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IHSAA Football State Tournament Begins in 12 Days

Great anticipation toward the post-season began tonight as 321 teams found out their sectional opponents to begin the 43rd Annual IHSAA Football State Tournament presented by the Indianapolis Colts.

Class 6A includes the 32 largest schools in the state. With all eight of those sectionals including four teams each, sectional semifinal games will be played on Oct. 23, sectional championship games on Oct. 30 followed by regionals on Nov. 6 and semi-states on Nov. 13. The two teams competing in the state championship game will have a week off before playing for the title.

In 5A, with the next 34 largest teams competing, two first round games must be played in sectionals 9 and 14 on Oct. 23 that contain five teams each. All other 5A teams will have a week off until sectional semifinals are played on Oct. 30 followed by sectional championship games on Nov. 6.

Teams in classes 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A will begin with first round sectional games on Oct. 23 and will play on consecutive weeks all the way to the state championship games.

The 12 teams earning a berth in the state finals will play on Thanksgiving weekend in Lucas Oil Stadium, home of the NFL’s Indianapolis Colts, the state tournament’s presenting sponsor. The state championship games alternate each year as the Class A, 3A and 5A games will be played on Friday, Nov. 27 while the 2A, 4A and 6A contests are set for Saturday, Nov. 28.

Here’s a look at when games will be played each week by class.

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Also, the IHSAA is pleased to announce that Mike Jansen, Indianapolis Colts’ public address announcer, will join Pete Smith in announcing this year’s state championship games at Lucas Oil Stadium.
About the Draw
To conduct the random drawing for the football state tournament, the IHSAA places ping-pong balls representing each school in a given sectional into a lottery-style air mix machine. A fan in the bottom of the machine blows the balls around the inside of the transparent container and air then forces each ball up through a tube in random order. For example, the first ball retrieved from the machine will be the visiting team in game one with the second ball representing the home team in game one. The third ball to come out is the visitor in game two and the fourth ball the home team in game two. That same method is followed through all 48 sectionals. In the case of five-team sectionals in Class 5A, the first two teams drawn will play the opening weekend of the tournament with the fifth team drawn receiving the bye and an automatic road game in the semifinal round against the opening game winner. The third and fourth teams drawn will play in the other semifinal game. In seven-team sectionals, the seventh team drawn receives the bye and an automatic road game in the semifinal round.

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Notables

Schools Entered: 321 schools, 19,048 student-athletes. 315 games will be played over the six-week tournament.

Schools Entered for First Time (1)
Anderson Preparatory Academy.

Schools Playing Up One Class due to Tournament Success Factor (5)
Indianapolis Cathedral (Class 6A, Sectional 6).
Columbus East (Class 5A, Sectional 14).
New Palestine (Class 5A, Sectional 14).
Andrean (Class 4A, Sectional 18).
Rensselaer Central (Class 3A, Sectional 25).

Most State Championships
12: Indianapolis Bishop Chatard, Indianapolis Cathedral.
11: Fort Wayne Bishop Luers.
9: Sheridan.
8: Ben Davis, Roncalli, Warren Central.
7: Carmel.
6: Lafayette Central Catholic.
5: Penn.

All-Time Consecutive Tournament Victories
30: Indianapolis Cathedral, 2010-current.
23: Roncalli, 2002-05; Sheridan, 2005-08.
22: Indianapolis Bishop Chatard, 2001-04; Penn, 1995-98.

Active Consecutive Tournament Win Streaks
30: Indianapolis Cathedral.
5: Warren Central.

Defending Sectional Champions
6A: Ben Davis, Carmel, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Center Grove, Merrillville, Penn, Southport, Warren Central.
5A: Bloomington South, Elkhart Central, Fort Wayne Snider, Indianapolis Cathedral, LaPorte, Terre Haute South Vigo, Westfield, Whiteland Community.
3A: Andrean, Charlestown, Fort Wayne Bishop Luers, Guerin Catholic, Heritage Hills, Jimtown, Tri-West Hendricks, Yorktown.
2A: Bremen, Evansville Mater Dei, Lafayette Central Catholic, Lapel, Monrovia, Rensselaer Central, Shenandoah, Triton Central.
A: Eastern Hancock, Indianapolis Lutheran, Linton-Stockton, North Vermillion, Pioneer, South Adams, Tri-Central, Winamac.
Active Sectional Championship Streaks (three or more years)
9: Indianapolis Cathedral.
8: Fort Wayne Snider.
4: Center Grove, Columbus East, Linton-Stockton.
3: Andrean, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Winamac.

