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High school football teams learn sectional matchups Since 2009, the Indianapolis Colts have been the presenting partner

Three-hundred ten (310) teams learned their sectional opponents today via live stream at IHSAAtv.org and the state-wide IHSAA Champions Radio Network.

The 53rd Annual IHSAA Football State Tournament **presented by the Indianapolis Colts** is set to begin Oct. 24 with sectional first round games. Semifinal games will be played on Oct. 31, sectional championship games on Nov. 7, regionals on Nov. 14, semi-states on Nov. 21 and the state championship games on Nov. 28-29.

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. 24	Oct. 31	Nov. 7	Nov. 14	Nov. 21	Nov. 28	Nov. 29
6A	Week off	Sectional Semis	Sectional Finals	Regionals	Semi-States	--	State
5A	Week off	Sectional Semis	Sectional Finals	Regionals	Semi-States	State	--
4A	Sectional 1st Rd.	Sectional Semis	Sectional Finals	Regionals	Semi-States	--	State
3A	Sectional 1st Rd.	Sectional Semis	Sectional Finals	Regionals	Semi-States	State	--
2A	Sectional 1st Rd.	Sectional Semis	Sectional Finals	Regionals	Semi-States	--	State
1A	Sectional 1st Rd.	Sectional Semis	Sectional Finals	Regionals	Semi-States	State	--

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 five and seven-team sectionals, the last team drawn receives the bye and an automatic road game in the semifinal round.**

Schools Entered: 310 schools. 304 games will be played over the six-week tournament.

By Class: 32 in 6A; 33 in 5A; 62 in 4A; 61 in 3A; 62 in 2A; 60 in 1A.

Schools Playing Up due to Tournament Success Factor

Decatur Central (Class 6A, Sectional 6)
Heritage Hills (Class 4A, Sectional 24)
Indianapolis Bishop Chatard (4A, Sectional 22)
Lafayette Central Catholic (Class 2A, Sectional 34)
New Palestine (Class 5A, Sectional 13)

Most State Championships

17: Indianapolis Bishop Chatard.
14: Indianapolis Cathedral.
12: Fort Wayne Bishop Luers.
10: Ben Davis, Roncalli.
9: 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; Indianapolis Lutheran, 2021-24.
20: Western Boone, 2018-21.

Active Consecutive Tournament Win Streaks

6: Adams Central, Heritage Hills, New Palestine, Providence
5: Decatur Central, Brownsburg

Defending Sectional Champions

6A: Brownsburg, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Center Grove, Crown Point, Fishers, Lawrence North, Warren Central, Westfield.
5A: Bloomington South, Castle, Decatur Central, East Central, Lafayette Jefferson, Merrillville, Valparaiso, Warsaw Community.
4A: East Noble, Evansville Reitz, Huntington North, Indianapolis Bishop Chatard, Martinsville, Mishawaka, New Palestine, New Prairie.
3A: Batesville, Fort Wayne Bishop Luers, Garrett, Heritage Hills, Knox, Maconaquah, North Harrison, Tri-West Hendricks.
2A: Adams Central, Andrean, Brownstown Central, Eastern (Greentown), Indianapolis Lutheran, Lafayette Central Catholic, Lapel, Linton-Stockton.
1A: Milan, North Judson-San Pierre, North Miami, Providence, Sheridan, South Adams, South Putnam, Taylor.

Active Sectional Championship Streaks (three or more years)

14: Center Grove.
7: Valparaiso.
6: Lafayette Central Catholic, Merrillville.
5: Westfield.
4: Adams Central, Bloomington South, East Central, Indianapolis Lutheran, New Palestine, New Prairie, North Judson-San Pierre.
3: Fort Wayne Bishop Luers, Indianapolis Bishop Chatard, Knox, Mishawaka, Providence, Sheridan, Warren Central,

Most Consecutive Sectional Championships

19 by Hobart, 1979-97.

Top 10 All-Time Sectional Championships

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

Sectionals

Class 6A-5A: Oct. 31; Nov. 7, 2025.

Class 4A-1A: Oct. 24, 31; Nov. 7, 2025.

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

Admission: \$8 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. 31; Nov. 7

Sectional 1 (4 teams)

Semifinals

G1: Lake Central at Crown Point.

G2: Penn at Portage.

Championship

G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 2 (4 teams)

Semifinals

G1: Carroll (Fort Wayne) at Elkhart.

G2: Fort Wayne Snider at Fort Wayne Northrop.

Championship

G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 3 (4 teams)

Semifinals

G1: Zionsville at Westfield.

G2: Harrison (West Lafayette) at Carmel.

Championship

G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 4 (4 teams)

Semifinals

G1: Hamilton Southeastern at Homestead.

G2: Fishers at Noblesville.

Championship

G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 5 (4 teams)

Semifinals

G1: Ben Davis at Avon.

G2: Brownsburg at Pike.

Championship

G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 6 (4 teams)

Semifinals

G1: North Central (Indianapolis) at Decatur Central.

G2: Lawrence Central at Lawrence North.

Championship

G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 7 (4 teams)

Semifinals

G1: Southport at Indianapolis Arsenal Technical.

G2: Warren Central at Perry Meridian.

Championship

G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 8 (4 teams)

Semifinals

G1: Jeffersonville at Center Grove.

G2: Columbus North at Franklin Central.

Championship

G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Class 5A (33 schools)

Dates: Oct. 31; Nov. 7

Sectional 9 (4 teams)

Semifinals

G1: Munster at Hammond Central.
G2: Merrillville at Hammond Morton.

Championship

G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 10 (4 teams)

Semifinals

G1: Michigan City at Valparaiso.
G2: LaPorte at Chesterton.

Championship

G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 11 (4 teams)

Semifinals

G1: Warsaw Community at Concord.
G2: Fort Wayne North Side at Goshen.

Championship

G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 12 (4 teams)

Semifinals

G1: Lafayette Jefferson at McCutcheon.
G2: Kokomo at South Bend Adams.

Championship

G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 13 (4 teams)

Semifinals

G1: Indianapolis Cathedral at Anderson.
G2: New Palestine at Plainfield.

Championship

G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 14 (5 teams)

First Round

G1: Whiteland Community at Seymour.

Semifinals

G2: Franklin Community at East Central.
G3: Columbus East at G1 winner.

Championship

G4: G2 winner vs. G3 winner.

Sectional 15 (4 teams)

Semifinals

G1: Terre Haute North Vigo at Bloomington North.
G2: Terre Haute South Vigo at Bloomington South.

Championship

G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Sectional 16 (4 teams)

Semifinals

G1: Evansville North at New Albany.
G2: Floyd Central at Castle.

Championship

G3: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

Class 4A (62 Schools)
Dates: Oct. 24, 31; Nov. 7

Sectional 17 (8 teams)

First Round

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

Semifinals

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

Championship

- G7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 18 (8 teams)

First Round

- G1: Plymouth at South Bend Washington.
- G2: Mishawaka at NorthWood.
- G3: Wawasee at Northridge.
- G4: South Bend Riley at South Bend Saint Joseph.

Semifinals

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

Championship

- G7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 19 (8 teams)

First Round

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

Semifinals

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

Championship

- G7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 20 (7 teams)

First Round

- G1: Lebanon at Culver Academies.
- G2: Muncie Central at Marion.
- G3: Huntington North at Logansport.

Semifinals

- G4: Frankfort at G1 winner.
- G5: G2 winner vs. G3 winner.

Championship

- G6: G4 winner vs. G5 winner.

Sectional 21 (7 teams)

First Round

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

Semifinals

- G4: Yorktown at G1 winner.
- G5: G2 winner vs. G3 winner.

Championship

- G6: G4 winner vs. G5 winner.

