

# 47th ANNUAL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

## 2021 Rules and Regulations for 11-Player

### INTRODUCTION

The 47th Annual MHSAA 11-Player Football Playoff Series will be played Oct. 29 or 30 (District Semi-Finals), Nov. 5 or 6 (District Final), Nov. 12 or 13 (Regional), Nov. 19 (Semi-Finals played at NMU), Nov. 20 (Semi-Finals) and Nov. 26 or 27 (Finals). It is the responsibility of each competing school to be familiar with the rules and regulations that follow.

The Representative Council has attempted to set up financial allowances for competing team expenses and for schools hosting playoff games. It should be kept in mind that participation in MHSAA tournaments is voluntary and that total expenses of teams are not guaranteed. Cooperation of all schools will assure an equitable return of funds to both entertaining and competing schools and will enable the MHSAA to continue services to member schools and promote meets and tournaments in all sports.

### 11-PLAYER SCORING SYSTEM

(1) Playoff points are earned as follows and are figured only on the basis of games played:

<b>60</b> points if you defeat a Division 1 team;	<b>55</b> points if you defeat a Division 2 team;
<b>50</b> points if you defeat a Division 3 team;	<b>45</b> points if you defeat a Division 4 team;
<b>40</b> points if you defeat a Division 5 team;	<b>35</b> points if you defeat a Division 6 team;
<b>30</b> points if you defeat a Division 7 team;	<b>25</b> points if you defeat a Division 8 team;

All varsity football games involving MHSAA member schools must result in a win or loss. Varsity games ending regulation play in a tie score must be decided by the MHSAA-approved overtime procedures. Sub-varsity games will **not use** the tie-breaking procedure.

(2) Bonus points are earned as follows and are figured only based on games played:

The multiplier changes depending on the size of each opponent.

Division 1 = 6 points	Division 2 = 6 points	Division 3 = 5 points	Division 4 = 5 points
Division 5 = 4 points	Division 6 = 4 points	Division 7 = 3 points	Division 8 = 3 points

(3) *Add the playoff points and write as a fraction. The sum of the playoff points is the numerator and the number of games played is the denominator.*

(4) *Add the bonus points for each opponent separately and write as a fraction. The bonus points of the opposing team are the numerator and the number of games played by that opponent is the denominator. Then add these two fractions for a total. (After adding the fractions, adjust to a decimal number to the nearest thousandth (92.8888 will become 92.889) to determine the playoff average.)*

(5) Varsity games only are to be counted. Non-varsity games are not recorded.

(6) Starting in 2020, Schools **MAY NOT** choose to play at any higher classification in football. All other MHSAA sports must do so by April 15. Enrollment figures for schools opting to play in a higher classification will be set at the median enrollment for the higher classification.

(7) Out-of-state opponents are classified on the basis of Michigan classification.

(8) The number of points a team scores against an opponent have no bearing on the playoff point system.

(9) **MHSAA Handbook policies on inclement weather (lightning and tornado specifically) shall be followed. The game resumption delays may be extended by host schools as a tournament policy superseding the game time and delay schedules used for regular season.** Regular season games cancelled because of acts of God or emergency closing of facilities will not be counted unless they are rescheduled and played before Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021. All games contracted or mutually agreed to before Sept. 11, 2021 and played before Oct. 24, 2021 will count toward the playoffs even though the game may not have been reported to the MHSAA.

**(10) Games arranged/contracted after Sept. 11 may count toward playoff points if the agreement to play is the result of game cancellations by previously contracted opponents for reasons of health or lack of available players and subject to MHSAA approval.**

(11) Students who transfer from one school to another and are eligible immediately under one or more of the exceptions to the transfer rule and eligible under all other regulations, are eligible for MHSAA tournaments only if they are enrolled in the new school (actual attendance in one or more classes and on the official records of the school) prior to Oct. 1 (fall sports). Eligibility lists shall be treated the same as during the regular season as in Regulation II, Section 4.

