

## Football Final Teleconference

Home Team/Visiting Team/Date/Time

Classes 8 PL, A, 1A and 2A Home and visiting teams based on IHSAA Rankings

Classes 3A, 4A and 5A Home and visiting teams based on Week 9 RPI

### Thursday, November 16, 2023

9:36 AM Class 8-Player Bishop Garrigan (11-1) [Visitor] vs. Bedford (12-0) [Home]

1:06 PM Class A West Hancock (11-1) [Visitor] vs. Woodbury Central (12-0) [Home]

4:06 PM Class 1A MFL MarMac (11-1) [Visitor] vs. Grundy Center (12-0) [Home]

7:06 PM Class 4A Lewis Central (10-2) [Visitor] vs. Western Dubuque (11-1) [Home]

### Friday, November 17, 2023

10:06 AM Class 2A Van Meter (12-0) [Visitor] vs. Central Lyon/George-Little Rock (12-0) [Home]

1:06 PM Class 3A Bishop Heelan Catholic (11-1) [Visitor] vs. Williamsburg (11-1) [Home]

7:36 PM Class 5A Ankeny (8-3) [Visitor] vs. Southeast Polk (12-0) [Home]

## Head Coach Information

You will have 30 minutes of guaranteed warm-up time. You do not have to leave the field prior to your game. UNI representatives will talk with head coaches regarding the time schedule.

Television format. There will be one ninety second timeout per quarter. This will be an official's timeout and not charged to either team. At approximately the 1 minute 15 second mark, teams will be told to head toward the field and at two minutes, the ball will be marked ready for play. The break between the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and the break between the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter will be 2 minutes in length. Each team will receive their 3 timeouts per half, with each time out being 1 minute in length. The officiating crews have been told to hold your team on the sideline until the first whistle.

Halftime- Halftimes are scheduled for 12 minutes, plus the 3 minute mandatory warm-up period. Time will not be reset if both teams come out early due to media obligations. Locker Room attendants will be near your locker room if you so desire to head back to your locker room. Visiting teams may stay in the garage door area, while home teams are free to stay in the hallway leading up to the WRC. It should not interfere with the normal halftime procedures, but you will be informed if the field is not ready for you for warm-up.

### Locker Room Assignments/Field Access:

Team locker rooms are available approx. **2 hours** prior to game time. You will not be guaranteed a locker room if you show up prior to this. You may share a locker room for some of your games so please be courteous to the other teams that are in there before and after you. Please be responsible for your valuables. Security will randomly walk through the locker rooms. You will get access at the start of the second half of the game prior to yours. **Home teams will share the Women's PE or Men's Athletic locker rooms, access the field via the PEC tunnel, and warm-up on the north end of the field. Your sideline will be on the East Side of the UNI-Dome. Visiting teams will exit the WRC, go outside and access the field through the vehicle entrance of the UNI-Dome. Visiting teams will warm up on the south end of the field, your sideline will be on the West Side of the UNI-Dome. Visiting teams will share the Men's PE or Women's Athletic locker rooms.**

Each team playing the **first game of the session** will be asked to line up on their respective 30 yard line approximately 4 minutes prior to kick-off for the National Anthem. For 8 player teams, this will be the 11-player 30 yard line as well. This will not take away from your 30 minutes of pregame warm-up. After

the National Anthem, your captains need to be immediately ready to go to midfield for the mock coin toss.

Each team playing the second, third or fourth game of the session is not required to leave the field; however, if you do so, we would like to hold you in the garage area/tunnel until the conclusion of the Farm Bureau Welcome Message.

You may use your respective Wilson GST footballs. The IHSAA will have Wilson GST footballs and an air pump on site if needed.

The UNI-Dome recommends tennis shoes only be worn in the Dome. If removable cleats are to be worn, cleats with metal tips are prohibited.

No sunflower seeds are allowed on the sidelines.

Film Exchange- There are platforms on the east side outside the pressbox for videotaping purposes. Endzone cameras are permitted in the north concourse area of the UNI-Dome. There is room for one individual from each school to set up their end zone camera and be in that area. There are to be no cameras located in the pressbox area, either the coaching rooms or the areas designated for press and media. There is also electricity for one extension cord.

The University of Northern Iowa will provide training services for all contests. Water will be provided for all contests. We will follow the NFHS and IHSAA Concussion protocol and procedures. UNI trainers will work with school authorities regarding all injuries.

The University of Northern Iowa will provide coolers for each school to use. There will be at least two coolers on each sideline. If you have a mixture that you would like poured into the cooler, please contact the UNI training service. **Outside coolers will not be allowed into the Dome and on the sidelines.** We have had too many instances of teams dumping water coolers onto the coach which leads to additional time being spent to vacuum up that water prior to the next contest.

Bound should be up to date.

