



Schedules and Crew Forms

Please note the change in requirements for postseason consideration in Football for the 2020 season. Beginning this year, each individual crew member is required to [complete a regular season schedule online](#) to be eligible for tournament assignments.

The minimum required number of games scheduled to work this year remains at five. If you only have four scheduled at this time, fill out the information for those four contests for now. Add any additional games you're assigned, and we will re-check eligibility based on the crews created.

The crew chief of any crew that would like to be considered together for postseason assignments must [complete a Crew Postseason Consideration Form](#) as well. Remember that another change this year allows individual officials that have met the minimum requirements to form a postseason crew for consideration. Crewmembers are not required to have worked together all season.

Be sure to complete these and all other requirements by the deadline: **September 17, 2020**.

Playing Football in the Era of COVID-19

This will be an unusual season, for sure. Administrators, coaches, players, spectators and officials will all have to make some adjustments to ensure we have a safe, healthy and successful season. One of the biggest adjustments we'll all have to conform to is facial covering mandates. We have created a quick-and-easy reference for you to review expectations for officials regarding facial coverings, and you can access that document [HERE](#).

We have also provided football officials sport-specific considerations which can be accessed [HERE](#). These are important to review as well before heading to your first assignment this season. Not only do they include protocols and provisions to officiate, this document also

lays out rules and mechanics changes made that apply (for now) to this season only. Some rules considerations to think about:

- The sideline team areas (and restricted areas) may be extended from 10-yardline to 10-yardline. Both players and coaches are now permitted to occupy this area for social distancing purposes. However, because this is being granted to them based on the special circumstances, officials will be especially diligent in enforcing conduct and behavior rules in these expanded areas.
- While officials have no role in enforcing facial covering mandates, it is important that football officials know that plastic shields inside the facemask (whether half- or full-face) may be worn as long as they are 100% clear- no tint. This "clear" requirement does not apply to any other style of facial covering.
- If a facial covering is grasped inside the helmet or facemask, it should be ruled using the same judgment for a facemask foul.
- If a facial covering is grasped inside the yoke of the collar or along the nameplate area, it is subject to the rules for horse-collar tackle fouls.

Newly Updated MHSAA Football Officials Manual

The [Football Officials Manual](#) has been updated and is available in PDF format on the football officials page of the MHSAA website. There are some notable changes to the systems. While it is not expected that officials will implement all changes immediately, crews should transition to the authorized positioning, mechanics and coverage responsibilities fully by the end of the regular season. Some of the most significant changes involve:

- Positioning for Kickoffs (both normal and onside)
- Keys for scrimmage plays
- Positioning for Tries and Field Goals

Rules Review: 4th and 8 on the K-25. With Team K's punt in flight, K40 is flagged for holding at the K-40. R30 returns the kick for a touchdown.

Ruling: Team R may accept the penalty, must it can only be applied to the try.