(12) Games forfeited for reasons including but not limited to:

1) Use of an ineligible player

2) Refusal to play for any reason will be recorded as a win for the aggrieved school and a loss for the offending school. All playoff and bonus points will be awarded even if the game was not played.

3) If a member school forfeits a varsity football contest and it is alleged by the opposing school that the forfeit is for reasons other than health or risk issues or other compelling circumstances but rather to avoid competition, the forfeiting school principal, athletic director and head coach must appear before the Executive Committee to show cause why other sanctions should not be applied to the forfeiting school.

(13) Prearranged league games will be figured into the computations if designated prior to Oct. 1. Games played after Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021 will not be figured into the 2021 playoff computations. Leagues and conferences engaged in crossover matchups must submit to the MHSAA office prior to the start of the regular season, the exact method of matching teams in crossover games.

(14) Only the first **nine games** of an out-of-state opponent's schedule, played prior to the selection of District qualifiers will be included in the strength of schedule playoff point calculation.

(15) Schools may play the same opponent more than once during the season and receive separate playoff and bonus point totals for each game.

(16) **Schools are responsible for reporting weekly scores to the MHSAA.** Also, schools are responsible for knowing their playoff total and average score. If a discrepancy occurs, the MHSAA is to be notified by the aggrieved school before 4:30 p.m. on the Thursday of that week.

(17) After the first week of competition football averages as determined by MHSAA systems will be released not later than each Wednesday. It is the intention of the MHSAA to publish names of schools in position to qualify for the playoffs by their team record and/or playoff average. School enrollments and number of scheduled games will be included in the report.

(18) Once qualifying teams are publicized Selection Sunday (Oct. 24, 2021), if it is discovered that a qualifying team used an ineligible player during the regular season and the forfeiture of that game(s) would have caused that qualifying team to not qualify, that team will be withdrawn from the playoffs, but no team will replace it. That team's scheduled District Semifinal opponent will receive a 'bye' and advance in the bracket. If it is discovered that a non-qualifying team used an ineligible player, no changes will be made in qualifying teams, their seeding or home and away designations.

(19) **11-Player games will count only for 11-player playoff points. 8-Player games will count only in 8-player playoff points.**

#### REPORTING PROCEDURE

*Each home team is responsible for entering their own win/loss on the MHSAA Web site within one hour after game.*

#### 11-PLAYER SELECTION PROCESS

There will be 256 teams selected to participate in a five-week playoff in 8 separate divisions. A minimum of **seven** games must be played to be declared a qualifier. The top 32 teams based on playoff points from each division will qualify for the football postseason. NO AUTOMATIC QUALIFIERS.

#### DISTRICT PAIRINGS and GAME HOSTS

(1) On "Selection Sunday" each division of 32 schools will be divided into four geographic regions of eight schools each. Each of the four regions will be divided into two Districts of four schools each.

(2) If two or more qualifying teams finish with identical point averages within a District or while determining playoff divisions, the tie will be broken as follows:

(a) If the tied teams played each other, the winner would receive the higher ranking.

(b) If a tie still exists, the wins of your opponents will be totaled and divided by the total games played and the higher percentage will be selected for the higher ranking.

(c) If a tie still exists, the team will be selected by a coin toss conducted by the MHSAA staff in the East Lansing office.

(d) If a three-way tie exists, the MHSAA staff will determine the method for breaking the tie.

(3) Changes in home and away designations and opponents within a District Semifinal may be made no later than 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 25, 2021 if they are the result of MHSAA clerical error. Games may be played on Friday at 7 p.m. or 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 1 p.m., 7 p.m. or 7:30 p.m., unless teams mutually agree to a different time.

(4) In the second week of playoffs the District Semifinal winner with the highest playoff average will host the District championship game.

(5) When the distance between competing schools is within 75 miles, the host school will determine the day, site, and time of game. If the distance between schools is over 75 miles, agreement as to date and time must be made by both schools. If agreement is not reached, the game must be played Saturday afternoon.

