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High school football teams learn sectional matchups Tournament partnership with Indianapolis Colts now in its 15th year

Three-hundred eleven (311) teams learned their sectional opponents today via live stream at IHSAAtv.org and the state-wide IHSAA Champions Radio Network.

The 51st Annual IHSAA Football State Tournament **presented by the Indianapolis Colts** is set to begin Oct. 20 with first round games in Classes 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A. Classes 6A and 5A have that week off. Sectional semifinal games will be played on Oct. 27, sectional championship games on Nov. 3, regionals on Nov. 10, semi-states on Nov. 17 and the state championship games on Nov. 24-25.

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 since 2009.



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Here is a look at when games will be played each week by class:

	Oct. 20	Oct. 27	Nov. 3	Nov. 10	Nov. 17	Nov. 24	Nov. 25
6A	Week off	Sectional Semis	Sectional Finals	Regionals	Semi-States	TBA	TBA
5A	Week off	Sectional Semis	Sectional Finals	Regionals	Semi-States	TBA	TBA
4A	Sectional 1st Rd.	Sectional Semis	Sectional Finals	Regionals	Semi-States	TBA	TBA
3A	Sectional 1st Rd.	Sectional Semis	Sectional Finals	Regionals	Semi-States	TBA	TBA
2A	Sectional 1st Rd.	Sectional Semis	Sectional Finals	Regionals	Semi-States	TBA	TBA
1A	Sectional 1st Rd.	Sectional Semis	Sectional Finals	Regionals	Semi-States	TBA	TBA

About the Draw

To conduct the random drawing for the football state tournament, the IHSAA places ping-pong balls representing each school in each 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 seven-team sectionals, the seventh team drawn receives the bye and an automatic road game in the semifinal round.**

Schools Entered: 311 schools. 305 games will be played over the six-week tournament.

By Class: 32 in 6A; 31 in 5A; 64 in 4A; 64 in 3A; 62 in 2A; 58 in 1A.

Schools Playing Up One Class due to Tournament Success Factor

Indianapolis Cathedral (Class 6A, Sectional 6).
Evansville Memorial (Class 4A, Sectional 24).
Lafayette Central Catholic (Class 2A, Sectional 34).

Most State Championships

16: Indianapolis Bishop Chatard.
14: Indianapolis Cathedral.
11: Fort Wayne Bishop Luers.
10: Roncalli.
9: Ben Davis, Carmel, Sheridan, Warren Central.
8: Lafayette Central Catholic.
5: Center Grove, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter, Penn.

All-Time Consecutive Tournament Victories

32: Indianapolis Cathedral, 2010-15.
26: Fort Wayne Bishop Luers, 2009-13; Warren Central, 2003-07.
25: Lafayette Central Catholic, 2009-13.
23: Roncalli, 2002-05; Sheridan, 2005-08.
22: Indianapolis Bishop Chatard, 2001-04; Penn, 1995-98.
21: Indianapolis Bishop Chatard, 2010-13.
20: Western Boone (2018-21).

Active Consecutive Tournament Win Streaks

15: Center Grove.
12: Indianapolis Lutheran.
6: East Central, Evansville Mater Dei, Indianapolis Bishop Chatard.
5: Valparaiso.

Defending Sectional Champions

6A: Brownsburg, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Center Grove, Hamilton Southeastern, Indianapolis Cathedral, Lafayette Jefferson, Warren Central, Westfield.
5A: Bloomington South, Castle, Fort Wayne Snider, Merrillville, Mishawaka, Plainfield, Valparaiso, Whiteland Community.
4A: Columbia City, East Central, Evansville Memorial, Kokomo, New Palestine, New Prairie, Northridge, Roncalli.
3A: Indianapolis Bishop Chatard, Knox, Lawrenceburg, Monrovia, Owen Valley, Southridge, West Lafayette, Yorktown.
2A: Andrean, Bluffton, Evansville Mater Dei, Fort Wayne Bishop Luers, Lafayette Central Catholic, Lapel, Linton-Stockton, Triton Central.
A: Adams Central, Carroll (Flora), Indianapolis Lutheran, North Decatur, North Judson-San Pierre, Park Tudor, Providence, Sheridan.

