



## **FHSAA FOOTBALL PLAYOFF QUALIFIER POINTS FAQ**

1. What does the “C” mean under results on my schedule?
  - a. The “C” means the game is either going to be cancelled or may be made up at a later date. If it is made up the score will be input into the regular scheduled week.
2. What if I see something that is not correct on my schedule? (i.e. bonus points, opponents record, my record)
  - a. Email [football@fhsaa.org](mailto:football@fhsaa.org) with the information you believe is incorrect and it will be updated.
3. My team added a game and it is not showing on my schedule, where is it?
  - a. Only games on your schedule from week 1 will be used to calculate playoff points.
4. Will the points change every week?
  - a. Yes! Points will change every week based on your success and your opponent’s success. Check back every Tuesday afternoon to see the updated averages.
5. My team will not meet the minimum 8 game requirement due to weather related cancellations. Will we be allowed to participate in the playoffs?
  - a. Teams who had 8 games on their original schedule will be reviewed by our Executive Director and a waiver may be granted if a team falls under the minimum 8 game requirement.
6. When will the final points and playoff pairings be released?
  - a. [Sunday, Nov. 5, at 11 a.m. live at NFHSNetwork.com](https://www.nfhsnetwork.com)
7. How do I qualify for the Playoffs in Class 1A-4A?
  - a. The 4 highest point averages in each region will qualify for a playoff spot.
8. How do I qualify for the playoffs in Class 5A-8A?
  - a. Each region will have 8 qualifiers. Each district champion is an automatic qualifier and will earn a seed of 1-4. The next 4 highest point averages in the region will earn a 5-8 seed.

**ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL**

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## HOW MY TEAM EARNS POINTS FOR A PLAYOFF SEED:

- Based on your opponents record DURING THE REGULAR SEASON and if you win or lose
- Your total points earned will be divided by total games played.

YOUR OPPONENT WILL FIT INTO ONE OF THE FOUR CATEGORIES BELOW

<b>Category 1</b>	Won 80% or more than of their games	If your opponents record is: 10-0   8-0   8-2 9-1   8-1   9-0	If you Win you get <b><u>50 points</u></b>	If you lose you get <b><u>30 points</u></b>
<b>Category 2</b>	Has won at least 60% of their games but no more than 79%	If your opponents record is: 7-3   7-2 6-4   6-3	If you Win you get <b><u>45 points</u></b>	If you lose you get <b><u>25 points</u></b>
<b>Category 3</b>	Has won at least 40% of their games but no more than 59%	If your opponents record is: 5-5 4-6	If you Win you get <b><u>40 points</u></b>	If you lose you get <b><u>20 points</u></b>
<b>Category 4</b>	Has won less than 39% of their games	If your opponents record is: 3-7   3-6 2-8   1-9 0-10   1-7	If you Win you get <b><u>35 points</u></b>	If you lose you get <b><u>15 points</u></b>

*If your opponent only plays 9 games it will not penalize your team. Base it on the percentages. Example: 7-2 won 77% of their games- you would get Category two points*

**In addition to the previous basic points, bonus points are awarded on the following basis:**

- Three bonus points will be awarded for scheduling and playing a team that participated in the playoffs the previous two year scheduling cycle (In **2015 OR 2016**). Those bonus points will carry with you both years of the new two year scheduling cycle if the game is played both years.
- Three bonus points will be given for scheduling and playing a team that finished in the top 25 end of the year Maxpreps or USAtoday final expert football rankings. These bonus points will carry with you both years of the new two year scheduling cycle if the game is played both years.

**\*The maximum bonus points a team can earn per game is 3.**

### POINT SYSTEM – Qualifying Criteria

1. In order to be considered as a “Playoff” qualifier, a school must play a minimum of eight regular-season games. (An exception may be made by the Executive Director of FHSAA for schools that are not provided a full schedule of games.)
2. Only the results of regularly scheduled games scheduled prior to the start of the regular season will be used in calculating the point total. All schedules will be final on the Monday of the first regular season play date.
3. If a school plays an opponent more than once during the season, only the first game shall count in calculating the point totals.
4. Only regular season games of out-of-state teams will be used to calculate the point average.
5. The score of a game does not affect the number of points a team receives.
  - a. A score of 7-6 will result in the same number of points as a score of 50-0

## **POINT SYSTEM TIEBREAKER**

- 1- If only two teams have identical point averages and are tied for one of the qualifying spots and/or higher seed and the teams have played each other, the team that won the contest between the two teams in question will qualify for the State Playoffs and/or receives the higher seed.
- 2- If the two teams have not played each other, or if more than two teams are tied, Step 3 will be used to determine which team qualifies for the State Playoffs and/or receives the higher seed.
- 3- If two or more teams have identical point averages and are tied for one or both of the remaining qualifying spots and/or higher seed, the team or teams with the most Category 1 wins will be selected and/or given the higher seed. If only two teams remain after this step and the two teams tied have played each other, Step 1 will be used to determine the qualifier for the State Playoffs and/or the higher seed.
- 4- If a tie still exists, the team or teams with the most Category 2 wins will be selected and/or given the higher seed. If only two teams remain after this step and the two teams tied have played each other, Step 1 will be used to determine the qualifier for the State Playoffs and/or the higher seed.
- 5- If a tie still exists, the team or teams with the most Category 3 wins will be selected and/or given the higher seed. If only two teams remain after this step and the two teams tied have played each other, Step 1 will be used to determine the qualifier for the State Playoffs and/or the higher seed.
- 6- If the tie still exist between three schools, the schools will be placed in alphabetical order and school one will have a coin flip against school two. The winner of that coin flip will face school three. Team one calls the flip in round 1. Team three calls the flip in round 3. If two teams are tied the teams will be placed in alphabetical order and school one will call the flip vs school two. The winner of the coin flip advances to the playoffs.