(6) Schools listed as being on a probationary status with no hosting or reimbursement privileges may not host any level of competition and will not receive any share of competition receipts or reimbursement for participation.

#### REGIONAL GAME HOSTS

(1) Regional championship games will be hosted by the District winner with the highest regular season playoff average. If both teams have the same average, the tie will be broken by the published tiebreaker procedure.

(2) Game times will be determined on the same basis as Pre-District and District games.

#### GENERAL REGULATIONS

(1) **Forfeitures – The MHSAA must be notified in writing as soon as a forfeiture is known but no later than 24 hours after the occurrence. Written notification should include game details and full explanation of forfeiture. The forfeiting school has the primary obligation of notification.**

(2) The 10-yard line overtime rule outlined in the Football Rule Book will be in effect for all varsity, regular season, and playoff games. The Point Differential Rule will be in effect during regular season and playoffs.

(3) There is to be no practice on game fields the week prior to District Semifinal, District Final, Regional, Semifinal and Final games (unless approved by the MHSAA). Host schools are exempt from this regulation. Qualifiers may not practice in Ford Field once the playoff teams have been determined.

(4) Roster: A maximum of seven (7) school coaches and four (4) managers/statisticians will be permitted in the team boxes during all playoff games. All persons not in uniform and on the sideline must have a pass. Head coaches must be mindful of sideline control issues that will be officiated to the spirit and letter of the rule. All substitutes must be in the same color and design legal uniform.

(5) A maximum of four (4) District Semifinal, District Final, Regional, and Semifinal **SCOUTING PASSES** will be given to competing schools for the game played in the opposite bracket of their division.

(6) **Cheerleaders** -- A maximum of 12 cheerleaders in uniform, including mascots, will be admitted and a maximum of 12 may lead cheers from the field. Schools with more than 12 varsity cheerleaders during the regular season may include those cheerleaders during the playoffs, but sub-varsity cheerleaders may not be brought up for the postseason games. Cheer squads shall follow either the MHSAA **Cheerleading Guidelines** or the guidelines approved by their local school district for regular cheerleading, whichever is more restrictive & limiting. Local school districts are RESPONSIBLE for enforcing restrictions which are more limiting than the MHSAA guidelines. All cheer squads shall adhere to all guidelines provided by the tournament manager. Representative Council action in May of 2004 prohibits tunnels for players by spectators, bands or others (but permitted for cheerleaders) at any location and any level of MHSAA tournament play.

(7) Schools should furnish their own **TEAM PHYSICIAN**. The host manager, however, is required to have medical personnel on duty and to secure emergency ambulance service if possible. Schools are to notify the MHSAA if they do not have a physician for the Final game.

(8) Host schools may not conduct 50-50 drawings or special raffles at MHSAA tournament games.

- (9) Merchandise sold at playoff sites must be from an approved MHSAA vendor.

#### **YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY**

During the MHSAA Tournament events, the MHSAA expects all designated managers, volunteer or paid staff assisting in the event, officials, or any other personnel to follow local school district policy and state statute regarding the mandatory reporting of child abuse, bullying, hazing and sexual harassment. A report of such activity shall be made to legal authorities and to the MHSAA Executive Director or his designee.

#### **IMAGE TAKING DEVICES in LOCKER ROOM**

Using devices of any kind to capture or transmit images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms, dressing areas, training rooms, weigh-in rooms, showers, restrooms, or other areas where there is an expectation of privacy during MHSAA tournament events. Tournament managers or athletic directors that discover such use should move immediately to have the device removed and inform the head coach or athletic director of the identity and nature of the activity of the person involved.

#### **TOURNAMENT GAME BALL**

Each competing school will present (3) NFHS legal and MHSAA approved game balls of its choice from those listed in the Wilson product line. **In 2021 each tournament qualifying team will receive one complimentary Wilson football after the tournament.**

The Representative Council has affirmed that all games of the MHSAA Football Playoffs will use any of the models of the Wilson Footballs that are consistent with National Federation Football Specifications.

