

## **Policy 5150 FOOTBALL**

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### **I. Scheduling**

- All teams will play a single round-robin schedule.
- Home site will alternate each year.
- Division schedule will rotate every two years with the last game being moved to the first and other games moved back accordingly.
- Varsity games will be scheduled on Friday nights.
- With the consent of both teams, varsity games may be moved to Thursday or Saturday.
- Freshman and JV games will be played on Thursday at the opposite site of the varsity game. In the event the varsity game is moved to a Thursday, the Freshman/JV games will be played on Wednesday.

### **II. Division Championship Determination**

- Each win is worth two points, each tie one point, and each loss zero points.
- Team that accumulates the most points is the division champion.

### **III. Start Times**

- Varsity games will start at 7:00 p.m.
- Freshman games will start at 4:30 p.m.
- JV games will start at 6:30 p.m. or fifteen-minutes after the conclusion of the freshman game (whatever game is later).

### **IV. Pre-Game and Warm-Up**

- The field is to be available 90 minutes prior to the start of the varsity game.
- The field is to be available thirty-minutes prior to the start of the freshman game.
- Freshman and JV will get a fifteen-minute on-field warm-up.
- The visiting team shall warm-up at the scoreboard end of the field.

### **V. Rules of the Game**

- MHSAA and National Federation rules will be followed.
- For JV/freshman doubleheaders, it is recommended the National Anthem be played before the JV game (only).
- An unlimited number of cheerleaders (in uniform) will be allowed on the sideline as space permits.

- For varsity games, chain gang and clock operators should be manned by adults.
- The referee shall hold the official timing device.

## **VI. Regular Season Game Format**

- All games at all levels will consist of twelve-minute quarters.
- The home team will wear dark jerseys; visitors will wear white jerseys.
- The MHSAA tie-breaker rule is in effect for varsity games only.
- The mercy rule will be in effect for all levels.
- Pre-Game Schedule:
  - ✓ 6:40 p.m. 15:00 on Game Clock (Teams move inside 20 yard lines or go to locker rooms.)
  - ✓ 6:55 p.m. 0:00 on Game Clock (National Anthem – Teams required to be on the field.)
- Half-time will be 15 minutes plus 3 minutes for warm up unless extended by mutual agreement of both teams prior to the start of the game.
- All teams are responsible for their own field communication system.
- Teams will exchange game tapes according to the following:
  - ✓ Each division will determine the film format to be exchanged (DVD or VHS).
  - ✓ For interdivisional games and crossover games the film exchanged will be the game two-weeks prior to the contest scheduled between the two schools.
  - ✓ Therefore one game tape will be exchanged. It is assumed that the schools will scout and film the contest themselves one week prior to their scheduled game.
  - ✓ Scouts will give the tape to the opponent's head coach. If the videotape does not process correctly, the opponent will have their choice of tapes from games played that season.
  - ✓ There will be no exchange of CAAC videotapes outside the CAAC.
  - ✓ Videotapes WILL NOT be returned .
- Access to the press box will be as follows:
  - ✓ On game night both the host school and the visiting school will be given space in the press box, on the same level, for a minimum of two coaches and for video. If host school cannot accommodate they must let the visiting school know by Wednesday of game week.
  - ✓ Adequate space is to be provided for videotaping for the two teams competing that night (when possible, inside).

- ✓ Access to the press box allocated for two scouts from visiting teams. When possible, this space should be inside. If a school cannot accommodate space for scouts the host school will make arrangements for film exchange for that night's game.
- ✓ Scouts may videotape from their assigned space in the press box.
- Visiting bands may perform on the road only at the invitation of the host school. Each school would receive 7.5 minutes on the field at halftime.

#### **VII. Host School Responsibilities**

- Provide registered MHSAA officials.
  - ✓ Freshman: Four-Person Crew
  - ✓ JV: Four-Person Crew
  - ✓ Varsity: Five-Person Crew
- Chain crew working on the visitor sideline.
- Water and ice for both teams.
- Locker room facilities for the visiting team.
- Certified athletic trainer or doctor (if possible).

#### **VIII. Make-Up Dates**

- Postponed varsity games will be made up the next day.
- Sub-varsity games do not have to be made up.

#### **IX. Reporting Scores**

The host school will report scores to:

- Jackson Citizen Patriot (800-878-3267)
- Lansing State Journal (800-365-1068)

#### **X. League Meet**

There is no league meet for football.