

FHSAA FOOTBALL

- **522 FHSAA MEMBER SCHOOLS PARTICIPATE IN FOOTBALL**
- **OVER 30,000 STUDENT ATHLETES**
- **8 CLASSIFICATIONS**
- **73 INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS (67 IN A CONFERENCE)**
- **449 PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE SERIES**

Current Structure

- Each team who participates in the State Series is placed into a District
- The District Champion and the District runner up in each District receives an automatic bid to the playoffs.
- If a team chooses not to participate in the State Series they would become independent and not be eligible for the playoffs.

NEGATIVES

- Some are in small districts some are in large districts
- The best teams don't always get in
- Travel
- Competition
- Safety
- Old and Outdated
- Does not take in account week 11 outcome
- Very little excitement leading into playoffs
- Second round rematches
- Over 50% of the playoff games in 2015 had a 21 point differential
- Over 40 % of the districts are 3 or 4 team districts due to travel

POSITIVES

- It's comfortable and what we know
- 2 teams are guaranteed from each district to get in
- Guaranteed District games

WHAT WOULD A NEW SYSTEM LOOK LIKE??

- 8 CLASSIFICATIONS
- 4 REGIONS IN EACH CLASS
- REGIONS WOULD BE BROKEN UP BASED ON THE GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF THE TEAMS IN EACH CLASS
- EACH SCHOOL THAT IS COMMITTED TO PLAY IN THE STATE SERIES WOULD BE PLACED IN A REGION
- NO REGION SCHEDULE IS REQUIRED
- EACH SCHOOL WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING THEIR OWN SCHEDULE
- THE WORD "DISTRICTS" WILL GO AWAY
- NO MORE DISTRICT CHAMPION OR RUNNER UP
- PLAYOFF QUALIFIERS WILL BE TAKEN FROM EACH REGION BASED ON POINT PERCENTAGE AFTER WEEK 11

POSITIVES

- Schools control their own schedule
- No more complaining about district placement
- School districts or areas can create their own conferences/CONTROL TRAVEL
- Creates excitement that is now missing/Best teams get in/Seeding Show
- Counts week 11
- Creates more self-policing
- Tough Schedules get rewarded

NEGATIVES

- Can all schools find 10 games?
- Its uncomfortable and not what we know

HOW MY TEAM EARNS POINTS FOR A PLAYOFF SEED:

- Based on your opponents record and if you win or lose
- This system rewards winning and strength of schedule.
- You must play a minimum of 8 games to be eligible for a playoff seed

Your total games played will be divided by your total points earned which will not penalize teams who choose not to schedule 10 games!

YOUR OPPONENT WILL FIT INTO ONE OF THE FOUR CATEGORIES BELOW

Category 1	Won more than 80% of their games	If your opponents record is: 10-0 8-0 8-2 9-1 8-1 9-0	If you Win you get <u>50 points</u>	If you lose you get <u>35 points</u>
Category 2	Has won at least 60% of their games but no more than 79%	If your opponents record is: 7-3 7-2 6-4 6-3	If you Win you get <u>45 points</u>	If you lose you get <u>30 points</u>
Category 3	Has won at least 40% of their games but no more than 59%	If your opponents record is: 5-5 4-6	If you Win you get <u>40 points</u>	If you lose you get <u>25 points</u>
Category 4	Has won less than 39% of their games	If your opponents record is: 3-7 3-6 2-8 1-9 0-10 1-7	If you Win you get <u>35 points</u>	If you lose you get <u>20 points</u>

If your opponent only plays 9 games it will not penalize your team. Base it on the percentages. Example: 7-2 won 77% of their games- you would get Category two points

In addition to the previous basic points, bonus points are awarded on the following basis:

- No points are deducted for playing a team in a lower classification
- One bonus point for competing against a school one classification above
- Two bonus points for competing against a school two classifications above
- Three bonus points for competing against a school three classifications above
- Four bonus points for participating against a school four classifications above

THE CAP ON BONUS POINTS FOR PLAYING UP IS 4

- ❖ *When a Class 1A rural team plays outside of its classification, enrollment numbers will be used to place them on the class 2A-4A assignment schedule for bonus point purposes only.*
- ❖ *Example- 1A rural school has 550 students they would fall into class 3A and thus be judged based on enrollment for themselves and opponents bonus points.*
- ❖ *Out of State opponents will be placed in our classification structure based on enrollment and bonus points will be earned based on that.*

HOW DOES ALL OF THIS LOOK?????

