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Pairings announced for Unified Flag Football Tournament

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

A record 46 teams – two more than 2024 - have entered this year's state tournament and are spread across eight sectionals to be played on Saturday, Oct. 4. The eight teams that emerge as sectional champions will move on to one of two regionals on Saturday, Oct. 11 with the two remaining teams advancing to the state championship game on Saturday, Oct. 18 at the Grand Park Sports Event Center in Westfield.

The state championship game will be streamed live on <u>IHSAAtv.org</u>. Last year's state championship game between Carroll (Fort Wayne) and Carmel is available to <u>watch here</u>.



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A different school has won the state championship in each of the tournament's first seven years.

Last year's state champion, the Carroll Chargers will hope to become the first two-time winner and will play Manchester in Sectional 3 at Tippecanoe Valley. Last year's state runner-up, the Carmel Greyhounds will face Fishers in their first-round game in Sectional 5 played at Hamilton Heights.

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 24 sports sponsored by the IHSAA and one of two co-ed sports along with Unified Track & Field which debuted in 2014.

Past state championship results and other records may be found in the <u>Unified Flag Football</u> <u>Records Book</u>.

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. 4, 2025.

Admission: \$5 per person. Children age 5 and younger admitted free.

1. Griffith (4)

G1: Valparaiso vs. South Bend Adams.

G2: East Chicago Central vs. Griffith.

Championship: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

2. NorthWood (6)

G1: Goshen vs. Wawasee.

G2: NorthWood vs. Elkhart.

G3: East Noble vs. G1 winner.

G4: DeKalb vs. G2 winner.

Championship: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

3. Tippecanoe Valley (6)

G1: Homestead vs. Tippecanoe Valley.

G2: Carroll (Fort Wayne) vs. Manchester.

G3: Warsaw Community vs. G1 winner.

G4: New Haven vs. G2 winner.

Championship: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

4. McCutcheon (7)

G1: Harrison (West Lafayette) vs. Blackford.

G2: Westfield vs. Pike.

G3: Zionsville vs. Twin Lakes.

G4: McCutcheon vs. G1 winner.

G5: G2 winner vs. G3 winner.

Championship: G4 winner vs. G5 winner.

5. Hamilton Heights (7)

G1: Fishers vs. Carmel.

G2: Lawrence Central vs. Hamilton Southeastern.

G3: Warren Central vs. Hamilton Heights.

G4: Noblesville vs. G1 winner.

G5: G2 winner vs. G3 winner.

Championship: G4 winner vs. G5 winner.

6. Brownsburg (6)

G1: Southport vs. Brownsburg.

G2: Ben Davis vs. Perry Meridian.

G3: Indianapolis Arsenal Technical vs. G1 winner.

G4: Avon vs. G2 winner.

Championship: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

7. Mooresville (5)

G1: Mooresville vs. Greenwood Community.

G2: Whiteland Community vs. Franklin Community.

G3: Franklin Central vs. G1 winner.

Championship: G2 winner vs. G3 winner.

8. Bedford North Lawrence (5)

G1: Bedford North Lawrence vs. Silver Creek.

G2: Jasper vs. Floyd Central.

G3: Indian Creek vs. G1 winner.

Championship: G2 winner vs. G3 winner.

Regionals

Date: Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025.

Admission: \$5 per person. Children age 5 and younger

admitted free.

Home Team: The second-named team will be the

designated home team in each game.

South Bend Adams

G1: NorthWood winner vs. Griffith winner.

G2: Tippecanoe Valley winner vs. McCutcheon winner.

Championship: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Mooresville

G1: Brownsburg winner vs. Hamilton Heights winner.

G2: Mooresville winner vs. Bedford North Lawrence winner.

Championship: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

State Finals

Date: Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025.

Time: 1 pm ET / 12 pm CT.

Site: Grand Park Sports Event Center, 19000 Grand Park

Blvd., Westfield, IN

Admission: \$15 per person. Children age 5 and younger admitted free.

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 412-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 24 sports, 11 for girls, 11 for boys and two co-eds (unified flag football, unified track and field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.