# 2026–2027 HCAL Flag Football Championships

Girls State Championship and Varsity Boys Regional Championships

| Date | Time | Game |
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| Sat 10/24 | 4:00 PM | **IDEA Spears** vs. Uplift Elevate (Girls State Championship) |
| Sat 10/24 | 5:15 PM | **IDEA Health Professions** vs. DFW Area Champion (Varsity Boys Regional Championship) |
| Sat 10/24 | 6:30 PM | **IDEA Montopolis** vs. IDEA Hardy (Varsity Boys Regional Championship) |

**Home teams are noted in red**

## Venue and Admissions

- **Location:** Prairie View A&M University, Panther Stadium at Blackshear Field
- **Entrance:** Gate 4, middle of the east side of the stadium
- **Admissions:** Adults $10, Students $5, cash and online ticketing. $1 processing fee per ticket for all credit card purchases. Gates will open at 3:30m
- **Spectators:** East side of the stadium only. Obey the Spectator Expectations for HCAL Events.
- **Livestream link**: HCAL YouTube Channel

## Parking

- Fans and teams not using a bus park in the lot in front of the stadium.
- Buses park in the large lot by the track.
- See the venue map on the last page.

## Game Day Logistics

- We are scheduling team pictures prior to each game, so please make sure teams arrive at least 30 minutes prior to their scheduled game time.

### Coaches

- Coaches should be dressed in business casual at minimum. All coaching staff representing their campus must be certified and be on the TeamSideline roster to be seated with the team. Parents, volunteers, fans, etc. will not be allowed.
- **Professional Dress:** When coaching and/or administering an athletic contest, the minimum dress is business casual. All member schools' staff are required to wear school polos and/or other related apparel that is professional and represents your school in a positive and professional manner. Jeans, t-shirts, hoodies, and cargo pants or shorts/athletic shorts are **NOT acceptable**. Hats are allowed.

### Administrator on Duty

- Please make sure you have an admin on duty so that we can provide a safe and supportive environment for all. Admin should present themselves to officials, coaches, and HCAL staff before each game.

### Game Rosters

- Rosters will be verified before each game by both HCAL staff and officials. Rosters submitted on the HCAL website will be used for this verification. Rosters printed by individual campuses/coaches will not be accepted.
- Players/staff not on the rosters will not be allowed to play or sit in the team area.

## Game Rules and Regulations

- Please review all HCAL Flag Football rules and present all clarifying questions to officials prior to the start of games. HCAL Flag Football Sport Plan
- Team benches will be determined by a coin flip at the pregame meeting.

### Uniforms

- Home teams should wear dark colors and visiting teams should wear light colors.
    - If two teams wear similar colors as deemed by the officials, the team not following uniform protocol will be required to wear different colored pennies.
- Jerseys, pants, or shorts will not be permitted if they are the same color as the flags, as determined by the officials.
- Uniform shorts with pockets are not allowed.

### Game Length

- All HCAL games consist of 40 total clock minutes, divided into two 20-minute halves. Teams switch sides at the end of the first half.
- A 25-second play clock will be utilized. Games use a running clock except for the last two minutes of each half.
- Officials will notify each team when 5 minutes and 2 minutes are remaining in each half, and again at 30 seconds remaining (failure to do so will not change the result of the game).
- There is a five-minute intermission between halves and a three-minute intermission prior to overtime.

## Timeouts

- All teams are allotted two 60-second timeouts per half. In overtime, each team receives one 30-second timeout per overtime period.

## Overtime

- Overtime occurs if the score is tied at the end of the 2nd half, and NCAA rules will be followed. Overtime starts with a coin toss, identical to the start of the game.
- All championship games will continue until a winner is declared. After the second overtime, each team must go for 2 points only.
- The team that wins the overtime coin toss receives the ball first in the 1st overtime period; the team that lost the toss receives the ball first in the 2nd. Teams then alternate.
- All teams start their overtime drive from their opponent's 20-yard line.
- In overtime, each team receives 1 blitz and 1 thirty-second timeout per overtime period.

# Sportsmanship

Ensure that all stakeholders are always exhibiting good sportsmanship. There will be a zero-tolerance policy for those who are not abiding by this expectation, including spectators. Only coaches and players on the roster should be allowed on the bench during the game. We want to ensure a positive and safe environment. Please message this to everyone prior to the game.

**If you have any questions, please contact Pierre Urban at (713) 208-1549.**

## Venue Map

