



2021 GHSA GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL STATE TOURNAMENT

TEAM INSTRUCTIONS

First round games will be hosted by the #1 seeded team in each four-team pod in the bracket. Second and quarterfinal round games will be hosted by the higher advancing seed according to the GHSA State Tournament Bracket. A universal coin toss will be done on Thursday, November 18 to determine the host school when equal seeds meet in the quarterfinal round.

Schedule By Rounds

1. First round & 2nd round games: November 30 (#2 vs. #3 in the first game - #1 vs. #4 in the second game)
2. Quarterfinal round games: December 2
3. Semifinal Games: December 6 @ Home Depot Back Yard at the Benz
 - a. GAME TIMES: Division 1 – 12:00 PM Division 2 – 1:30 PM Division 3 – 3:00 PM

Championship Finals: December 9 @ Center Parc Stadium

- a. GAME TIMES: Division 1 – 11:00 AM Division 2 – 12:30 PM Division 3 – 2:00 PM

Contest officials will be assigned by the GHSA Office. If you are hosting and you have NOT heard from the game officials no later than (48) hours in advance of the first game, contact the James Arnold (footballtraining@comcast.net).

1st, 2nd, 3rd ROUND GAMES AT SCHOOL SITES

Host School Responsibility

1. The host school is responsible for the following in the 1st, 2nd & 3rd round games:
 - a. Secure dressing area for contest officials
 - b. Site Security & Game Manager
 - c. Correct field dimension markings
 - d. P/A Announcer
 - e. On-site lightning detection system
 - f. Schedule game officials through the local association
 - g. Four (4) contest officials will be assigned to each state tournament game.
 - h. Report game results on MaxPreps and to Ernie Yarbrough (ery@ghsa.net)

FINANCES as follows:

- a. Ticket prices are \$10.00 per 1st & 2nd round pod games only available on GoFan.
- b. Semifinal Games: \$12.00 only available on GoFan .
- c. Championship Games: \$20.00 only available on GoFan
- d. Please complete the Girls Flag Football Financial Report as found on the Forms page of the GHSA website within 10 days of the event conclusion. NOTE: The "Financial Report" forms can be found in the GHSA Forms booklet, or on the GHSA web site.
- e. The official game ball for the State Tournament is the Wilson 1784 TDY.
- f. Each #1 seed will receive one new game ball, and the winner in each round will keep the ball and bring it to the next round throughout the State Tournament.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- a. Flags – Flag belts must meet required standards and be a “contrasting color” to the game shorts/pants.
- b. The Head Coach and (1) Team Captain will meet with game officials for the pregame conference.
- c. There will be a mandatory in person meeting Sunday, December 5 @ 9:00 AM at Center Parc Stadium for all head coaches of teams advancing to the semifinals.

OVERTIME PROCEDURE DURING THE STATE TOURNAMENT

1. After a 3-minute intermission, a coin-flip with the team captains and the referee shall be conducted in order to determine possession and direction to start the overtime period.
2. The winner of the coin-flip shall have the options to start on offense, defense, or direction. The loser of the coin-flip will have the choice of the remaining options.
3. Each team is entitled to 1 time-out per overtime period. Any unused timeouts will not carry over to the next overtime period.
4. For the first two overtime possessions the scoring team will be permitted to go to for 1 point, 2 points or three points on their PAT attempt. After the second overtime period the scoring team must go for 2 points following each touchdown.
5. The offensive team (Team A) will start from the opponent 15-yard line and have four downs to score a touchdown, followed by the opponent (Team B) having the same opportunity to score.
If still tied, the procedure will be repeated with teams (in the second overtime Team B will now be on offense first and Team A will not be on defense). Teams will continue to flip possession for each subsequent overtime period until a winner is determined.

SEMIFINAL GAMES AT HOME DEPOT BACKYARD

Games Times – Div. 2: 10:00 & 11:20 AM – Div. 1: 12:40 & 2:00 PM – Div. 3: 3:20 & 4:40 PM

NOTE: Check the brackets for your respective game time. (Spectator gates open at 9:00 AM)

Home teams designated by the bracket.

Completed “Team Travel Form” to be submitted at Team Check-in station

Completed “Team Administrator Form” to be submitted at Team Check-in station

In addition to the Head Coach, each school shall have at least one school administrator/representative on site during the game.

Spectators Issues:

- a. Provide their own seating, no closer than 20 feet from the playing field
- b. Limited concessions (MBSD Food Truck) will be available at the park
- c. Outside food and beverages are allowed in the facility (no glass containers)

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES AT CENTER PARC STADIUM

Games Times – 11:00, 12:30, 2:00 (Spectator gates open at 10:00 AM)

Home teams designated by the bracket.

Completed “Team Travel Form” to be submitted at Team Check-in station

Completed “Team Administrator Form” to be submitted at Team Check-in station

In addition to the Head Coach, each school shall have at least one school administrator/representative on site during the game.

Spectators Issues:

The Championship Games will be televised by GPB, and any timing matters will be discussed during the pregame conference.