Sectional 22 (8 teams)

First Round

- G1: Indianapolis Shortridge at Danville Community.
- G2: Roncalli at Northview.
- G3: Indianapolis Bishop Chatard at Mooresville.
- G4: Indianapolis Crispus Attucks at Brebeuf Jesuit.

Semifinals

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

Championship

- G7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 23 (8 teams)

First Round

- G1: Bedford North Lawrence at Jennings County.
- G2: Connersville at Shelbyville.
- G3: Martinsville at Greenwood Community.
- G4: Silver Creek at Charlestown.

Semifinals

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

Championship

- G7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 24 (8 teams)

First Round

- G1: Evansville Central at Evansville Reitz.
- G2: Heritage Hills at Washington.
- G3: Jasper at Boonville.
- G4: Evansville Bosse at Evansville Harrison.

Semifinals

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

Championship

- G7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Class 3A (61 Schools)
Dates: Oct. 24, 31; Nov. 7

Sectional 25 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Glenn at Calumet.
G2: Mishawaka Marian at River Forest.
G3: Griffith at Hammond Bishop Noll.
G4: Knox at Jimtown.

Semifinals

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

Championship

G7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 26 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Garrett at Fairfield.
G2: Woodlan at Lakeland.
G3: Tippecanoe Valley at Angola.
G4: Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran at West Noble.

Semifinals

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

Championship

G7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 27 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Northwestern at Peru.
G2: Maconaquah at Twin Lakes.
G3: West Lafayette at Western.
G4: Frankton at Benton Central.

Semifinals

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

Championship

G7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 28 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Mississinewa at Oak Hill.
G2: Jay County at Belmont.
G3: Norwell at Heritage.
G4: Fort Wayne Bishop Luers at Delta.

Semifinals

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

Championship

G7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 29 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Cascade at Indianapolis George Washington.
G2: Tri-West Hendricks at West Vigo.
G3: Speedway at Crawfordsville.
G4: Guerin Catholic at Hamilton Heights.

Semifinals

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

Championship

G7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 30 (7 teams)

First Round

G1: Franklin County at Batesville.
G2: Greensburg at Purdue Polytechnic-Downtown.
G3: Rushville Consolidated at South Dearborn.

Semifinals

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

Championship

G6: G4 winner vs. G5 winner.

Sectional 31 (7 teams)

First Round

G1: Owen Valley at Madison Consolidated.
G2: Corydon Central at North Harrison.
G3: Edgewood at Scottsburg.

Semifinals

G4: Indian Creek at G1 winner.
G5: G2 winner vs. G3 winner.

Championship

G6: G4 winner vs. G5 winner.

Sectional 32 (7 teams)

First Round

G1: Gibson Southern at Vincennes Lincoln.
G2: Mt. Vernon at Southridge.
G3: Evansville Mater Dei at Princeton Community.

Semifinals

G4: Evansville Memorial at G1 winner.
G5: G2 winner vs. G3 winner.

Championship

G6: G4 winner vs. G5 winner.

Class 2A (62 Schools)
Dates: Oct. 24, 31; Nov. 7

Sectional 33 (7 teams)

First Round

G1: Wheeler at Lake Station Edison.
G2: Rensselaer Central at Boone Grove.
G3: Bremen at Whiting.

Semifinals

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

Championship

G6: G4 winner vs. G5 winner.

Sectional 34 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Delphi Community at Southmont.
G2: North Putnam at Western Boone.
G3: Lafayette Central Catholic at Seeger.
G4: Lewis Cass at North Montgomery.

Semifinals

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

Championship

G7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 35 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Prairie Heights at Manchester.
G2: Whitko at Eastside.
G3: Central Noble at Adams Central.
G4: Bluffton at Churubusco.

Semifinals

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

Championship

G7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 36 (8 teams)

First Round

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

Semifinals

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

Championship

G7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 37 (7 teams)

First Round

G1: Indianapolis Lutheran at Covenant Christian.
G2: Heritage Christian at Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter.
G3: Monrovia at Indianapolis Sccecina.