Class 7A														
<u>Region 1</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	Bonus	Avg	Seed
Lincoln	35	35	35	50	30	30	40	35	35	40	371	6	37.1	8
Columbia	45	40	50	45	30	50	45	40	35	45	425		42.5	1
Robert E. Lee	35	40	40	35	45	50	20	35	40	35	375	1	37.6	7
Buchholz	35	35	35	50	50	45	45	45	35	45	420		42	2
Bartram Trail	45	35	35	45	35	35	50	35	50	45	410		41	3
Oakleaf	40	40	35	35	45	45	35	35	30	40	380		38	6
Hagerty	40	30	30	35	45	45	35	35	45	45	385	4	38.9	5
Edgewater	35	35	40	45	35	35	45	45	35	45	395	2	39.7	4

Higher Seed Always Host

1	Columbia				
8	Lincoln				
4	Edgewater				
5	Hagerty				
3	Bartram Trail				
6	Oakleaf				
2	Buchholz				
7	Robert E. Lee				

POINT SYSTEM – Qualifying Criteria

1. In order to be considered as a “Playoff” qualifier, a school must play a minimum of eight regular-season games. (An exception may be made by the FHSAA for schools that are not provided a full schedule of games.)
2. Only the results of regularly scheduled games scheduled prior to the start of the regular season will be used in calculating the point total. All schedules will be final on the Monday of the first regular season play date.
3. If a school plays an opponent more than once during the season, only the first game shall count in calculating the point totals.
4. Out-of-state varsity teams will be converted to the Florida classification based on the same year enrollment figures obtained from that State’s Activities Association.
5. Only regular season games of out-of-state teams will be used to calculate the point average.
6. Only regular season records will be counted from out of state opponents.
7. The score of a game goes not affect the number of points a team receives.
 - a. A score of 7-6 will result in the same number of points as a score of 50-0

Cancellations/Postponements/Forfeits:

- A contest that is forfeited because of extenuating circumstances between schools shall count as a loss for the team forfeiting, and such forfeiting team shall receive wild card points for such forfeited loss.
- Schools that are required to forfeit a game or games by the FHSAA the game or games shall count such contests as one of the permissible contests under the 10 contest limitations for football. The school shall receive forfeit losses for those scheduled contests and shall be awarded wild card points for those forfeit losses
- When a school's varsity team is unable to complete the season, those remaining teams on that school's regular season schedule shall receive forfeit wins for those scheduled contests and shall be awarded points for those forfeit wins. Points will be determined by the forfeiting team's percentage of wins at the time of seeding for postseason competition.
- If two schools cannot agree on the postponement and rescheduling of a regular season football game the schools should contact FHSAA office for mediation. First priority shall be given to player safety. The host team has the sole responsibility of determining if the field is fit for play. The game may be postponed or forfeited. If a forfeit is not awarded, the game must be completed by Tuesday of the school's last permitted regular season game. If the game is not forfeited and is not played by the stipulated date, each team will be credited with a loss. If all parties cannot agree FHSAA reserves the right to consider it a "no contest" and no points will be awarded to either team and the game will be stricken from the schedule. That ruling will be made by FHSAA.
- If a school takes its team off the playing field prior to the completion of a contest, or prior to the suspension/termination of a game by the game officials, and the contest results in a forfeit because of the refusal of the school's team to continue play, the school shall be subject to a penalty set by the FHSAA Board of Directors. The penalty may be exclusion from participation in the district or state series of competition.

POINT SYSTEM TIEBREAKER

1- If only two teams have identical point averages and are tied for one of the qualifying spots and/or higher seed and the teams have played each other, the team that won the contest between the two teams in question will qualify for the State Play-offs and/or get the higher seed.

2- If the two teams have not played each other or if more than two teams are tied, Step 3 will be used to determine which team qualifies for the State Play-offs and/or get the higher seed.

3- If two or more teams have identical point averages and are tied for one or both of the remaining qualifying spots and/or higher seed, the team or teams with the greatest number of wins over first Category one teams will be selected and/or given the higher seed. If only two teams remain after this step and the two teams tied have played each other, Step 1 will be used to determine the qualifier for the State Play-offs and/or get the higher seed.

4- If a tie still exists, the team or teams with the greatest number of wins over first and second Category teams will be selected and/or given the higher seed. If only two teams remain after this step and the two teams have played each other, Step 1 will be used to determine the qualifier for the State Play-offs and/or get the higher seed.

