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Pairings announced for Unified Flag Football Tournament

The Indiana High School Athletic Association announced the pairings for the Sixth Annual Unified Flag Football State Tournament Series this evening via livestream at IHSAAtv.org.

Forty-four (44) teams have entered this year's state tournament and are spread across eight sectionals to be played on Saturday, Sept. 30. The eight teams that emerge as sectional champions will move on to one of two regionals on Saturday, Oct. 7 with the two remaining teams advancing to the state championship game on Saturday, Oct. 14 at the Grand Park Sports Event Center in Westfield.

Last year's state champion, the Brownsburg Bulldogs, will host Zionsville in the opening game of Sectional 6 while 2022 state runner-up, the DeKalb Barons will face NorthWood in its first round game in Sectional 2 played at Central Noble.

Last year's state championship game between Brownsburg and DeKalb is available to watch here via [IHSAAtv.org](https://www.ihsaatv.org).

Unified Sports enables persons with and without intellectual disabilities to participate on the same team for sports training and competition as part of the "Champions Together" partnership between the IHSAA and Special Olympics Indiana.

Unified Flag Football, which began in 2018, is one of 22 sports sponsored by the IHSAA and one of two co-ed sports along with Unified Track & Field which debuted in 2014.



About the Draw

To conduct the random drawing for the Unified Flag Football State Tournament, the IHSAA places ping-pong balls representing each school in each sectional into a lottery-style air mix machine. A motorized 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 eight sectionals.



Sectionals

Date: Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023.

Admission: \$5 per person.

1. Griffith (4)

G1: East Chicago Central vs. South Bend Adams.

G2: Valparaiso vs. Griffith.

Championship: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

2. Central Noble (7)

G1: Central Noble vs. Wawasee.

G2: Elkhart vs. East Noble.

G3: NorthWood vs. DeKalb.

G4: Goshen vs. G1 winner.

G5: G2 winner vs. G3 winner.

Championship: G4 winner vs. G5 winner.

3. Warsaw (7)

G1: Warsaw vs. New Haven.

G2: Homestead vs. Manchester.

G3: Carroll (Fort Wayne) vs. Fort Wayne North Side.

G4: Tippecanoe Valley vs. G1 winner.

G5: G2 winner vs. G3 winner.

Championship: G4 winner vs. G5 winner.

4. McCutcheon (3)

G1: Blackford vs. Twin Lakes.

Championship: McCutcheon vs. G1 winner.

5. Noblesville (7)

G1: Carmel vs. Warren Central.

G2: Hamilton Heights vs. Fishers.

G3: Noblesville vs. Westfield.

G4: Lawrence Central vs. G1 winner.

G5: G2 winner vs. G3 winner.

Championship: G4 winner vs. G5 winner.

6. Brownsburg (7)

G1: Zionsville vs. Brownsburg.

G2: Indianapolis Arsenal Technical vs. Indianapolis George Washington.

G3: Southport vs. Perry Meridian.

G4: Ben Davis vs. G1 winner.

G5: G2 winner vs. G3 winner.

Championship: G4 winner vs. G5 winner.

7. Mooresville (5)

G1: Greenwood Community vs. Indian Creek.

G2: Franklin Community vs. Franklin Central.

G3: Mooresville vs. G1 winner.

Championship: G2 winner vs. G3 winner.

8. Bedford North Lawrence (4)

G1: Martinsville vs. Bedford North Lawrence.

G2: Floyd Central vs. Jasper.

Championship: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Regionals

Date: Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023.

Admission: \$5 per person.

Home Team: The second-named team will be the designated home team in each game.

Regional 1 at TBA (one of competing teams)

G1: Warsaw winner vs. Griffith winner.

G2: McCutcheon winner vs. Central Noble winner.

Championship: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Regional 2 at TBA (one of competing teams)

G1: Brownsburg vs. Mooresville.

G2: Bedford North Lawrence vs. Noblesville.

Championship: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

State Finals

Date: Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023.

Time: 12 pm ET / 11 am CT.

Site: Grand Park Sports Event Center, 19000 Grand Park Blvd., Westfield, IN

Admission: \$15 per person. Children age 5 and younger are admitted at no charge.

Previous State Championship Results

Year	Champion	Runner-Up	Score
Indiana Farm Bureau Football Center, Indianapolis			
2018-19	Bedford No. Lawrence	Tippecanoe Valley	50-26
Grand Park Sports Event Center, Westfield			
2019-20	Mooresville	McCutcheon	60-44
2020-21	McCutcheon	Carroll (Fort Wayne)	44-34
2021-22	DeKalb	Franklin Central	45-42
2022-23	Brownsburg	DeKalb	28-18

Most Sectional Championships

No.	School	Years
5	Bedford North Lawrence	2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
4	Carroll (Fort Wayne)	2018, 2019, 2020, 2022
4	McCutcheon	2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
4	Valparaiso	2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
3	Carmel	2020, 2021, 2022
2	Noblesville	2018, 2019
3	Tippecanoe Valley	2018, 2019, 2021
2	Brownsburg	2021, 2022
2	DeKalb	2021, 2022
2	Franklin Central	2019, 2021
2	Mooresville	2019, 2020
1	Ben Davis	2018
1	Franklin Community	2022
1	Griffith	2018
1	Jasper	2018
1	Manchester	2020
1	Wawasee	2020
1	Zionsville	2018

Most Regional Championships

No.	School	Years
2	DeKalb	2021, 2022
2	McCutcheon	2019, 2020
1	Bedford North Lawrence	2018
1	Ben Davis	2018
1	Brownsburg	2022
1	Carroll (Fort Wayne)	2020
1	Franklin Central	2021
1	Mooresville	2019
1	Noblesville	2018
1	Tippecanoe Valley	2018

About Special Olympics Indiana, Inc. (SOIN)

Special Olympics Indiana is a not-for-profit organization that provides year-round sports more than 11,000 athletes across Indiana. The organization receives no federal- or state-appropriated funds, is not a United Way agency and relies entirely on corporate, civic and individual donations. For more information about Special Olympics Indiana, call (317) 328-2000 or visit www.soindiana.org.

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 407 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 track and field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.