In the event that one of the participating schools does not provide appropriate game balls those schools will use one of the approved Wilson models provided by the opposing school. If the school refuses to use the opposing team ball the game will be forfeited.

#### **TOBACCO and ALCOHOL POLICY**

Use of alcohol or tobacco, including e-cigarettes or other smoking devices, is prohibited at MHSAA tournament events by players, coaches and spectators. Managers should stress in coaches' meetings that they are not to use tobacco at the tournament venue.

#### **GAME TIME**

**District Semifinal and District Final Games** -- See preceding page, "Game Hosts".

**Regional Games** -- See preceding page, "Regional Game Hosts."

**Semifinal Games** -- The games will be played Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. At sites where two games are scheduled, game times will be 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., with separate admissions for each game. If local conditions allow, game management may schedule consecutive games with one admission of \$9. Semifinal games may be televised live as selected by the MHSAA and the TV production company. These games will be played on Saturday night, Nov. 20, with game time to be determined. Semifinal games scheduled for the Superior Dome in Marquette may be played on either Friday night or on Saturday morning/afternoon as necessary.

**Final Games** -- All Final games will be played at Ford Field on two separate days. On Friday the Division 8 game will be played at 10 a.m., and the Division 2 game played at 1 p.m. with the Division 6 game played at 4:30 p.m., and the Division 4 game played at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday the same schedule will be followed for Divisions 7 and 1 and 5 and 3.

#### **UNIFORMS**

For all rounds of the 11-player tournament, the team with the higher playoff average will be considered the home team and wear dark colored jerseys; visiting teams are to wear white colored jersey. (Dark and White jersey colors may be switched if mutually agreed upon by the two competing teams.)

#### **PREGAME – PUBLIC ADDRESS ANNOUNCER and TIMERS**

The host District Semifinals, District Finals, Regional, Semifinal, and Final management will select the P.A. announcers and timers.

Pregame clock starts at least 20 minutes before kickoff. Clock should be set so time is at 0:00 five minutes prior to kick off time. (For example: 7pm game time, place 55 minutes on clock at 6:00pm – clock will be at 0:00 at 6:55pm anthem start.

Coin toss at 20 minute mark.

Team Introductions at 4 minute mark: (teams not required to be on the field).

Playing of the National Anthem with 0:00 on clock, (Bands either in the stands or in either end zone, no further than the 25 yard line).

Kick off immediately after the National Anthem observance.

**Note: Teams are required to be on the field and on respective side lines for the playing of the national Anthem**

#### **PRE-GAME and HALFTIME ENTERTAINMENT for all PLAYOFF GAMES**

Participation by school bands is optional. If the participating schools do not have a band, the MHSAA will determine the pregame and halftime entertainment at the Finals. Representative Council action in May of 2004 prohibits tunnels for players by spectators, bands or others (but permitted for cheerleaders) at any location and any level of MHSAA tournament play. **Representative Council action in May of 2007 requires the following policy: Bands may play during the pregame, any dead ball, halftime and after the game, and bands may play from the official's dead ball whistle until players break the huddle for traditional huddle offenses or to the official's whistle for ready to play when non-traditional, no-huddle offenses are used.**

Bands will play either from the stands or in either end zone, no further than the 25 yard line.

The following will prevail if both bands desire to participate.

**Pre-game** -- Bands from schools designated "home" teams may play the National Anthem. If they prefer not to play, the "visiting" team band may play.

**Halftime** -- Bands from schools designated "visitors" may perform the first seven (7) minutes of the half. The "home team" band may perform the second seven (7) minutes of the half. Time allotted includes entering and leaving the field. Bands must be off the field at least three minutes before the start of the second half.

Schools may use pompon routines, choral or other school groups if they wish, but the maximum time allotted for their school is seven minutes. Local management is not to be expected to furnish risers, backdrops, etc. If a school chooses not to perform, the opposing school may use their allotted time (not to exceed 14 minutes). If a specific announcer is required for the halftime show, arrangements must be made the preceding week with managers of District Semifinal, District Final, Regional, and Semifinal game sites. Schools competing in the Finals must make arrangements with the MHSAA office.

