

NDHSAA

Football Plan Guidelines

The following guidelines are being considered by the NDHSAA Football Committee for the administration of the current football plan and the development of subsequent two – year football plans

1. Football plans shall be established for two years.
2. Football seasons for plan purposes will be 2013 and 2014.
3. There will be 4 divisions of football. (AAA, AA, A, 9M)
4. Enrollments for plan development purposes will be determined by:
 - a. Fall 2011 male enrollments for grades 7 – 10 as provided by the Department of Public Instruction shall be used except as stipulated below.
 - b. The host school shall be that school with the largest enrollment for plan purposes.
 - c. When schools have equal enrollments, the largest enrollment of the host school will be the determining factor for division placement.
 - d. In all school districts that have 60% or more of its student body qualifying for free and reduced meals, 60% of the 7 – 10 male enrollments will be used for the development of this plan.
5. Schools may request to move up to a higher division if the next smaller enrollment school in that division is willing to move down and so on.
 - a. All such requests for division assignments as of September 30, 2012 are final.
 - b. Schools that have previously opted to move up shall be given first consideration.
6. The maximum number of teams in the top three divisions will be: AAA = 14, AA = 16, A=32 with the remainder of the teams in 9 man.
 - a. If a school chooses to play an independent schedule or discontinues football during the two - year plan, the number of teams in that division will not be changed.
 - b. Any varsity team that chooses to play an independent team will be ineligible for the playoffs.
 - c. If a co-op is approved, realignment in any of the top three divisions may be allowed with consideration given to the geographic location of schools involved in the change.
7. BY – LAW REMINDER: Football coops must be submitted by September 15th of the previous year during both years of the two-year football plan.
8. The NDHSAA Board of Directors shall have final say in the administration of these guidelines.

NDHSAA Football Plan for 2013 and 2014 Seasons

Proposed Timeline for Committee

January 2012 Meeting	complete guidelines and share with membership
March 2012	send out preliminary division assignments and request feedback
June 1, 2012	all requests for football coop dissolutions due
September 15, 2012	deadline for new football cooperative agreements
September 18, 2012	Board meets and addresses coop applications
September 19, 2012	preliminary region assignments will be sent to schools
September 30, 2012	deadline for requests to move up a division
First week in October	Football Committee meets & finalizes recommended plan
October 2012 Meeting	Final plan presented to membership

NDHSAA Board approved: March 18, 2011

Presented to the Membership: April 2011