

IHSAA News Release



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Executive Committee approves updated football sectional assignments

Due to the recent change in the Tournament Success Factor point system, an updated version of the 2019 and 2020 football state tournament assignments in Classes 6A and 5A was approved Friday by the IHSAA Executive Committee.

The modification to the Tournament Success Factor at its April 29 meeting lowered the number of points needed (from 3 points to 2 points) by a school already playing in a higher classification to continue playing in that same class for another two years. Schools that win a regional championship in a single season or a sectional championship in back-to-back seasons would remain in that same higher class. The rule previously had required three points (two sectional titles and a regional title) to continue in that class.

With that rule change, both Fort Wayne Snider and Indianapolis Cathedral each accumulated two points over the last two seasons, enough to remain in Class 6A and 5A, respectively. The sectional assignment announcement released on April 29 had Snider in Class 5A, Sectional 11 and Cathedral in Class 4A, Sectional 22, the same day the new tournament success factor rule was changed. Snider has now been assigned to 6A, Sectional 3, while Cathedral will be in 5A, Sectional 13.

That rule change coupled with Elkhart Central and Elkhart Memorial consolidating to form a new and larger Elkhart High School which will compete in 6A in 2020, affects several teams from one year to the next. One of those is Zionsville, which will compete in 6A, Sectional 5 in 2019 but 5A, Sectional 12 in 2020. Previously, Valparaiso had been that school which would split time between classes but will now spend both years in 5A, Sectional 9. Another is Carmel which will compete in Sectional 4 in 2019 but Sectional 5 in 2020.

The updated sectional assignments in Class 6A and 5A for both years as approved Friday are listed below:

6A Football - 2019			
Sectional 1	Sectional 2	Sectional 3	Sectional 4
Crown Point	Chesterton	Carroll (FW)	Carmel
Lake Central	Penn	Homestead	Fishers
Merrillville	Portage	Fort Wayne Snider	Hamilton Southeastern
Lafayette Jefferson	Warsaw	Noblesville	Westfield
Sectional 5	Sectional 6	Sectional 7	Sectional 8
Avon	Arsenal Technical	Lawrence Central	Center Grove
Brownsburg	Ben Davis	Lawrence North	Columbus East
Pike	Perry Meridian	North Central (Indpls.)	Columbus North
Zionsville	Southport	Warren Central	Franklin Central
5A Football - 2019			
Sectional 9	Sectional 10	Sectional 11	Sectional 12
LaPorte	Concord	FW Bishop Dwenger	Anderson
Michigan City	Elkhart Central	FW North Side	Harrison (WL)
Munster	Elkhart Memorial	FW Northrop	Kokomo
Valparaiso	Mishawaka	Goshen	McCutcheon
	South Bend Adams		
Sectional 13	Sectional 14	Sectional 15	Sectional 16
Decatur Central	Franklin Community	Bloomington North	Bedford North Lawrence
Indianapolis Cathedral	New Palestine	Bloomington South	Floyd Central
Plainfield	Seymour	Castle	Jeffersonville
Terre Haute North	Whiteland Community	Evansville North	New Albany
Terre Haute South			

6A Football - 2020			
<u>Sectional 1</u>	<u>Sectional 2</u>	<u>Sectional 3</u>	<u>Sectional 4</u>
Crown Point	Elkhart	Carroll (FW)	Fishers
Lake Central	Chesterton	Homestead	Hamilton Southeastern
Merrillville	Penn	Fort Wayne Snider	Noblesville
Lafayette Jefferson	Portage	Warsaw	Westfield
<u>Sectional 5</u>	<u>Sectional 6</u>	<u>Sectional 7</u>	<u>Sectional 8</u>
Avon	Arsenal Technical	Lawrence Central	Center Grove
Brownsburg	Ben Davis	Lawrence North	Columbus East
Carmel	Perry Meridian	North Central (Indpls.)	Columbus North
Pike	Southport	Warren Central	Franklin Central
5A Football - 2020			
<u>Sectional 9</u>	<u>Sectional 10</u>	<u>Sectional 11</u>	<u>Sectional 12</u>
LaPorte	Concord	Anderson	Harrison (WL)
Michigan City	Goshen	FW Bishop Dwenger	Kokomo
Munster	Mishawaka	FW North Side	McCutcheon
Valparaiso	South Bend Adams	FW Northrop	Zionsville
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Terre Haute South			

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 410 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 22 sports, 10 for girls, 10 for boys and two co-ed (unified flag football and unified track and field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.