Most Consecutive Sectional Championships
19 by Hobart, 1979-97.

Top 10 All-Time Sectional Championships
26: Carmel.
24: Indianapolis Bishop Chatard.
23: Fort Wayne Snider.
21: Penn.
20: Ben Davis.
19: Hobart, Indianapolis Cathedral, Sheridan.

Defending State Champions
6A: Ben Davis (at Pike, Sectional 5).
5A: Indianapolis Cathedral (at Lawrence Central, now playing in 6A, Sectional 6).
4A: New Palestine (hosts Martinsville, now playing in 5A, Sectional 14).
3A: Tri-West Hendricks (at Danville, Sectional 29).
2A: Rensselaer Central (at Griffith, now playing in 3A, Sectional 25).
A: North Vermillion (at Turkey Run, Sectional 45).

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Sectionals
Times: 7 pm local time or as determined by host school.
Admission: $6 per person.

Determining Home Team
First Round: The second-named team in the blind draw is host school unless the two teams agree to switch the site.
Semifinals: The team without a home game will host. Exception: The bye team will always be the visitor. If both teams were home or both were visitors, the second-named team in the quarter bracket will host. In 5A, in the four team sectionals, the second-named team will host.
Championships: Host team will be the team that has played the most away games. If both teams have played the same number of away games, the bottom bracket team shall host.

Class 6A (32 schools)

Sectional 1 (4 teams)
Semifinals
G1: Portage at Lake Central.
G2: Crown Point at Merrillville.
Championship
G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 2 (4 teams)
Semifinals
G1: Chesterton at Valparaiso.
G2: LaPorte at Penn.
Championship
G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 3 (4 teams)
Semifinals
G1: Warsaw at Carroll (Fort Wayne).
G2: Homestead at Fort Wayne Northrop.
Championship
G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 4 (4 teams)
Semifinals
G1: Hamilton Southeastern at Fishers.
G2: Noblesville at Carmel.
Championship
G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 5 (4 teams)
Semifinals
G1: Ben Davis at Pike.
G2: Avon at Brownsburg.
Championship
G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 6 (4 teams)
Semifinals
G1: Indianapolis Cathedral at Lawrence Central.
G2: North Central (Indianapolis) at Lawrence North.
Championship
G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 7 (4 teams)
Semifinals
G1: Warren Central at Perry Meridian.
G2: Franklin Central at Southport.
Championship
G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 8 (4 teams)
Semifinals
G1: Jeffersonville at New Albany.
G2: Center Grove at Columbus North.
Championship
G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Class 5A (34 schools)
Dates: Oct. 23, 30; Nov. 6.

Sectional 9 (5 teams)
First Round
G1: Elkhart Memorial at South Bend Adams. Oct. 23
Semifinals
G2: Michigan City at G1 winner. Oct. 30
G3: Elkhart Central at Mishawaka. Oct. 30
Championship
G4: G2 winner vs. G3 winner. Nov. 6

Sectional 10 (4 teams)
Semifinals
G1: Concord at Fort Wayne North Side.
G2: Goshen at Fort Wayne Snider.
Championship
G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 11 (4 teams)
Semifinals
G1: McCutcheon at Lafayette Jefferson.
G2: Harrison (West Lafayette) at Westfield.
Championship
G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 12 (4 teams)
Semifinals
G1: Huntington North at Anderson.
G2: Kokomo at Muncie Central.
Championship
G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 13 (4 teams)
Semifinals
G1: Plainfield at Decatur Central.
G2: Zionsville at Indianapolis Arsenal Technical.
Championship
G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 14 (5 teams)
First Round
G1: Columbus East at Franklin Community. Oct. 23
Semifinals
G2: Whiteland Community at G1 winner. Oct. 30
G3: Martinsville at New Palestine. Oct. 30
Championship
G4: G2 winner vs. G3 winner. Nov. 6

