



IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Football Memo #1

August 1, 2022

Good afternoon –

Football season is here. We hope everyone has a great first day of camp or for those playing Week 0, a great day of practice. As this memo was sent to all athletic directors and head football coaches currently listed in our directory through Bound, we ask that athletic directors verify with your head coach that he did in fact receive this email as we will be using the mailing list through Bound throughout the season.

1. Online Rules Meetings

The 2022 football rules meeting is now live and available online. All IHSAA rules meetings are now hosted through Bound.

As Bound has previously been used for entering statistics and schedules, all coaches should have accounts and access. If you are new to the system, please have your AD create and assign an account for you.

After logging into Bound, you can find the rules meeting in two ways:

- Click on the “Activity” feed on your dashboard and select “2022 Football Rules Meeting”
- Click on the IHSAA logo on the left menu, then under Forms select “2022 Football Rules Meeting”

Need help with new accounts? Here is a link to help with that process:

<https://intercom.help/varsitybound/en/articles/5149490-inviting-administrators-athletic-staff-and-coaches>

Having any other Bound issues? Please use the green chat box in the lower right-hand side of your screen to communicate directly with the Bound staff at: <https://ia.varsitybound.com/>.

Coaches have until Thursday, August 25 to view and receive credit for completing this required rules meeting.

2. Week 0 Games and RPI

While we know there are a number of 8-player contests scheduled for Week 0, I’m only going to focus on the 11-player games currently scheduled for that week. Currently, Independence and Assumption are scheduled to play Week 0 as Assumption was dropped by Rock Island Alleman. This game will count towards the RPI calculation as it’s being played to complete a member schools schedule. Also, our Board of Control granted permission for schools scheduled to play Des Moines, Hoover to play Week 0 with a caveat as there was uncertainty in the spring regarding Hoover’s plan for this fall. If Hoover does not play Week 1, those games played Week 0 will be used as part of the RPI. If Hoover does play Week 1 as currently planned, those games scheduled for Week 0 will officially become a scrimmage and will not count towards the RPI. We want to make sure all football playing schools are made aware of the situation prior to the season beginning and we will keep you updated as necessary.

3. Eligibility Reminders

With a start of a new school year, coaches and administrators are reminded to check the eligibility of each of their athletes prior to any contests being played. Coaches, if you have someone new on your roster this fall, please communicate with your athletic director to verify the student’s eligibility. For this school year, athletic directors are asked to complete the Transfer Eligibility Checklist prior to our office issuing any ruling on the student’s eligibility. While

we are waiting for the DE to approve the checklist for the 2022-23 school year, ADs are asked to complete last year's checklist with the understanding that Letters F and I no longer apply, along with 1-5 under letter H.

Also, this is the first fall since 2019 that the Scholarship Rule is in effect. Students who failed a course during the 2021-22 school year that have not yet served their 30-day penalty will need to sit at the beginning of the football season, August 18. Students will regain their eligibility on September 17.

4. Heat Precautions

Based on the forecast I saw earlier today, we are expected to see multiple days of 90 degree-plus heat through the first part of next week. Not all of your athletes may be able to handle the heat at this stage of the season. Please take the necessary precautions to avoid heat illness, such as moving practice/camp to cooler parts of the day. We did stress emergency action planning in this year's rules meeting as a reminder that all schools need to have a plan in place for both practice and games.

More information will be following throughout the season. Do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

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