$5.00 OSSAA permission must be requested in writing and OSSAA tickets must be used. All money received from reserve ticket sales must be reported on the financial form provided by the OSSAA. Reserve seating shall not affect seating for the visiting fans, nor cause them to purchase tickets at an increased price.
 3. In all classes, semi-final and championship round ticket prices will be \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students.
- I. Complimentary admissions for the state play-off series will be as follows:
1. The OSSAA Complimentary Pass for the current school year is the only pass that will admit the holder to a play-off game. A driver's license must be shown with all complimentary passes. The passes are not transferable.
 2. Working reporters, newspaper photographers, radio and television personnel should be admitted upon presentation of their Oklahoma Press Association card or similar identification.
 3. Bands and cheerleaders of competing schools will be admitted, if in uniform. Arrangements for bands out of uniform must be made with the game manager before arrival at the game site.
 4. Any workers who aid in the administration of the game.

IX. AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. The following awards will be presented in Classes 6A, 5A, 4A, B, and C:
1. Championship plaques to each district champion
 2. Championship plaques to each regional champion (second round winners)
 3. Championship plaques to each area champion (semi-final round winners)
 4. Championship trophy to each state champion and 48 individual medals in Class 6A; 48 individual medals in Class 5A; 40 individual medals in Class 4A; 28 individual medals in Class B; and 28 individual medals in Class C.
 5. Runner-up trophy to each runner-up state champion and 48 individual medals in Class 6A; 48 individual medals in Class 5A; 40 individual medals in Class 4A; 28 individual medals in Class B; and 28 individual medals in Class C.
- B. The following awards will be presented in Classes 3A, 2A and 1A:
1. Championship plaques to each district champion.
 2. Championship plaques to each bi-district champion (second round winners).
 3. Championship plaques to each regional champion (third round winners).
 4. Championship plaques to each area champion (semi-final round winners).
 5. Championship trophy to each state champion and 36 individual medals in Classes 3A, 2A and 1A.
 6. Runner-up trophy to each runner-up state champion and 36 individual medals in Classes 3A, 2A and 1A.

- C. District, bi-district, regional, and area championship plaques will be sent to the winning schools on the Monday following the appropriate event.
- D. State championship and runner-up trophies will be presented on the field after the conclusion of the championship game. An administrator from each participating school shall be present on the field to aid the OSSAA staff with the presentations.

X. OFFICIALS AND PROTESTS

- A. The regulations of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association provide that all officials used in regular season basketball and football competition and Association sanctioned tournaments where participants are 7th-12th grades must be enrolled and tested with the Association. The regulations also apply to regular season competition in baseball, soccer, softball, volleyball, and wrestling where participants are 9th-12th grades. It is strongly recommended that enrolled and tested officials be used in all competition where participants are 7th-12th grades.
In secondary school football games that include participants in grades 9 thru 12, a minimum of four game officials shall be used. In secondary school football games that include participants in grades 7 and 8 only, a minimum of three game officials shall be used. (Oklahoma Adoption)
- B. The game officials in all elimination games shall be selected and assigned by the OSSAA. In elimination games of eleven-man and eight-man football, five officials shall be used. The game fees in elimination games will be determined by the Board of Directors. **NOTE:** Football teams that qualify for the play-offs will be allowed to list a maximum of five officials who they do not want officiating their play-off game(s). A form for listing officials will be sent to each member football playing school in mid-October.
- C. Beginning a game with an official(s) constitutes agreement. The official's decision(s) shall be final. **NOTE:** For additional information on agreement of game officials, refer to OSSAA Rule 11, Section 1 of the 2011-12 OSSAA Rules and Regulations Handbook in the high school principal's office.
- D. One of the calculated risks that coaches must accept is that he/she, his/her players, or the officials may make mistakes during the course of the game or contest. The Board of Directors has established a policy of not honoring a protest based upon a rule situation, nor a situation which involves judgment on the part of the game officials.

XI. LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY - COACHES CONDUCT

- A. A certified faculty member designated as sponsor or coach shall be in charge of the training and participation of contestants. Any assistance rendered by parties other than a designated sponsor or coach must be with the approval of the administration and will not relieve the designated sponsor or coach of his/her responsibility.
- B. When an official banishes a coach or sponsor from the vicinity of the game or contest and there is no other qualified assistant or faculty member present to assume full responsibility of the team or organization, the game or contest must be forfeited. Any school in violation of this section of the rules shall forfeit the game, meet, or contest to the offended school and the school in violation shall be placed on warning.
- C. Any coach who is ejected from an interscholastic game, meet, or contest shall be suspended from coaching the next regular scheduled game, meet, or contest (same team and level) in which the team participates. This includes all OSSAA sponsored and play-off activities. A coach who has been suspended from coaching may attend the contest, but he or she must be seated in the spectator area and may not give instructions to the players, or the individual who has been assigned to coach the team, anytime during the contest including half time. The coach may not coach directly or indirectly in any capacity. The coach may not enter the dressing room at half time nor will he or she be allowed to be on the court, field, etc., before or during the contest. The suspended coach must also complete the NFHS "Teaching and Modeling Behavior" course within seven days of the ejection before he/she can be reinstated. Any coach who is ejected from a contest a second time during the same activity season shall be suspended from coaching until reinstated by the OSSAA Board of Directors. **NOTE:** The ejected coach is not to be seated in the press box during the game.
- D. When an athletic coach removes his/her team from the playing area, the game or contest shall be forfeited and the school or team automatically placed on probation.