Awards Presentation- There will be a brief awards presentation after the contest. The runner-up team will receive their awards first, followed by the championship team. Please keep your players on the field. After both team photos are concluded, we will put 10 minutes on the clock for your teams to celebrate/take other photos/etc. without interruption. Uncredentialed personnel will not be allowed on the field during this time. After the 10 minutes conclude, we ask that both teams exit the field to allow the teams in the following game to take the field.

No interviews on the field. Those will take place off the field. An interview room is provided after the contest. IHSAA staff will take coaches and chosen players to the interview room. It is expected for coaches to be in the interview room 15 minutes after the conclusion of the awards presentation.

It is permissible to practice at another venue prior to your championship contest. With both girls and boys basketball practices beginning and shortness of daylight, you may use facilities that are not owned by your school district in order to prepare for your contest. No school may practice in the UNI-Dome prior to their championship game.

## **Athletic Director Information**

**We assign ball attendants for the finals, so we will not need your individuals from the semifinals. We will still credential those two individuals if you so desire.**

**No chain crews are needed. We select chain crews based on recommendations.**

**No National Anthem singers are needed. The IHSMA selects the performers.**

**There are no quarter recognitions like last week.**

Review your expense allowances found in the football manual for each respective class.

### **Team expenses for championship game-**

Travel for the 8-player, Class A, 1-A, and 2-A schools will be reimbursed at \$4.20 per mile, one way. The Class 3-A, 4-A & 5A schools will receive \$7.35 per mile, one way. Each school will receive an additional allowance of \$20.00 per individual, provided the school travels a distance greater than 99 miles and did not use lodging. Schools traveling greater than 99 miles electing to use lodging will be paid \$40.00 per individual, if less than 100 miles, then each school will receive \$10.00 per individual. Please check with Jessica Morgan ([jmorgan@iahsaa.org](mailto:jmorgan@iahsaa.org)) if you have questions regarding your team expenses.

No outside food or drink to be brought into the Dome. Prepare your spectators to have bags and purses checked by UNI-Dome security.

Team Buses- No charge to park. The team bus driver(s) need(s) to sign in at the Hall of Fame Connector for free admission.

Designate 5 chaperones for free admission. These are to be people to help with supervision. They need to report to the Hall of Fame Connector/North McLeod Ticket Office entrance to be passed through. Again, indicate the chaperones on the checklist.

If your school has a School Resource Officer that will be in attendance at the contest and will be carrying a weapon, please contact Brooke Croshier-Sidebotham at [brooke.c-sidebotham@uni.edu](mailto:brooke.c-sidebotham@uni.edu) so that she can communicate with the necessary parties on campus. Your School Resource Officer should be dressed in uniform to help distinguish him. Upon entering the Dome, the SRO is asked to check in at the security station on the south deck of the facility.

### **Sideline Personnel-**

- 8 Player & Class A - 12 sideline/pressbox personnel
- 1A and 2A and 3A- 15 sideline/pressbox personnel
- Class 4A & 5A- 18 sideline personnel

Credentials will be given to each team as they arrive at the facility.

If you have additional sideline/pressbox needs, simply add those personnel to the checklist and we will invoice your school. Coaches in the pressbox must have a sideline/pressbox credential. Likewise, if you going to bring more than 16 cheerleaders, do not purchase tickets for them. If a late addition is needed after submitting the initial list, please email myself the addition at [jchizek@iahsaa.org](mailto:jchizek@iahsaa.org). Coaches in the press box must have a sideline/press box credential.

Administrator Passes for your superintendent, high school principal, and high school athletic director are permitted for the finals. These passes allow for free admission for the administrator and one guest into the

contest. ADs or AD representative for the game will receive one sideline credential at the pass gate that isn't part of the school allotment.

If someone is bringing in food for your team to eat prior to or after the contest, remember that food is not to be eaten in the UNI-Dome, but rather in the locker room area.

Remind your coaches if there are any spelling errors or left out information in the semifinal program, that needs to be in the final program, you need to contact Chris Cuellar (ccuellar@iahsaa.org) in our office as soon as possible. We will be printing the finals program beginning this morning.

Autographed Footballs will be provided to each team in the Championship Game the week prior to the Championship Game. Autograph Ball Allocation:

- Eight Player and Class A- number on roster up to 33 players plus coach and school (35)
- Classes 1A and 2A- number on roster up to 44 players plus coach and school (46)
- Classes 3A, 4A, 5A - number on roster up to 55 players plus coach and school (57)

Additional autographed footballs may be purchased through the IHSAA. Please email Elisa Kahler ([ekahler@iahsaa.org](mailto:ekahler@iahsaa.org)) if additional autograph footballs are needed.

