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Pairings set for Unified Flag Football State Tournament

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

Forty-one (41) teams have entered this year's state tournament and are spread across eight sectionals to be played on Saturday, Oct. 1. The eight teams that emerge as sectional champions will move on to one of two regionals on Saturday, Oct. 8 with the two remaining teams advancing to the state championship game on Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Grand Park Sports Event Center in Westfield.

Last year's state champion, the DeKalb Barons, will meet Wawasee in a Sectional 2 first round game at Central Noble while 2021 state runner-up, the Franklin Central Flashes, drew a bye and will await the Martinsville-Franklin Community winner in Sectional 7 played at Mooresville.

Last year's state championship game between DeKalb and Franklin Central is available to watch via [IHSAAtv.org](https://www.ihsaa.org/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, played on a 25-yard by 40-yard field, is five-on-five with three athletes and two unified partners to a side. Teams play two 20-minute halves with a touchdown worth six points, an extra point from the five-yard line worth one point while two points are added for a successful play from the 10-yard line. Two points may also be scored for a safety.

Starting on its five-yard line, a team has four plays to cross mid-field, then an additional four plays to score a touchdown. Failure to cross mid-field or score a touchdown in the prescribed number of plays results in a change of possession starting at the opposing team's own five-yard line. [Official Rules](#)

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 and 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, Oct. 1, 2022.

Times: Determined by host school.

Admission: \$5 per person.

1. Valparaiso (3)

G1: Valparaiso vs. East Chicago Central.

Championship: Griffith vs. G1 winner.

2. Central Noble (7)

G1: Goshen vs. Central Noble.

G2: Elkhart vs. NorthWood.

G3: DeKalb vs. Wawasee.

G4: East Noble vs. G1 winner.

G5: G2 winner vs. G3 winner.

Championship: G4 winner vs. G5 winner.

3. Warsaw (7)

G1: Homestead vs. New Haven.

G2: Tippecanoe Valley vs. Manchester.

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

G4: Warsaw vs. G1 winner.

G5: G2 winner vs. G3 winner.

Championship: G4 winner vs. G5 winner.

4. McCutcheon (3)

G1: Twin Lakes vs. Blackford.

Championship: McCutcheon vs. G1 winner.

5. Hamilton Heights (6)

G1: Hamilton Heights vs. Carmel.

G2: Fishers vs. Warren Central.

G3: Lawrence Central vs. G1 winner.

G4: Noblesville vs. G2 winner.

Championship: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

6. Brownsburg (6)

G1: Brownsburg vs. Perry Meridian.

G2: Indianapolis Crispus Attucks vs. Ben Davis.

G3: Zionsville vs. G1 winner.

G4: Indianapolis George Washington vs. G2 winner.

Championship: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

7. Mooresville (6)

G1: Greenwood Community vs. Mooresville.

G2: Martinsville vs. Franklin Community.

G3: Indian Creek vs. G1 winner.

G4: Franklin Central vs. G2 winner.

Championship: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

8. Jasper (3)

G1: Floyd Central vs. Jasper.

Championship: Bedford North Lawrence vs. G1 winner.

Regionals

Date: Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022.

Time: To be determined by host school.

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: Valparaiso winner vs. Central Noble winner.

G2: McCutcheon winner vs. Warsaw winner.

Championship: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Regional 2 at Mooresville

G1: Mooresville winner vs. Brownsburg winner.

G2: Jasper winner vs. Hamilton Heights winner.

Championship: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

State Finals

Date: Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022.

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 2 and younger are admitted at no charge.

Official Football: The Wilson Unified Flag Football (youth model) will be used.

Previous State Championship Results

Year	Champion	Coach	Runner-Up	Score
@ Indiana Farm Bureau Football Center, Indianapolis				
2018-19	Bedford North Lawrence	Mike Branam	Tippecanoe Valley	50-26
@ Grand Park Sports Event Center, Westfield				
2019-20	Mooresville	Tina Taylor, Brandon Lewin, Jacquie Ingle	McCutcheon	60-44
2020-21	McCutcheon	Cory Rush, Gina Bunch, Patrick Muldoon	Carroll (Fort Wayne)	44-34
2021-22	DeKalb	Ryan Baker, Carol Fike-Baker	Franklin Central	45-42

Most Sectional Championships

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



Most Regional Championships

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

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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 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.