

## 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 games played will be divided by your total points earned

YOUR OPPONENT WILL FIT INTO ONE OF THE FOUR CATEGORIES BELOW

<b>Category 1</b>	Won more than 80% 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

### **Cancellations/Postponements/Forfeits:**

- A contest that is forfeited between schools shall count as a loss for the team forfeiting, and such forfeiting team shall receive wild card points for such forfeited loss.
- Schools that are required to forfeit a game or games by the FHSAA the game or games shall count such contests as one of the permissible contests under the 10 contest limitations for football. The school shall receive forfeit losses for those scheduled contests and shall be awarded points for those forfeit losses.
- **Schools that must forfeit games at any time during the regular season will be placed into Category 1-4 based on final record with forfeits. Points will be awarded to opposing teams based on the forfeiting team's record at the time of seeding for postseason competition.**
- When a school's varsity team is unable to complete the season, those remaining teams on that school's regular season schedule shall receive forfeit wins for those scheduled contests. Points will be determined by the forfeiting team's percentage of wins at the time of seeding for postseason competition.
- Postpone or Suspend Games due to weather or other circumstances
  - First priority shall be given to player safety.
  - The host team along with the officials have the sole responsibility of determining if the field is fit for play
  - If a game is postponed or suspended refer to the contract for makeup agreement. If a team fails to meet that agreement that team will be awarded a forfeit loss.
  - If nothing is written in the contract and all parties cannot agree on a makeup date contact FHSAA for mediation.
  - If all parties cannot agree FHSAA reserves the right to consider it a "no contest" and the game will be stricken from the schedule.
  - All District games for Class 5A – 8A must be finished from the point it was suspended.
  - All postponed or suspended contests must be completed by Tuesday of the school's last permitted regular season game.
- If a school takes its team off the playing field prior to the completion of a contest, or prior to the suspension/termination of a game by the game officials, and the contest results in a forfeit because of the refusal of the school's team to continue play, the school shall be subject to penalty. The penalty may include exclusion from participation in the district or state series of competition.

### **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 Play-offs and/or get 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 Play-offs and/or get 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 greatest number of wins over first Category one teams 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 Play-offs and/or get the higher seed.
- 4- If a tie still exists, the team or teams with the greatest number of wins over first and second Category teams will be selected and/or given the higher seed. If only two teams remain after this step and the two teams have played each other, Step 1 will be used to determine the qualifier for the State Play-offs and/or get the higher seed.
- 5- If a tie still exists, the team or teams with the greatest number of wins over first and second and third Category teams will be selected and/or given the higher seed. If only two teams remain after this step and the two teams have played each other, Step 1 will be used to determine the qualifier for the State Play-offs and/or get 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.