Sectional 15 (4 teams)
Semifinals
G1: Terre Haute South Vigo at Terre Haute North Vigo.
G2: Bloomington South at Bloomington North.
Championship
G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 16 (4 teams)
Semifinals
G1: Evansville North at Castle.
G2: Bedford North Lawrence at Floyd Central.
Championship
G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Class 4A (64 Schools)
Dates: Oct. 23, 30; Nov. 6.

Sectional 17 (8 teams)
First Round
G1: Hammond Morton at Highland.
G2: Lowell at Munster.
G3: East Chicago Central at Gary West Side.
G4: Hammond Clark at Hammond Gavit.
Semifinals
Game 5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Game 6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
Game 7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 18 (8 teams)
First Round
G1: Kankakee Valley at South Bend Riley.
G2: South Bend St. Joseph at Hobart.
G3: New Prairie at Andrean.
G4: South Bend Washington at South Bend Clay.
Semifinals
Game 5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Game 6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
Game 7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 19 (8 teams)
First Round
G1: East Noble at NorthWood.
G2: Columbia City at Northridge.
G3: Wawasee at Plymouth.
G4: DeKalb at Angola.
Semifinals
Game 5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Game 6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
Game 7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 20 (8 teams)
First Round
G1: Marion at Fort Wayne South Side.
G2: Logansport at Leo.
G3: Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger at Fort Wayne Wayne.
G4: New Haven at Mississinewa.
Semifinals
Game 5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Game 6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
Game 7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 21 (8 teams)
First Round
G1: Lebanon at Western.
G2: Frankfort at Roncalli.
G3: Greenwood Community at Beech Grove.
G4: Northview at Mooresville.
Semifinals
Game 5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Game 6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
Game 7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 22 (8 teams)
First Round
G1: Jay County at Mt. Vernon (Fortville).
G2: Pendleton Heights at Connersville.
G3: Delta at Greenfield-Central.
G4: Richmond at New Castle.
Semifinals
Game 5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Game 6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
Game 7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 23 (8 teams)
First Round
G1: Silver Creek at Madison Consolidated.
G2: Franklin County at Seymour.
G3: East Central at South Dearborn.
G4: Shelbyville at Jennings County.
Semifinals
Game 5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Game 6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
Game 7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 24 (8 teams)
First Round
G1: Evansville Reitz at Evansville Central.
G2: Owen Valley at Jasper.
G3: Evansville Bosse at Boonville.
G4: Evansville Harrison at Edgewood.
Semifinals
Game 5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Game 6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
Game 7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.
Class 3A (64 Schools)
Dates: Oct. 23, 30; Nov. 6.

Sectional 25 (8 teams)
First Round
G1: Rensselaer Central at Griffith.
G2: Calumet at Hammond.
G3: Hanover Central at Wheeler.
G4: Glenn at Mishawaka Marian.
Semifinals
Game 5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Game 6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
Game 7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 26 (8 teams)
First Round
G1: Lakeland at Heritage.
G2: Fairfield at Culver Academies.
G3: Garrett at West Noble.
G4: Tippecanoe Valley at Jimtown.
Semifinals
Game 5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Game 6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
Game 7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 27 (8 teams)
First Round
G1: Bellmont at Maconaquah.
G2: Norwell at Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran.
G3: Peru at Yorktown.
G4: Fort Wayne Bishop Luers at Northwestern.
Semifinals
Game 5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Game 6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
Game 7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 28 (8 teams)
First Round
G1: Tipton at Twin Lakes.
G2: North Montgomery at Benton Central.
G3: Hamilton Heights at Crawfordsville.
G4: West Lafayette at Western Boone.
Semifinals
Game 5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Game 6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
Game 7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 29 (8 teams)
First Round
G1: Greencastle at Guerin Catholic.
G2: Brebeuf Jesuit at Indianapolis Bishop Chatard.
G3: Tri-West Hendricks at Danville Community.
G4: Indianapolis Northwest at West Vigo.
Semifinals
Game 5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Game 6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
Game 7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 30 (8 teams)
First Round
G1: Indianapolis Marshall at Greensburg.
G2: Rushville at Lawrenceburg.
G4: Indian Creek at Indianapolis Washington.
Semifinals
Game 5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Game 6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
Game 7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 31 (8 teams)
First Round
G1: Corydon Central at Brown County.
G2: North Harrison at Southridge.
G3: Salem at Brownstown Central.
G4: Heritage Hills at Charlestown.
Semifinals
Game 5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Game 6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
Game 7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 32 (8 teams)
First Round
G1: Evansville Memorial at Princeton.
G2: Pike Central at Mt. Vernon.
G3: Gibson Southern at Vincennes Lincoln.
Semifinals
Game 5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Game 6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
Game 7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.
Class 2A (64 Schools)
Dates: Oct. 23, 30; Nov. 6.

