


**Section 141
PLAY-OFF FORMAT**

A. BRACKETS

- a. Brackets in **ALL** Classes / Divisions are drawn so that the district champ and runner up from the same district do not meet in the play-off until the finals.
2. In **4A** in all sports except football,
-  a. the higher ranked team shall be the home team the first round;
- b. after that, games to be played at a neutral site,
- i. by mutual in agreement or
- ii. coin toss,
- iii. until TAPPS schedules the site.
- c. This includes **Volleyball, Winter Soccer, Basketball, Baseball and Softball.**
3. In **1A,2A,3A, and 5A**, in all sports except football,
- a. the higher ranked team shall be the home team until TAPPS schedules the site.
- b. This includes **Volleyball, Winter Soccer, Basketball, Baseball and Softball.**
4. *In football for ALL Divisions*
- a. **11 Man Football**
- i. *the higher ranked team is home until the regional round, which is a neutral site, by mutual agreement or coin toss..*
- ii. *If a District Champion gets a bye in the first round, it shall be the home team in the first round in which it plays, unless its opponent is also a district champion, in which case the game will be at a neutral site, by*
1. *mutual agreement or*
2. *coin toss.*
- b. **6 Man Football,**
- i. *the higher ranked team is home in the first round only, then neutral site, by agreement or coin toss.*
- ii. *District Champs receiving a bye in the first round, are NOT home team in second round; must be neutral site by*
1. *agreement or*
2. *coin toss.*

B. INDIVIDUAL CONTESTS

5. When securing a neutral site,
- a. the game shall be scheduled approximately half-way between the two schools, unless mutually agreed otherwise.

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- b. If the two schools cannot agree, each shall select a neutral site and settle the game site by a coin toss.
6. Unless mutually agreed otherwise,
 - a. the game field or court must meet the minimum standard for competition as indicated in the approved rules for that sport, to be used
 - i. in district and
 - ii. play-off games.
7. **Game days are indicated on the TAPPS Calendar,**
 - a. unless both teams otherwise agree.
 - b. If game dates are changed by mutual agreement, the game cannot interfere with the next round of the play-off.
8. Game times are by
 - a. mutual agreement or
 - b. coin toss.
9. If the home team moves the game to a facility other than their home court or field, the home team assumes the full expense of the facility rental, unless otherwise agreed upon.
10. Regional, Semi-finals and finals in volleyball and basketball, finals in football, and semi-finals and finals in soccer, baseball and softball are scheduled by TAPPS and can only be changed by action of the TAPPS Executive Board.
11. In all play-off games, (other than regional, semi-final and finals provided by TAPPS)
 - a. all game expenses shall be paid from the gate receipts.
 - b. Any remaining funds are to be equally divided by the two schools, unless mutually agreed otherwise.
 - c. If the game is played at the facility of the home team, and gate receipts do not cover the game expenses, the home team should absorb the loss, since the visiting team had travel expenses, unless mutually agreed otherwise.
 - d. If the game is played at a neutral site, and the gate receipts do not cover expenses, both teams should share in the expenses equally, unless mutually agreed otherwise.
 - e. In playoff contests,
 - i. if the schools cannot agree on the officials
 - ii. and the chapter is determined by
 - a. coin toss (or similar manner)
 - b. or assigned by TAPPS,
 - iii. both schools are equally responsible for the payment of the officials before any other expenses are deducted from the gate.

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12. Teams that qualify for the play-offs are allowed one practice game, in each round of the play-off until they are eliminated or the championship is decided. Play-off practice games do not count in the total number of games allowed per season.

13. In Playoff Brackets, other than football, the following formula will be used to determine playoff qualifiers from each district.

Teams in District	Advance to Playoffs
1	1
2	1
3	2
4	2
5	3
6	3
7	4
8	4
9	5
10	5
11	6
12	6

14. After application of the above table
- a. teams will be added to insure the brackets are set on a 12 team, 16 team, 24 team, or 32 team bracket.
 - b. If a team that would not have qualified for the playoffs under the above 50% rule is placed in the bracket, that team may opt to withdraw from the playoffs prior to the first round games without penalty.
 - c. This decision must be made prior to district certification and no team shall be advanced in the district rankings to take this position.
 - d. However, once entering the playoffs a team must complete the postseason.

(Sections 142-144 reserved for expansion.)