

2022 FOOTBALL BULLETIN
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT: NOVEMBER 12 TO DECEMBER 3

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. NFHS Tackle Football rules will apply to the regular season, postseason and DCSAA championships, unless otherwise noted.
- B. Schools choosing to enter the DCSAA Football Championship are responsible for reading and adhering to the rules and regulations of the Bulletin and the DCSAA Handbook.
- C. Eligibility rules for all participants can be found in the new 5A DCMR, Chapter 27 at dcsaasports.org.
- D. DCSAA member schools are permitted to play only opponents that are members of the DCSAA or another state association or who have been designated as approved non-members by another state association.
- E. All teams must submit their weekly results via MaxPreps.

II. STATE CLASSIFICATION

A. Class AA Teams for 2022 Season:

- DCIAA Stars Division: Ballou, Dunbar, Eastern, Jackson-Reed, Theodore Roosevelt, H.D. Woodson
- WCAC: Archbishop Carroll
- Independent: Friendship Collegiate

B. Class A Teams for 2022 Season

- DCIAA Stripes Division: Anacostia, Bell, Cardozo, Coolidge, McKinley Tech, Phelps, Ron Brown
- PCSAA: Cesar Chavez, KIPP DC, Kipp Legacy, Paul, Richard Wright
- Private: Maret, Sidwell Friends, St. Albans

III. CLASS AA TOURNAMENT

- A. The Class AA tournament will consist of two rounds.
 - 1. The two teams with the highest point index based on their regular season

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records will play in a DCSAA Class AA semifinal. These teams include **Archbishop Carroll, Friendship Collegiate and the DCIAA Stars Division playoffs first-round losing team with the highest point index. *Game will be played on November 26, 2022.***

1. The DCIAA Stars Division championship game will be the other DCSAA Class AA semifinal. The game will be played on November 24, 2022.
2. The Class AA Championship will be played on Saturday, December 3, 2022.
3. All scores must be entered into MaxPreps on a weekly basis and it is each school's responsibility to ensure all information is correct. Final totals will come directly from information entered into MaxPreps. If a team schedules more than 10 regular season games, only the first 10 regular season games will count toward playoff consideration.

IV. CLASS A TOURNAMENT

- A. The DCSAA Class A State Football Tournament will consist of three rounds.
- B. The four private or charter schools with the highest point index as determined by their regular season record will represent one half of the DCSAA Class A bracket. Games to be played on Saturday, November 12, 2022 and Saturday, November 19, 2022 at the higher seed's home field.
 1. Teams will be seeded in order of their point index.
- C. The DCIAA Stripes Division championship bracket will represent the other half of DCSAA Class A bracket.
- D. The Class A Championship will be played on Saturday, November 26, 2022.
- E. All scores must be entered into MaxPreps on a weekly basis and it is each school's responsibility to ensure all information is correct. Final totals will come directly from information entered into MaxPreps. If a team schedules more than 10 regular season games, only the first 10 regular season games will count toward playoff consideration.

V. POINT-INDEX SYSTEM

- A. Power Point Calculations and Applicability:

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4. Quality Points: Each school will receive the following for each game played:
 - Win: 6 points
 - Tie: 3 points
 - Loss: 0 points
 5. Bonus points will be awarded in the following manner:
 - 1 point for playing an opponent from the higher division of its state association or league (as determined by DCSAA). This is awarded regardless of which team wins the game.
 - 1 point for playing an opponent from the higher division of its state association or league (as determined by DCSAA) and the opponent finishes its regular season with seven or eight victories. This is awarded regardless of which team wins the game.
 - 2 points for playing an opponent from the higher division of its state association or league (as determined by DCSAA) and the opponent finishes its regular season with nine or 10 victories. This is awarded regardless of which team wins the game.