### **TROPHIES and MEDALS**

**Districts and Regionals** -- A trophy will be awarded to the winning team at each District and Regional Playoff game. In addition, 50 medals will be awarded to each winning team. For those teams with more than 50 players additional medals may be purchased through the MHSAA office at the competing team's expense. Please contact the MHSAA for further information.

**Finals** -- Trophies will be awarded to the winner and runner-up schools in each division after the Final game; 50 medals will be awarded to each winning and runner-up team in each division. For those teams with more than 30/50 players additional medals may be purchased through the MHSAA office at the competing team's expense. Members of the MHSAA Representative Council will make postgame award presentations.

### **OFFICIALS**

The Football Officials Assignment Committee will assign officials to all football playoff games. It is recommended that officials selected to work District Semifinal and District Final games will receive \$65 per game. Regional game officials will be paid \$68 per game. Semifinal and Final game officials will receive \$70 per game.

**Mileage** -- District Semifinal, District Final, Regional and Semifinal officials will receive mileage in excess of 50 miles will be paid at the rate of 30 cents per mile round trip starting with the 51<sup>st</sup> mile.

**Coin Toss** -- At 20 minutes prior to game time, the officials will call team captains together for the coin toss. Visiting team captain will call first.

**Chain Crew** -- The home management is to select a **four**-person chain crew. The fourth person is to manage the spot of the ball and the placement of the clips for on-field measurements. It is recommended that registered officials should work the yardage chains; however, local management may use their home crew if they have been regulars in that capacity. If possible, the crew is to be in full officials' uniform and will be reimbursed \$15 per individual, per game (no mileage).

**Officials** -- Are not to be involved with any microphone hook-ups, TV or radio interviews -- no exceptions.

**Timeouts** -- All timeouts are not to be less than 70 seconds in length. This includes breaks between quarters and after scoring plays.

### **PROGRAMS**

Host schools during the first four rounds of playoffs will provide their own programs.

### **PRESS, RADIO, and TELEVISION**

All requests for press space are to be directed to the game manager (MHSAA for Final games). **Radio and television requests for all games are to be directed to the MHSAA.** Managers are not to permit broadcasts without clearance from the MHSAA.

**Post-Game Interviews** - Coaches should also be readily available to meet with the media shortly after the conclusion of a contest. It is recommended that approximately five minutes after the game, managers provide a location other than the team locker rooms for post-game interviews with coaches and/or players the coach may wish to designate for interviews. Locker room access should never be allowed to media. Inasmuch as many media outlets are often on deadline following contests, interviews should be granted before any lengthy team meetings occur.

### **VIDEOTAPING or FILMING**

**Competing Schools** -- Per Representative Council, unless other arrangements are mutually agreed upon, as a last resort, each school will make available by 9 a.m. on Monday in the office of its school principal the required film or videotape for the "exchange." Teams will exchange videos/films of their latest two games by 9 a.m. Monday following "Selection Sunday" unless both schools agree on another arrangement. The procedure of exchanging videos/films of the two previous games played prior to the scheduled playoff game will continue throughout the tournament. Schools refusing to cooperate will be reported to the MHSAA. A competing school desiring to videotape or film a District Semifinal, District Final, Regional, Semifinal and/or Final Football Playoff game must receive permission to reserve space in the press box from the tournament manager. Films of losing teams in the playoffs taken at the District Semifinal, District Final, Regional or Semifinal games may not be used for scouting purposes by winning teams in the opposite bracket. Schools wishing to videotape/film games **at other sites** may do so without securing advanced permission but must film from the stands or spectator standing area if press box space is not available. **End zone filming is permitted by competing teams during the MHSAA tournament with equipment that is easily transported and that is specifically designed for end zone filming** The film/tape is not to be used to second-guess decisions made by game officials and may not be sold, rented, or loaned for commercial purposes.