Active Sectional Championship Streaks (three or more years)

12: Center Grove.
5: Valparaiso.
4: Andrean, Evansville Mater Dei, Indianapolis Cathedral, Lafayette Central Catholic, Lawrenceburg, Merrillville, Roncalli, Triton Central.
3: Westfield.

Most Consecutive Sectional Championships

19 by Hobart, 1979-97.

Top 10 All-Time Sectional Championships

32: Carmel.
30: Indianapolis Bishop Chatard.
28: Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Fort Wayne Snider.
26: Fort Wayne Bishop Luers, Indianapolis Cathedral.
25: Ben Davis, Penn.
24: Evansville Mater Dei.
23: Adams Central, Roncalli.

Sectionals

Class 6A-5A: Oct. 27; Nov. 3, 2023.

Class 4A-1A: Oct. 20, 27; Nov. 3, 2023.

Times: 7 pm local time or as determined by host school.

Admission: \$7 per person. Children age 5 and younger admitted free.

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 hosts or both were visitors, the second-named team in the quarter bracket will host. In 6A & 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)

Dates: Oct. 27; Nov. 3

Sectional 1 (4 teams)

Semifinals

G1: Portage at Lake Central.

G2: Lafayette Jefferson at Crown Point.

Championship

G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 2 (4 teams)

Semifinals

G1: Carroll (Fort Wayne) at Warsaw Community.

G2: Elkhart at Penn.

Championship

G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 3 (4 teams)

Semifinals

G1: Fishers at Homestead.

G2: Hamilton Southeastern at Fort Wayne Northrop.

Championship

G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 4 (4 teams)

Semifinals

G1: Westfield at Carmel.

G2: Noblesville at Zionsville.

Championship

G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 5 (4 teams)

Semifinals

G1: Brownsburg at Ben Davis.

G2: Avon at Pike.

Championship

G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 6 (4 teams)

Semifinals

G1: North Central (Indianapolis) at Indianapolis Cathedral.

G2: Lawrence Central at Lawrence North.

Championship

G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 7 (4 teams)

Semifinals

G1: Perry Meridian at Warren Central.

G2: Southport at Indianapolis Arsenal Technical.

Championship

G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 8 (4 teams)

Semifinals

G1: Franklin Central at Center Grove.

G2: Jeffersonville at Columbus North.

Championship

G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Class 5A (31 schools)

Dates: Oct. 27; Nov. 3

Sectional 9 (4 teams)

Semifinals

G1: Munster at Merrillville.

G2: Hammond Morton at Hammond Central.

Championship

G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 10 (4 teams)

Semifinals

G1: Michigan City at LaPorte.

G2: Valparaiso at Chesterton.

Championship

G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 11 (4 teams)

Semifinals

G1: Mishawaka at Goshen.

G2: Concord at South Bend Adams.

Championship

G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 12 (3 teams)

Semifinals

G1: Anderson at Fort Wayne Snider.

Championship

G2: Fort Wayne North Side at G1 winner.

Sectional 13 (4 teams)

Semifinals

G1: Plainfield at Harrison (West Lafayette).

G2: Decatur Central at McCutcheon.

Championship

G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 14 (4 teams)

Semifinals

G1: Whiteland Community at Terre Haute
North Vigo.

G2: Franklin Community at Terre Haute
South Vigo.

Championship

G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 15 (4 teams)

Semifinals

G1: Bloomington South at Bloomington
North.

G2: Seymour at Columbus East.

Championship

G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 16 (4 teams)

Semifinals

G1: Evansville North at Floyd Central.

G2: Castle at New Albany.

Championship

G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Class 4A (64 Schools)
Dates: Oct. 20, 27; Nov. 3

Sectional 17 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Hobart at New Prairie.
G2: Gary West Side at Kankakee Valley.
G3: East Chicago Central at Highland.
G4: Culver Academies at Lowell.

Semifinals

G5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
G6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

Championship

G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 18 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: South Bend Washington at Plymouth.
G2: NorthWood at South Bend St. Joseph.
G3: South Bend Riley at Wawasee.
G4: Northridge at Logansport.

Semifinals

G5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
G6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

Championship

G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 19 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Fort Wayne Wayne at Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger.
G2: DeKalb at Angola.
G3: East Noble at New Haven.
G4: Leo at Fort Wayne South Side.

Semifinals

G5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
G6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

Championship

G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 20 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Mississinewa at Western.
G2: Columbia City at Huntington North.
G3: Frankfort at Marion.
G4: Kokomo at Jay County.