Note: The maximum amount of bonus points for any contest is 3 and the maximum point total for any single game is 9. Bonus points will be awarded only for playing teams that are in the higher division of their state or league athletic association; please refer to the table below.
 6. A school's point index is determined by adding together the total number of points accumulated and then dividing by the number of regular season games.
 7. In order to qualify for the state tournament a team must play at least eight games. Teams playing less than eight games can request a waiver from the DCSAA.
- A. Tiebreaking Procedures: If two or more teams are tied in the point index, the following criteria will be used in this order to seed teams. Once a team is removed from a tie, the tiebreaker criteria will be reapplied sequentially to the teams that are still tied:
1. Head to head competition.
 2. The teams whose opponents average the most victories in regular season play

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will be seeded higher for the playoffs.

8. The team whose opponents average the fewest defeats in the regular season will be seeded higher for the playoffs.
 9. If a tie still exists between three or more teams a blind draw will be used to break the tie.
 10. If a tie still exists between two teams, a coin toss will be used to break the tie.
- B. MaxPreps will calculate the point index on a weekly basis as the schools enter their information. Each school is required to input its schedule and update it weekly with results.

Remember, bonus points are awarded regardless of the outcome of a game.

Example 1

Team A season record is 8-2 and is from the lower division of its state association. Team A plays two teams that finish 7-3 from the upper division, one team that finished 10-0 from the upper division and one team that finished 8-2 but is from the lower division of their state association.

Season Record Total	Bonus Points	Total Points	Divided By Total Games	Power Point Index Total
8 wins x 6 pts.	2+2+3+1	56	10	5.6

Example 2

Team B season record is 7-3 and is from the upper division of its state association. Team B plays two teams that are 9-1, one team that is 10-0, and four teams that are 7-3. All of these opponents are from the upper division of their state association.

Season Record Total	Bonus Points	Total Points	Divided By Total Games	Power Point Index Total
7 wins x 6 pts.	3+3+3+2+2+2+2	59	10	5.9

Example 3

Team C season record is 9-1. None of Team C's opponents are from upper division of their state association or won seven (7) or more games.

Season Record Total	Bonus Points	Total Points	Divided By Total Games	Power Point Index Total
9 wins x 6 pts.	0	54	10	5.4

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Example 4

Team D season record is 8-2 and it plays in the lower division of its state association. Team D plays two teams from the upper division that finish 9-1 and one team from the upper division that finished 10-0.

Season Record Total	Bonus Points	Total Points	Divided By Total Games	Power Point Index Total
8 wins x 6 pts.	3+3+3	60	10	6.0

Refer to the tables at the end of the Bulletin to see which teams' opponents are eligible for bonus points.

VI. NON-PLAYED GAMES

- A. Disbandment or failure to start the season on time will result in a non-game and shall automatically reduce the divisor of the disbanded team's opponent by one game.
- B. Disbandment after any part of the schedule has been played will be recorded as a win for the disbanded team's opponents.
- C. Should a team discontinue play during the course of the season, all opponents shall receive points as would have been awarded for a victory over the team. A school shall not receive points for a team scheduled in place of the withdrawing team after the season has begun.
- D. Regular-season forfeits by non-tournament team(s) that would affect the point standing of eligible team(s) must be officially confirmed in writing by the forfeiting team before the completion of the seeding meeting.
- E. In subsequent rounds, if a team withdraws or is withdrawn from the tournament for any reason, the team last defeated shall replace the withdrawing team

VII. CONTEST PROCEDURES, EQUIPMENT AND SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

- A. All games that end in a tie shall use the DCSAA tiebreaker to determine the winner.
- B. The home team (higher seed) will wear dark jerseys.
- C. Upon arrival for a game, each team will be assigned a team dressing room. Event staff will escort the team to the dressing room and the field.
- D. Tournament Game Schedule