**Media Taping/Filming** - Audio/Video/Still Photography Rights -- The MHSAA owns the rights to all multimedia (audio-video-still images-Internet) at all levels of its tournaments. Still and video photography is allowed by individual spectators from the seating area of the venue unless the host school district or facility has a previously existing policy which is more restrictive. The MHSAA has exclusive multimedia arrangements for its Final events. MHSAA Handbook Regulation II, Section 14(A) reads as follows: "No school may sell or rent videos (DVD, tape or film) or sell still images of contests which are part of an MHSAA tournament without the permission of the MHSAA."

If a school wishes to authorize an individual(s) to create multimedia content, the principal or athletic administrator must contact the tournament manager for passes and access. Refer to the publication, [MHSAA Multimedia Regulations](#), for more information.

**Spectator Videotaping/Filming for all Football Playoff Games** -- Spectators may videotape games without prior consent of the tournament manager with the understanding that the tape/film may not be sold, leased, borrowed, or rented for commercial purposes. The tournament manager should not permit spectators to interfere with the view of other spectators or news media personnel covering the games.

**Live Television Coverage -- Radio Coverage** -- No radio or television origination is permitted at any site until application has been made through the MHSAA, fee paid and authorization given by the MHSAA through the tournament manager.

**Delayed Television** -- Arrangements for tape- delayed broadcasts must be made through the MHSAA office and only one origination will be allowed at a tournament site. A fee is required for each football game at each site. Contact the MHSAA office for additional information.

**Bally Sports Network Pre-Finals Television Coverage** - During the first four weeks of the Football Playoffs, there will be four games selected that the MHSAA Network will stream live video of through the [ballysports.com/detroit/](http://ballysports.com/detroit/) website. Priority will be given to sites based on the following:

- 1 – Ability to accommodate the two-camera, one-announcer crew;
- 2 – Access to appropriate Internet connectivity in the football stadium press box; or
- 3 – Ability to access Internet connectivity from the school building if in close proximity to the football stadium.

**Finals Television** -- The Finals of the MHSAA Football Playoffs will be televised statewide by Bally Sports Network.

**Finals Press Conference** - At the conclusion of each championship game each head coach will be required to attend a press conference to meet with the media covering the contest. Coaches may bring up to three players to the press conference.

### **DISTRICT SEMIFINAL, DISTRICT FINAL, REGIONAL and SEMIFINALS TICKETS – PASSES**

**The MHSAA will supply tickets for all levels of the football tournament. (See audit info.)**

All tickets for District Semifinal and District Final games are \$6. All tickets for single session Regional games are \$8. At Pre-determined sites where, multiple regional games are held and a single admission is charged, tickets will be priced at \$9 each. All tickets for single-session Semifinal games are \$9. At Pre-determined sites where, multiple Semifinal games are held and a single admission is charged, tickets will be priced at \$10 each. Each competing school at the District Semifinal, District Final, Regional and Semifinals may purchase an allotment of tickets, not to exceed 40 percent of the stadium capacity, from the host manager. Each competing school will receive 10 game passes from the manager to be used for crowd management purposes. Band & cheer team members in full uniform representing competing schools will be admitted without charge. No passes will be honored including league passes, coaches' passes, etc.

### **11-PLAYER FINAL GAMES --TICKETS--PASSES**

All tickets for Final games will be \$20 per day that will not include the cost of parking in Ford Field lots. The ticket holder will be admitted to all four games that day. Pass-outs, however, will not be given at any time during the day. A separate admission will be required each time an individual enters the stadium. Each competing school will receive 10 passes to be used for crowd management purposes. There will be no sale of reserved seats for Final games.

### **MEETING for REPRESENTATIVES of SCHOOLS COMPETING in FINALS**

A meeting for finalist school principals, athletic directors or other designated school representatives will be held at the MHSAA office on Sunday following Semifinal games Nov. 21 at 10 a.m. Final games and band procedures at the Final sites will be reviewed, passes distributed, housing, meals and other arrangements will be discussed.

