



2020 GHSA GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL STATE TOURNAMENT TEAM INSTRUCTIONS

- A. 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, to be done on Wednesday, December 9, will determine the host school when equal seeds meet in the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds.
- B. Schedule By Rounds
1. First round games: December 9 (#2 vs. #3 in the first game - #1 vs. #4 in the second game)
 2. Second round games: December 15
 3. Quarterfinal round games: December 19
 4. Semifinal Games: December 23 @ Home Depot Back Yard at the Benz
 5. Championship Finals: December 28 @ GSU Stadium (Division 1 Championship @ 12:00 PM – Division 2 Championship @ 1:30 PM) Home Team will be determined by the bracket.
 6. 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).
- C. 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. Ample physical spacing sidelines, concession stands, restrooms and spectator areas.
 - g. Four (4) contest officials will be assigned to each state tournament game.
- D. FINANCES as follows:
- a. Ticket prices are \$10.00 per 1st round pod games, and \$7.00 for single games in the 2nd and 3rd round games.
 - b. Semifinal Games: \$12.00 Available on GoFan
 - c. Championship Games: \$20.00 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. Game balls will be provided by the GHSA for semifinal and championship final games.
- E. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
- a. Flags – Flag belts must meet required standards and be a “contrasting color” to the game shorts/pants.
 - b. ONLY the Head Coach and (1) Team Captain will meet with game officials for the pregame conference.
 - c. There will be a mandatory Zoom conference call Wednesday, December 16 @ 10:00 AM for all head coaches of teams advancing to the Quarterfinals at:
<https://zoom.us/j/96615677849?pwd=dTFCbWNGOXJibFZKMUJOUkRUSHdNQTO9>
 - d. The Championship Games will be televised by GPB, and any timing matters will be discussed during the pregame conference.
 - e. Head Coaches of teams advancing to the Semifinal Games will be required to attend a “Zoom” meeting Sunday, December 20 @ 7:00 PM at:
<https://zoom.us/j/93170710333?pwd=OUNQk8zSIZBVHluV3FXTE5qQ3IMdz09>

F. 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.
 - a. 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.

G. SEMIFINAL GAMES AT HOME DEPOT BACKYARD

1. Games Times – 12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30 PM (Spectator gates open at 11:00 AM)
2. Home teams designated by the bracket.
3. In addition to the Head Coach, each school shall have at least one school administrator/representative on site during the game to reconcile pre-sale ticket sales with GHSA representative
4. Spectators Issues:
 - a. Everyone entering the facility will be screened
 - b. Provide their own seating, no closer than 20 feet from the playing field
 - c. Wear a facial covering while in the facility
 - d. Encouraged to adhere to physical spacing
 - e. Limited concessions (MBSD Food Truck) will be available at the park
 - f. Outside food and beverages are allowed in the facility (no glass containers)