



Football Tournament Report

Special Thanks to all of those who helped make this year's Football Championships a success. We would like to acknowledge: Andy, Jason, Ken, Melissa, and James from the MPSSAA Office; Mike Chavez and his crew for their management of the ticket booth and entry gates; Phil Rhodes and his crew for their on-field management of all our teams; and the pressbox crew of Bill Witte (clock), Ben Spector (announcer), Tim Murphy (scoreboard), and Greg Goings (stats). We are very fortunate to be able to hold our Championship games at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, a National Memorial dedicated to those who have and will serve in the Navy and Marine Corps.

Results:

- 4A Dr. Henry A. Wise defeated Broadneck 21-0 (6th Title in School history)
- 4A/3A Mergenthaler Vo-Tech defeated North Point 14-7 (2nd title in last 3 years)
- 3A Oakdale defeated Linganore 42-35 (2nd undefeated season in school history)
- 2A Stephen Decatur defeated Huntingtown 21-13 (Undefeated season; 1st Title in school history)
- 2A/1A Dunbar defeated Calvert 8-0 (3rd year in a row; new state record of 13 State Titles)
- 1A Fort Hill Defeated Mountain Ridge 45-21 (3rd year in a row, 8th since 2013)

Sportsmanship Award: Stephen Decatur High School

Attendance Report:

- Round 2: 31,045 (+24%)
- State Quarterfinals: 18,616 (+19%)
- State Semifinals: 15,468 (+17%)
- State Finals: 18,274 (+4%)
- Total: 83,403 (+17%)

Committee Meeting – March 20, 2024

- Recruitment of officials
- Off season activities discussion
- Rule Changes
- The football committee will be researching capacity limitations for stadiums in regards to hosting playoff games for the state quarter and semi finals. Research is intended to see how many tickets each location is willing to sell for a home playoff game (what would be the cap on the digital ticket sales).



NFHS Rule Changes Football Rules Changes - 2024

1-5-1b(3): Clarified Home Team Uniform Requirement For Each Player — The jerseys of the home team shall all be the same dark color(s) that clearly contrasts with white.

2024 EDITORIAL CHANGES

1-3-1b; 1-3-1i(5); 1-5-1a(1); 1-5-1d(5)a; 1-5-2b; 1-5-3b(6); 1-5-3c(6); 2-8; 2-32-16b, f; 9-5-1g; 9-8-1j; 9-8-3 PENALTY; 10-3-1c NOTE; 10-4; 10-5; NFHS OFFICIAL FOOTBALL SIGNALS; PENALTY SUMMARY; INDEX.

2024 POINTS OF EMPHASIS

- 1. Sportsmanship and Altercation Prevention and Protocol**
- 2. Player Equipment and Enforcement**
- 3. Formations**

*****Reminder to teams that the Uniform Rules go into strict effect in 2024*****



MPSSAA Football Bulleting Changes:

p. 25 for IV.A.3.(b.)

- Games on Thursday or Friday shall be scheduled no earlier than 5 p.m. Saturday games will begin at 12 p.m. or later. The MPSSAA reserves the right to authorize a local educational agency to schedule games earlier than 5 p.m. for legitimate facility or official shortage issues.