Ticketing information will be provided via email the week of Semifinals and again at the above stated meeting.

### **FINANCES (Host Schools)**

MHSAA member schools may not charge a rental fee for MHSAA.

The following stipends will be granted to schools which host playoff games whether they are competing schools or pre-determined sites:

#### District Semifinals

- Host retains 25% of gross & pays all local expenses. Remainder of gross sent to MHSAA, minus amount to pay officials. ♦  
MHSAA forwards 10% of gross to opponent who pays own travel. □

#### District Finals

Host retains 25% of gross & pays all local expenses.  
Remainder of gross sent to MHSAA, minus amount to pay officials. ♦  
MHSAA forwards 5% of gross to opponent who pays own travel. □

#### Regionals \*

Host to retain 25% of gross & pays all local expenses.  
Remainder of gross sent to MHSAA, minus amount to pay officials. ♦  
MHSAA forwards 5% of gross to opponent who pays own travel. □

#### Semifinals \*

Pre-determined sites. Host retains 20% of gross and pays all local expenses.  
Remainder of gross sent to MHSAA, minus amount to pay officials. ♦  
MHSAA will send to each competing school \$500 and \$500 hotel & mileage reimbursements by formula when necessary.

#### Finals

No change in current policy.

- \* No minimums for host or opponents.
- ♦ Includes line to gain officials ("chain crew", not scorer or timer).
- MHSAA pays \$500 if hotel is required & mileage bonus as follows:
  - 151 to 250 miles one way = \$500
  - 251+ miles one way = another \$500

**Audit of Tournament Host Reports** – All MHSAA tournament sports sites are subject to audit. Host financial reports are due 30 days after the final game in this tournament.

**OVERNIGHT LODGING FEES**

A stipend of \$500 will be paid in all rounds of the playoffs to teams which are required by distance and/or schedule to have an overnight stay which is approved by MHSAA staff.

**PARKING and CONCESSIONS**

The MHSAA discourages charging for the parking of cars and other vehicles at Football Playoff sites. If directed parking is necessary, schools may charge for the service. It is recommended that the price for such service be \$1 for all vehicles unless the customary charge during the regular season is higher. In no event shall parking charges exceed \$3 per vehicle.

If parking fees are assessed, it is not acceptable to list expenses for parking attendants as game management expenditure. Concessions will be operated for profit by host school management.

The average charge for Finals parking in the Ford Field area will be a minimum of \$6.

## MHSAA 2021 SEMIFINAL FOOTBALL GAMES

**11-Player Semifinal** games will be played on Sat., Nov. 20, 2021 (11/19/21 for Semi-Finals played at NMU). Game times will be 1 p.m. unless one site is scheduled for two games. In that event, there will be two separate sessions at 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. or a double header at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Assignments to Semifinal sites will be made by the MHSAA staff following the completion of Regional Championship games. A public release announcing sites and times will be made Monday morning, Nov. 15, 2021. Based on available venue Internet connectivity, as many Semifinal games as possible will be streamed live on the [ballysports.com/detroit](http://ballysports.com/detroit) and [MHSAA.tv](http://MHSAA.tv) websites. Home teams (teams with highest POP are to wear dark jerseys; visiting teams are to wear white jerseys).

## 2021 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

**Friday-Saturday, Nov. 26-27, 2021**

**(All 11-Player games at Ford Field, Detroit, Michigan)**

	Division	Time	Manager
Friday, Nov. 26	8	10:00 a.m.	MHSAA Staff
	2	1:00 p.m.	
	6	4:30 p.m.	
	4	7:30 p.m.	

	Division	Time	Manager
Saturday, Nov. 27	7	10:00 a.m.	MHSAA Staff
	1	1:00 p.m.	
	5	4:30 p.m.	
	3	7:30 p.m.	

Semifinal winners with the highest playoff point average will be home teams and wear dark colored jerseys. Visitors and will wear white colored jerseys.