XII. CONDUCT OF STUDENTS - EJECTIONS

- A. A student who is under discipline or who is suspended from school or an activity shall be ineligible until reinstated by the school principal.
- B. A student who is disqualified during a game or contest because of flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible until reinstated by the principal. It is recommended that a disqualified student forfeit the right to participate in at least one contest before he/she is reinstated by the principal. A student whose flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct consists of fighting, cursing or using foul language toward a game official will be automatically suspended from participating in a minimum of the next two games or contests that his/her team plays. Fighting is defined, but is not limited to any player or non-player (bench personnel) striking an opponent with arm(s), leg(s), foot (feet), or other object(s); attempting to strike an opponent with arm(s), leg(s), foot (feet), or other object(s), regardless if there is contact with an opponent; or instigating a fight by committing an act(s) that causes an opponent to retaliate by fighting related to an OSSAA sponsored activity in which the players and non-players are participating. A player or non-player who retaliates by fighting is in violation of the fighting rule. The fighting rule will apply to pre-contest and post-contest sponsored activities.

It is mandatory that all head coaches remind his/her team that fighting during the post game hand shaking ceremonies or conducting themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner after the game will be severely penalized. The head coach and team will be subject to additional suspension penalties beyond the normal penalties imposed on fighting and unsportsmanlike acts that occur during the contest. Injuries have occurred because of fans climbing over walls and fences, being trampled, or partaking in dog-pile celebrations, etc., at the conclusion of a contest. Therefore, school administrators should be aware that if their student body and fans come onto the playing area after a contest, penalties may be imposed.

Any substitute or team member, who leaves the team bench (football player leaving the team box, baseball or softball player leaving the dugout, basketball player or wrestler leaving the team bench, etc.) and enters the playing area during a fight or any other serious unsportsmanlike act, shall be ejected. Those players or team members identified by game officials, school administrators, or video tape will be suspended a minimum of one game if they were not involved in the altercation and a minimum of two games if they were involved in the altercation. This rule applies to both regular season and play-off games. The suspension applies to individuals/teams on the same level of competition; i.e., varsity to a varsity game, junior varsity to a junior varsity game, etc. Any additional penalties by the National Federation Rule Book and OSSAA Rules and Regulations Handbook would also apply. The rule will apply to all OSSAA sponsored activities. Any student involved directly or indirectly for fighting or any other serious unsportsmanlike act a second time during a season shall be suspended for the remainder of the season.

- C. Students ineligible under (A) or (B) are not eligible until reinstated by the principal after the minimum penalty is enforced.
- D. A disqualified student shall be ineligible until reinstated by the principal and a written report of the details of the incident and the action taken has been filed with the Executive Secretary for review with the Board of Directors.
- E. If a student who is ineligible under (A) or (B) transfers, the principal should (not mandatory) notify the principal of the receiving school and the OSSAA Executive Director of the student's eligibility status.
- F. Any student currently suspended from an activity or expelled from school who enrolls in another school will be ineligible for the duration of the original suspension or expulsion or until reinstated by the OSSAA Board of Directors.

XIII. FORFEITED, CANCELED, OR POSTPONED GAMES

- A. The minimum penalty for the participation of an ineligible student during the regular season is the forfeiture of all contests involved in with the following exception: Refer to Forfeiture For Use of Ineligible Athlete Policy in the 2011-12 OSSAA Administrators Handbook.
- B. The minimum penalty for the participation of an ineligible student during the play-offs is the forfeiture of most recently played game. The exception in A above will also apply.
- C. Any team that is unable to play a district football game and forfeits will be eliminated from district contention for a play-off position. The results of previously played district football games that involved the forfeiting team will stand (this will include wins, losses, plus marginal points, and minus marginal points.) For example, if Team A beats the forfeiting team 21-14, this will count as a win for Team A in the district standings and a plus seven marginal points, or if Team B lost to the forfeiting team 28-24, this will count as a loss for Team B in the district standings and a minus four marginal points. The team(s) that the forfeiting team forfeits to will receive a win and plus 15 marginal points. Exceptions to forfeiting a district football game(s) can be appealed to the OSSAA Board of Directors.
- D. In the event a school has to forfeit a game due to an unavoidable circumstance, the home game site the following year should be determined by the schools involved. In the event this cannot be agreed upon, the Board of Directors shall set the site.
- E. A scheduled game that is canceled will be forfeited.
- F. District games which are postponed due to some urgent emergency must be played no later than Monday of the next week if circumstances allow.
- G. A postponed play-off series championship game may be played on a corresponding day of the following week.
- H. Non-district games interrupted because of events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority shall be continued from the point of interruption unless the teams agree to terminate the game with the existing score. Interrupted non-district games should be played no later than Monday of the following work if circumstances allow.