Semifinals

G4: Park Tudor at G1 winner.
G5: G2 winner vs. G3 winner.

Championship

G6: G4 winner vs. G5 winner.

Sectional 38 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Northeastern at Shenandoah.
G2: Triton Central at Centerville.
G3: Lapel at Winchester Community.
G4: Eastern Hancock at Union County.

Semifinals

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

Championship

G7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 39 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Sullivan at South Vermillion.
G2: Pike Central at North Posey.
G3: Greencastle at Brown County.
G4: Mitchell at Linton-Stockton.

Semifinals

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

Championship

G7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 40 (8 teams)

First Round

G1: Crawford County at Clarksville.
G2: Salem at Switzerland County.
G3: Brownstown Central at Tell City.
G4: Eastern (Pekin) at Paoli.

Semifinals

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

Championship

G7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Class 1A (60 Schools)
Dates: Oct. 24, 31; Nov. 7

Sectional 41 (8 teams)

First Round

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

Semifinals

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

Championship

- G7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 42 (8 teams)

First Round

- G1: Frontier at Tri-County.
- G2: Pioneer at Caston.
- G3: Carroll (Flora) at Winamac Community.
- G4: North White at Taylor.

Semifinals

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

Championship

- G7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 43 (7 teams)

First Round

- G1: North Miami at Northfield.
- G2: Southern Wells at Triton.
- G3: Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian at Fremont.

Semifinals

- G4: Southwood at G1 winner.
- G5: G2 winner vs. G3 winner.

Championship

- G6: G4 winner vs. G5 winner.

Sectional 44 (8 teams)

First Round

- G1: Union City at Hagerstown.
- G2: Cambridge City Lincoln at Monroe Central.
- G3: Madison-Grant at South Adams.
- G4: Wes-Del at Tri.

Semifinals

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

Championship

- G7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 45 (8 teams)

First Round

- G1: Attica at South Putnam.
- G2: Park Heritage at Fountain Central.
- G3: Covington at North Central (Farmersburg).
- G4: Riverton Parke at North Vermillion.

Semifinals

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

Championship

- G7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Sectional 46 (5 teams)

First Round

- G1: Clinton Central at Cloverdale.

Semifinals

- G2: Sheridan at Clinton Prairie.
- G3: Tindley at G1 winner.

Championship

- G4: G2 winner vs. G3 winner.

Sectional 47 (7 teams)

First Round

- G1: South Decatur at Eastern Greene.
- G2: West Washington at Knightstown.
- G3: Greenwood Christian at North Decatur.

Semifinals

- G4: Milan at G1 winner.
- G5: G2 winner vs. G3 winner.

Championship

- G6: G4 winner vs. G5 winner.

Sectional 48 (8 teams)

First Round

- G1: Forest Park at Springs Valley.
- G2: Providence at North Knox.
- G3: North Daviess at Perry Central.
- G4: South Spencer at Tecumseh.

Semifinals

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

Championship

- G7: G5 winner vs. G6 winner.

Regionals

Date: Friday, November 14, 2025.

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

New in 2025: all classes will use the rule below

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

Semi-States

Date: Friday, November 21, 2025.

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

New in 2025: all classes will use the rule below

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

*If regional winner has not hosted either sectional final or regional, that school will be the designated host.

State Finals

Dates: November 28-29, 2025.

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

Tickets: \$20 per person per day. Children age 5 and younger admitted free. All seats are general admission.

Friday, Nov. 28

11 am ET | Class 1A State Championship

3 pm ET | Class 3A State Championship

7 pm ET | Class 5A State Championship

Saturday, Nov. 29

11 am ET | Class 2A State Championship

3 pm ET | Class 4A State Championship

7 pm ET | Class 6A State Championship

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-ed (unified flag football and track and field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.