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11. On-field pregame warmups practice begin 90 minutes before kickoff.
12. All team personnel shall be off the playing field 20 minutes before the scheduled kickoff time.
13. Should a game be postponed due to extreme weather conditions, it will be rescheduled. Friday games will be moved to Saturday; Saturday games will be moved to Monday.
14. Two Wilson DCSAA logo game balls will be provided to each team participating in the state semifinals and finals.
15. Each team is responsible for safeguarding the playing field before, during and after all tournament games; and each school is responsible for the conduct of its fans. **FANS ARE NEVER PERMITTED OR ENCOURAGED TO BE ON THE PLAYING FIELD.** The school/athletic administration shall designate someone who is their representative, and those persons must report to the Tournament Director prior to the game.
16. Sideline Passes: A maximum of 18 sideline passes will be issued per team. These passes are intended for all coaches; medical personnel; managers, and school administrators. All players on the sideline must be in uniform and on the roster submitted to DCSAA. No one else is permitted on the sideline.
17. Mercy Rule/running clock: After the first half, any time the score differential reaches 35 points or more, the clock will only be stopped for an official's timeout, the end of the third quarter or a charged timeout. Regular timing procedures will resume if the margin falls below 35 points.
 - a. When there is a running clock, by mutual agreement of both coaches and the referee, any remaining period may be shortened at any time or the game terminated.
18. Halftime Intermission will be 15 unless shortened by mutual agreement of opposing coaches and the Tournament Director. Following halftime, there will be a mandatory three-minute warm up prior to kickoff.
19. Overtime: no tournament game will be permitted to end in a tie. The DCSAA tiebreaker will be used to determine the winner of any tournament games which are tied at the end of regulation.
20. Conflict with SAT: All schools shall inform their players that registering to take

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the SAT on the first Saturday in December may preclude their participation in the championship game. DCSAA will not accept requests for alternate dates or starting times due to a conflict with the SAT.

VIII. BONUS POINTS

Teams can receive bonus points for games against the following opponents on their 2022 schedules:

Class AA

- **Ballou:** H.D. Woodson, Jackson-Reed, Theodore Roosevelt, Eastern, Dunbar
- **Carroll:** Gonzaga, Steubenville, H.D. Wooson, Jackson-Reed, McDonogh, Bishop McNamara
- **Dunbar:** Friendship Collegiate, Bullis, Eastern, Theodore Roosevelt, H.D. Woodson, Jackson-Reed, Ballou, Eastern
- **Eastern:** Dunbar, Jackson-Reed, Ballou, Theodore Roosevelt, Dunbar
- **Friendship Collegiate:** Bishop McNamara, Benedictine, Dunbar, DeMatha, H.D. Woodson, Gonzaga, Edgewood, Hedgesville, Rock Creek Christian
- **Jackson-Reed:** Osbourn, Yorktown, Carroll, Benedictine, Theodore Roosevelt, Ballou, Eastern, Dunbar, H.D. Woodson
- **Theodore Roosevelt:** Indian Valley, Gonzaga, Chesapeake, Jackson-Reed, Dunbar, Ballou, H.D. Woodson, Eastern
- **H.D. Woodson:** Carroll, Friendship Collegiate, Ballou, Dunbar, Theodore Roosevelt, Jackson-Reed

Class A

- **Anacostia:** Ballou
- **Bell:** Eastern, Ballou
- **Cardozo:** Eastern, Annandale

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- **Cesar Chavez-Parkside:** none
- **Coolidge:** Dunbar, Theodore Roosevelt, Eastern, H.D. Woodson
- **KIPP DC:** None
- **KIPP Legacy:** None
- **Maret:** Landon, John Paul the Great, Potomac School, Flint Hill
- **McKinley:** Ballou, Dunbar
- **Paul:** None
- **Phelps:** None
- **Ron Brown:** None
- **Sidwell Friends:** John Paul the Great, Flint Hill, Potomac School
- **St. Albans:** St. Mary's-Annapolis, St. Christopher, John Paul the Great, Bullis, Episcopal, St. Stephen's/St. Agnes, Georgetown Prep, Landon
- **Richard Wright:** Park View, Weir