Semifinals

G5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
G6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

Championship

G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 21 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Indianapolis Crispus Attucks at Lebanon.
G2: Brebeuf Jesuit at Northview.
G3: Indianapolis Shortridge at Roncalli.
G4: Indianapolis George Washington at Mooresville.

Semifinals

G5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
G6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

Championship

G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 22 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Pendleton Heights at Greenfield-Central.
G2: New Castle at New Palestine.
G3: Beech Grove at Muncie Central.
G4: Mt. Vernon (Fortville) at Richmond.

Semifinals

G5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
G6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

Championship

G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 23 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Edgewood at Jennings County.
G2: Greenwood Community at Connersville.
G3: Shelbyville at East Central.
G4: Martinsville at Silver Creek.

Semifinals

G5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
G6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

Championship

G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 24 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Bedford North Lawrence at Evansville Harrison.
G2: Boonville at Evansville Reitz.
G3: Evansville Memorial at Evansville Central.
G4: Jasper at Evansville Bosse.

Semifinals

G5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
G6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

Championship

G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Class 3A (64 Schools)
Dates: Oct. 20, 27; Nov. 3

Sectional 25 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Twin Lakes at Boone Grove.
G2: Calumet at Hanover Central.
G3: River Forest at West Lafayette.
G4: Rensselaer Central at Griffith.

Semifinals

G5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
G6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

Championship

G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 26 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Jimtown at Fairfield.
G2: South Bend Clay at Glenn.
G3: Knox at Lakeland.
G4: Mishawaka Marian at West Noble.

Semifinals

G5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
G6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

Championship

G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 27 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Yorktown at Fort Wayne Concordia
Lutheran.
G2: Delta at Norwell.
G3: Belmont at Garrett.
G4: Heritage at Woodlan.

Semifinals

G5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
G6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

Championship

G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 28 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Guerin Catholic at Peru.
G2: Tippecanoe Valley at Indianapolis Bishop
Chatard.
G3: Northwestern at Maconaquah.
G4: Hamilton Heights at Oak Hill.

Semifinals

G5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
G6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

Championship

G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 29 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Danville Community at Tri-West
Hendricks.
G2: Western Boone at North Montgomery.
G3: Purdue Polytechnic-Downtown at
Monrovia.
G4: Crawfordsville at Speedway.

Semifinals

G5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
G6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

Championship

G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 30 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Pike Central at Princeton Community.
G2: Vincennes Lincoln at Owen Valley.
G3: Mt. Vernon at Gibson Southern.
G4: West Vigo at Washington.

Semifinals

G5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
G6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

Championship

G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 31 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Lawrenceburg at Centerville.
G2: Batesville at Rushville Consolidated.
G3: Franklin County at South Dearborn.
G4: Greensburg at Indian Creek.

Semifinals

G5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
G6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

Championship

G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 32 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Scottsburg at North Harrison.
G2: Salem at Madison Consolidated.
G3: Charlestown at Heritage Hills.
G4: Corydon Central at Southridge.

Semifinals

G5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
G6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

Championship

G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Class 2A (62 Schools)
Dates: Oct. 20, 27; Nov. 3

Sectional 33 (7 teams)

First Round

G1: Bremen at Hammond Bishop Noll.
G2: Andean at LaVille.
G3: Lake Station Edison at Whiting.

Semifinals

G4: Wheeler at G1 winner.
G5: G2 winner vs. G3 winner.

Championship

G6: G4 winner vs. G5 winner.

Sectional 34 (7 teams)

First Round

G1: Winamac Community at Lafayette Central Catholic.
G2: Benton Central at Seeger.
G3: Delphi Community at Lewis Cass.

Semifinals

G4: Rochester Community at G1 winner.
G5: G2 winner vs. G3 winner.

Championship

G6: G4 winner vs. G5 winner.

Sectional 35 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Wabash at Eastside.
G2: Fort Wayne Bishop Luers at Churubusco.
G3: Prairie Heights at Central Noble.
G4: Manchester at Whitko.

Semifinals

G5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
G6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

Championship

G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 36 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Blackford at Tipton.
G2: Elwood Community at Eastern (Greentown).
G3: Eastbrook at Frankton.
G4: Bluffton at Alexandria Monroe.

