

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 2011 and 2012.
3. There will be 4 divisions of football. (AAA, AA, A, 9M)
4. Enrollments for plan development purposes will be determined by:
 - a. Fall 2009 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.
 - e. Private / BIA school enrollments will be determined by using the 2009 – 2010 male enrollments in grades 9 – 12 as reported to the Department of Public Instruction.
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. Request for division assignments as of March 1, 2010 are final.
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.

January 27, 2010

NDHSAA Football Plan for 2011 and 2012 Seasons

Proposed Timeline for Committee

January, 2010 Meeting	complete guidelines and share with membership
March 1, 2010	deadline for schools to declare to move up a division
April, 2010	send out preliminary plan(request feedback)
June 1, 2010	all requests for football coop dissolutions due
September 15, 2010	deadline for new football cooperative agreements
1 st week of October, 2010	conference call to deal with coops
Following Thursday	Football Committee meets & recommends adjustments
October, 2010 Meeting	Final plan presented to membership

NDHSAA Board approved:

Presented to the Membership: