

FOOTBALL PLAY-OFF GUIDLINES FOR PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

ADMISSION AND PASSES

- A. Gate admission prices are: Students and Adults - \$5.00. (Except for at gate admission for the championship games at War Memorial Stadium advance sales \$6.00 students and general admission \$7.00. At gate – general admission adults and students \$7.00) The AAA will furnish tickets to each school hosting preliminary round games.
- B. The following shall be admitted without charge:
1. Cheerleaders in uniform.
 2. Dance/Drill team in uniform.
 3. Band members in uniform.
 4. School groups that have been previously authorized to perform at the event.
 5. Authorized AAA Identification Passes
 6. AAA Media Press Credential Tag

ONLY PERSON NAMED ON THE PASS MAY USE THE PASS. IDENTIFICATION WILL BE CHECKED.

NOTE: Authorized identification passes have an AAA logo and current date or are indicated to be Honorary Lifetime Identification Passes.

6. Complimentary TICKETS for administrators of play-off schools.

SCHOOL'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The host school shall be responsible for the administration of the play-off game and the expenditures incurred in conducting the game. Both schools will share halftime evenly. The host school shall receive all receipts for the sale of programs and concessions, except in the event the AAA furnishes programs the host shall receive a fee for selling such programs.
- B. The gross receipts will be disbursed as follows:
1. 5% of the first round games to each of the participating schools' conferences.
 2. 30% of the first round games to host schools and 30% of subsequent games.
 3. 40% of the first round games to visiting schools and 40% of subsequent games.
 4. 20% of the first round games and 30% of subsequent games to the AAA from which the awards and officials shall be paid.

AAA'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Officials - The Arkansas Activities Association shall be responsible for assigning and paying game officials.
- B. Awards - Winner and runner-up trophies shall be purchased and awarded by the Arkansas Activities Association.

HALFTIME

A regulation halftime is 15 minutes. Upon request to the officials and mutual consent, the halftime may be extended to a maximum of 20 minutes. If there are bands or performing groups from both schools, the halftime will be shared evenly unless a prior mutual agreement is made. A mandatory three-minute warm-up is given to the teams following the halftime activities.

TIED PLAY-OFF GAME

The 10-yard line overtime procedure in the current National Federation Football Rule Book shall be utilized for the purpose of resolving a tied score in a play-off game.

BROADCAST RIGHTS

PLEASE REFER ALL INQUIRIES CONCERNING THESE RIGHTS TO THE AAA. Broadcast Rights will be listed on the AAA website. Go to www.ahsaa.org, go to SPORTS, then click Football. Inform your gatekeepers, and do not permit **unauthorized radio or TV** broadcast personnel to enter with broadcast equipment. (Cameras for highlights and news shots are permitted.)

NEWS MEDIA

Good media coverage is important to our high school programs. Check your press box for adequate seating, lighting, etc. If your facility is limited, reserve additional seating in your bleachers. After the game has ended, make phones available or tell reporters where they may find one and, when requested, make arrangements for both coaches to meet in a press conference 5 to 10 minutes following the game.

SECURITY

Take adequate precautions! Be sure to have sufficient security available to ensure the safety of fans, players, officials, etc. Better to be safe than sorry.