### **Spectator Information-**

The University of Northern Iowa and the Iowa High School Athletic Association have a no re-entry policy. Anyone needing to leave the facility for any reason will need to purchase a ticket to gain entry back into the facility.

Tickets are \$12.50 for semifinal games which includes parking. Tickets can be purchased at each entrance to the UNI-Dome when the gates open (**1 hour prior to game time**). The phone number is 319-273-4849 for the UNI Ticket Office and can be purchased online.

Tickets are available for purchase online through the UNI-Dome. We encourage your fans to purchase tickets online or through the school to avoid waiting in line at the UNI-Dome to purchase your ticket. There is no additional service charge for your fans to purchase tickets online if they use the special promotion code.

Here is the link:

<https://unitix.evenue.net/cgi-bin/ncommerce3/SEGetGroupList?groupCode=IHSAA&linkID=twuni&shopperContext=&caller=&appCode=>

The promotion code is specific to the day your school plays:

Thursday, November 16 8P, A, 1A & 4A – FINALONE

Friday, November 17 2A, 3A - FINALTWO

Friday, November 17 5A - FINALTHREE

The Home team will sit on the east side of the Dome, while the visiting team will sit on the west side of the dome. Please note that there are no east side entrances open to the Dome. Fans may enter the Hall of Fame Connector if parking on the east side of the facility to enter the Dome.

No seating in the first row of bleachers.

No artificial noisemakers.

No metal or sharp objects or weapons.

No signs or banners to be used in the crowd. This includes “fat heads” pictures of players on sticks, good luck posters, etc.

“Homer Hankies” Approximately 11 inches by 16 inches hankies are permissible, as are pompons that are not on a stick.

Shirts and shoes are required. Body paint is not considered a shirt.

The UNI-Dome strongly recommends that NO BAGS be brought into the facility. All book bags, purses, duffel bags, etc., brought into the UNI-Dome are subject to search by UNI-Dome security. Anything deemed unsuitable for the IHSAA State Playoffs will be confiscated. No food or beverage may be brought into the facility. Please relay this message to all fans in attendance.

**SPECIAL NOTE: SMOKING ON THE CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA, IS PROHIBITED, VIOLATORS WILL BE ISSUED WRITTEN CITATIONS, NO WARNINGS.**

### **Cheerleader Information-**

Each participating school may have *twenty cheerleaders* and **one mascot** admitted free of charge for the semifinal round games **ALONG WITH TWO CHEERLEADING SPONSORS**. Cheerleaders and sponsors should report to the Hall of Fame Connector/Media/Pass Gate located between the UNI-Dome and the McLeod Center. *ONLY TWENTY CHEERLEADERS WILL BE PERMITTED ON THE SIDELINE DURING THE SEMI-FINAL ROUND GAMES. STARTING IN 2023, THERE ARE NO SUBSTITUTIONS AT HALFTIME FOR CHEERLEADERS.*

Prior to the start of the game the cheerleaders may not make a tunnel and/or have a **hoop/banner** which the players can run through prior to the start of the game. The fans are to remain off the field.

Cheerleaders may use signs to lead cheers and may lead their team out before the game and at halftime with a large flag. Cheerleaders are not to bring in blocks to cheer from, nor are they allowed into the stands to cheer. The flag is not to be used for any other purposes. No banners or hoops are allowed in the UNI-Dome.

### **Additional Cheerleading Information:**

**Welcome Letter:** <https://www.iahsaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Football-State-Cheer-Letter11.2.23.pdf>

**Uniform Reminder:** <https://www.iahsaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/NFHS-Cheer-Uniform-Requirements-and-Recommendations.pdf>

**Hair Reminder:** <https://www.iahsaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/ICCA-Revised-Hair-Document11.2.23.pdf>

**ICCA/IHSAA Adaptation:** <https://www.iowacheercoaches.org/iccaihsaa-strengthened-national-federation-spirit-rules/>

### **Pep Band Information-**

Each school is allowed to bring a pep band. Pep band members must pay to get in. We can invoice the school for tickets after the fact, but we would like a heads up for planning purposes if you plan on bringing a pep band by shooting Jared an email at [jchizek@iahsaa.org](mailto:jchizek@iahsaa.org). There will be a designated area for each pep band to set up (visiting team section S; home team section H). Visiting team pep bands may be dropped off at the southwest entrance of the Dome, while the home team pep band may be dropped off at

the northwest entrance of the Dome. There will be no use of extension cords to plug in amplification systems in the UNI-Dome. Pep bands may play during the pregame, quarter breaks, timeouts and halftime when other announcements are not being made. Once the center is over the ball, there is to be no music played by the pep band. Please note that the ICCA All-State Cheerleaders will perform during the Class 2A and Class 3A halftimes and the IHSAA will be presenting awards during the Class 4A and Class 5A halftimes, so pep bands will not be able to perform during that time.