Semifinals

G5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
G6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

Championship

G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 37 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Greencastle at North Putnam.
G2: Linton-Stockton at North Knox.
G3: South Vermillion at Cascade.
G4: Sullivan at Southmont.

Semifinals

G5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
G6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

Championship

G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 38 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Lapel at Eastern Hancock.
G2: Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter at Union County.
G3: Shenandoah at Heritage Christian.
G4: Northeastern at Winchester Community.

Semifinals

G5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
G6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

Championship

G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 39 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Triton Central at Clarksville.
G2: Indianapolis Sccecina at Brownstown Central.
G3: Brown County at Switzerland County.
G4: Eastern (Pekin) at Christel House.

Semifinals

G5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
G6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

Championship

G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 40 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: North Posey at Perry Central.
G2: Evansville Mater Dei at Tell City.
G3: Mitchell at Forest Park.
G4: Crawford County at Paoli.

Semifinals

G5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
G6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

Championship

G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Class 1A (58 Schools)
Dates: Oct. 20, 27; Nov. 3

Sectional 41 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Bowman at South Newton.
G2: Pioneer at North Judson-San Pierre.
G3: Triton at North Newton.
G4: Culver Community at South Central
(Union Mills).

Semifinals

G5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
G6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

Championship

G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 42 (7 teams)

First Round

G1: Fountain Central at Park Tudor.
G2: Clinton Prairie at Covington.
G3: North Vermillion at Attica.

Semifinals

G4: Clinton Central at G1 winner.
G5: G2 winner vs. G3 winner.

Championship

G6: G4 winner vs. G5 winner.

Sectional 43 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Caston at North White.
G2: Carroll (Flora) at Tri-County.
G3: West Central at Taylor.
G4: Tri-Central at Frontier.

Semifinals

G5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
G6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

Championship

G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 44 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Madison-Grant at Northfield.
G2: North Miami at Southern Wells.
G3: South Adams at Adams Central.
G4: Fremont at Southwood.

Semifinals

G5: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.
G6: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

Championship

G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 45 (6 teams)

First Round

G1: Monroe Central at Union City.
G2: Hagerstown at Sheridan.

Semifinals

G3: Wes-Del at G1 winner.
G4: Tindley at G2 winner.

Championship

G5: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

Sectional 46 (7 teams)

First Round

G1: South Decatur at North Decatur.
G2: Knightstown at Tri.
G3: Milan at Cambridge City Lincoln.

Semifinals

G4: Edinburgh at G1 winner.
G5: G2 winner vs. G3 winner.

Championship

G6: G4 winner vs. G5 winner.

Sectional 47 (7 teams)

First Round

G1: North Central (Farmersburg) at South
Putnam.
G2: Parke Heritage at Covenant Christian.
G3: Riverton Parke at Cloverdale.

Semifinals

G4: Indianapolis Lutheran at G1 winner.
G5: G2 winner vs. G3 winner.

Championship

G6: G4 winner vs. G5 winner.

Sectional 48 (7 teams)

First Round

G1: Springs Valley at South Spencer.
G2: Providence at Eastern Greene.
G3: North Daviess at Tecumseh.

Semifinals

G4: West Washington at G1 winner.
G5: G2 winner vs. G3 winner.

Championship

G6: G4 winner vs. G5 winner.

Regionals

Date: Friday, November 10, 2023.

Times: 7 pm local time or as determined by host school.

Admission: \$10 per person. Children age 5 and younger admitted free.

Determining Home Team

Classes A, 3A & 5A

Sectional final game non-host, if applicable, or odd sectional number.

Classes 2A, 4A & 6A

Sectional final game non-host, if applicable, or even sectional number.

Semi-States

Date: Friday, November 17, 2023.

Time: 7 pm local time or as determined by host school.

Admission: \$12 per person. Children age 5 and younger admitted free.

Determining Home Team

Classes A, 3A & 5A

*Regional non-host, if applicable, or lower sectional number (i.e., Sect. 1 is lower than Sect. 2).

Classes 2A, 4A & 6A

*Regional non-host, if applicable, or higher sectional number (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

Dates: November 24-25, 2023.

Site: Lucas Oil Stadium, 500 S. Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis.

Tickets: \$15 per person. Children age 5 and younger admitted free. All seats are general admission.

Schedule TBA.

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 411 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.