

FOOTBALL Policies & Pairings

State Tournament Pairings

Throughout the tournament, the team with the higher seed will be the designated home team. In the event of a tie in seeding, a coin toss will determine the home team. Home teams wear dark jerseys.

***For a complete listing of the region alignments and pairings for football, visit <http://www.uhsaa.org/pairings.pdf>.**

35 Point Rule: An alternate timing rule is in effect for all levels (i.e. varsity, junior varsity, sophomore, freshman) of Utah high school football games when after halftime, a team's lead exceeds 34 points. Modified rule: The clock shall be stopped as per Rule 3-4-4. In effect the clock will be stopped as current NFHS rules require. However, the clock will start on the ready for play signal in all situations until the point differential reaches 21 points or less. At that point, all NFHS timing rules listed in Rule 3 will be followed. This rule will be in effect for pre-season, season and tournament games.

Game Film: For state football tournaments, teams shall exchange game film for the previous game and one other game as mutually agreed by the two coaches. Game film is to be available by noon the day following competition.

Overtime Procedure: The NCAA overtime procedure will be in effect for all levels (i.e. varsity, junior varsity, sophomore and freshman) of play. More information regarding the overtime procedure will be listed in the football section of the UHSAA website.

Official Game Ball: The UHSAA has designated the *Wilson GST* as the official state championship football. A legal *Wilson football* complying with NFHS standards must be used during ALL post-season play starting opening round games (**round of 16**) through the championship game. Officials have been asked to ensure that only Wilson footballs be used during post-season play.

During all rounds of state tournament play, UHSAA state event prices should be charged.

Default time for State tournament games played at home sites will be Friday at 4 p.m. except when at least one team is involved in a playoff game earlier in the week. In that instance, the default time is Saturday at 12:00 p.m.