**Sectional 33 (8 teams)**
First Round
G1: River Forest at Knox.
G2: Hammond Bishop Noll at North Newton.
G3: Bowman Academy at Gary Roosevelt.
G4: Whiting at Boone Grove.
Semifinals
Game 5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Game 6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
Game 7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

**Sectional 34 (8 teams)**
First Round
G1: Bremen at Rochester Community.
G2: Delphi at Oak Hill.
G3: Wabash at Cass.
G4: Manchester at Winamac.
Semifinals
Game 5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Game 6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
Game 7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

**Sectional 35 (8 teams)**
First Round
G1: South Adams at Churubusco.
G2: Prairie Heights at Whitko.
G3: Bluffton at Eastside.
G4: Woodlan at Central Noble.
Semifinals
Game 5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Game 6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
Game 7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

**Sectional 36 (8 teams)**
First Round
G1: Alexandria Monroe at Eastbrook.
G2: Blackford at Taylor.
G3: Madison-Grant at Elwood.
G4: Winchester Community at Eastern (Greentown).
Semifinals
Game 5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Game 6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
Game 7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

**Sectional 37 (8 teams)**
First Round
G1: Heritage Christian at Indianapolis Broad Ripple.
G2: Speedway at Frankton.
G3: Indianapolis Scecina at Lapel.
G4: Park Tudor at Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter.
Semifinals
Game 5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Game 6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
Game 7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

**Sectional 38 (8 teams)**
First Round
G1: Union County at Triton Central.
G2: Centerville at Switzerland County.
G3: Northeastern at Eastern Hancock.
G4: Milan at Indianapolis Howe.
Semifinals
Game 5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Game 6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
Game 7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

**Sectional 39 (8 teams)**
First Round
G1: Mitchell at Monrovia.
G2: Southmont at South Vermillion.
G3: Paoli at Cascade.
G4: North Putnam at Cloverdale.
Semifinals
Game 5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Game 6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
Game 7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

**Sectional 40 (8 teams)**
First Round
G1: North Posey at Forest Park.
G2: Eastern (Pekin) at Clarksville.
G3: South Spencer at Evansville Mater Dei.
G4: Crawford County at Providence.
Semifinals
Game 5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Game 6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
Game 7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.
Class A (63 Schools)
Dates: Oct. 23, 30; Nov. 6.

Sectional 41 (8 teams)
First Round
G1: Pioneer at North White.
G2: South Central (Union Mills) at South Newton.
G3: West Central at Lake Station Edison.
G4: Tri-County at North Judson-San Pierre.
Semifinals
Game 5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Game 6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
Game 7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 42 (8 teams)
First Round
G1: Covington at Attica.
G2: Lafayette Central Catholic at Clinton Central.
G3: Seeger at Carroll (Flora).
G4: Frontier at Clinton Prairie.
Semifinals
Game 5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Game 6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
Game 7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 43 (8 teams)
First Round
G1: Fremont at LaVille.
G2: North Miami at Culver Community.
G3: Southwood at Triton.
G4: Caston at Northfield.
Semifinals
Game 5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Game 6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
Game 7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 44 (8 teams)
First Round
G1: Southern Wells at Union City.
G2: Adams Central at Wes-Del.
G3: Shenandoah at Tri-Central.
G4: Anderson Preparatory Academy at Monroe Central.
Semifinals
Game 5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Game 6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
Game 7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 45 (8 teams)
First Round
G1: North Vermillion at Turkey Run.
G2: Riverton Parke at Covenant Christian (Indianapolis).
G3: South Putnam at Sheridan.
G4: Fountain Central at Rockville.
Semifinals
Game 5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
Game 6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
Game 7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 46 (8 teams)
First Round
G1: Hagerstown at Tri.
G2: Indianapolis Shortridge at Cambridge City Lincoln.
G3: Indianapolis Lutheran at Knightstown.
G4: Tindley at Indiana Deaf.
Semifinals
G5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
G6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
G7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 47 (7 teams)
First Round
G1: South Decatur at Eastern Greene.
G2: Oldenburg Academy at Edinburgh.
G3: Springs Valley at North Decatur.
Semifinals
G4: West Washington at G1 Winner.
G5: G2 winner vs. G3 winner.
Championship
G6: G4 winner vs. G5 winner.

Sectional 48 (8 teams)
First Round
G1: Tell City at Linton-Stockton.
G2: Perry Central at Wood Memorial.
G3: North Daviess at Tecumseh.
G4: North Knox at North Central (Farmersburg).
Semifinals
G5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
G6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.
Championship
G7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.
Regionals
Class 6A: Friday, November 6, 2015.
Class 5A-1A: Friday, November 13, 2015.
Times: 7 pm local time or as determined by host school.
Admission: $7 per person.

Determining Home Team
Classes A, 3A & 5A
Sectional final game non-host, if applicable, or higher sectional # (i.e., Sect. 2 is higher than Sect. 1).
Classes 2A, 4A & 6A
Sectional final game non-host, if applicable, or lower sectional # (i.e., Sect. 1 is lower than Sect. 2).

Semi-States
Class 6A: Friday, November 13, 2015.
Class 5A-1A: Friday, November 20, 2015.
Times: 7 pm local time or as determined by host school.
Admission: $8 per person.

Determining Home Team
Classes A, 3A & 5A
*Regional non-host, if applicable, or lower sectional # (i.e., Sect. 1 is lower than Sect. 2).
Classes 2A, 4A & 6A
*Regional non-host, if applicable, or higher sectional # (i.e., Sect. 2 is higher than Sect. 1).
*If regional winner has not hosted either sectional final or regional, that school will be the designated host.

State Finals
Site: Lucas Oil Stadium, 500 S. Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis.
Tickets: $15.00 per day. All seats are general admission. Pre-school children admitted at no charge. Single day tickets may be purchased at participating schools the week of the state finals. Contact schools for ticket distribution hours. Purchase advance tickets through a participating school and $1.00 for every ticket sold will be reimbursed to that school. Tickets also will be available game day at the Lucas Oil Stadium Ticket Office located on the southeast side of the venue at street level nearest Capitol Avenue.
Gates Open: Lucas Oil Stadium will open its gates to fans beginning at 11 am ET (one hour prior to kickoff of the first game) each day.

Friday, Nov. 27, 2015
Class A State Championship Game | 12 pm ET
Class 3A State Championship Game | 3:30 pm ET
Class 5A State Championship Game | 7:05 pm ET

Saturday, Nov. 28, 2015
Class 2A State Championship Game | 12 pm ET
Class 4A State Championship Game | 3:30 pm ET
Class 6A State Championship Game | 7:05 pm ET

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About the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. (IHSAA)
The IHSAA is a voluntary, not-for-profit organization that is self-supporting without the use of tax monies. Since its founding in 1903, the Association's mission has been to provide wholesome, educational athletics for the secondary schools of Indiana. Its member high schools - public, institutional, parochial and private – pay no annual membership fee or incur entry fees to play in the Association's tournaments. A state tournament series is conducted annually in 21 sports, 10 for girls, 10 for boys and one co-ed (unified track and field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.

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