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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

I. HHSAA FOOTBALL REGULATIONS

HHSAA Football Regulations may be found in the HHSAA's football handbook section found in this packet.

II. ROSTERS AND COLOR TEAM PICTURES

Schools with teams that have secured or who are in contention for a tournament berth are required to submit team rosters AND Photo to roster@hhsaa.org.

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2026, NOON

III. TOURNAMENT REPRESENTATION

Total number of berths for 2026 State Tournament as of 10/31/26. Visit www.hhsaa.org for current tournament representation.

	DIVISION I - OPEN	DIVISION I	DIVISION II
OIA	3	2	2
ILH	1	1	1
BIIF	0	1	1
MIL	0	1	1
KIF	0	1	1
TOTAL	4	6	6

IV. HEAD COACHES' PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING

All Head Coaches and Tournament Officials are **required** to meet with the HHSAA Executive Director and Sport Coordinator for instructions: Time TBD

V. TOURNAMENT BALL

The official tournament ball is the Baden Perfection Team Issue Football.

VI. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

Team Benches

Team benches will be restricted to authorized personnel consisting of players, coaches, team managers, trainers, and team physicians as listed on the Official Roster submitted to the HHSAA prior to the start of the tournament.

NO ONE UNDER 10 YEARS OF AGE WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE FIELD DURING THE EVENT.

Physician

The home team will be responsible for providing a Licensed Medical Physician to be in attendance at every tournament game.

Filming/Videotaping

There will be no restrictions on schools videotaping/filming opponent's games. It is permissible for teams to exchange tapes/films by mutual agreement. It is also permissible for each team to secure from other sources any game tape and/or film of their opponent.

Locker Room

Coaches are requested to inform their athletes of the importance of appropriate conduct and behavior in the locker room. Schools and students will be charged for any damages incurred by them in the locker room.

Use of the field during halftime of Tournament Games.

The tournament committee shall be responsible to see that warm ups shall not be permitted between halves of tournament games, except for the few minutes required by each team to warm-up prior to the start of the second half.

VII. CODE OF CONDUCT

The coach shall have direct responsibility or conduct of team members prior to, during and after tournament competition (in the hotel, in public, at the tournament, transporting to and from sites).

The HHSAA Executive Director may establish a common curfew hour as necessary.

The drinking of alcoholic beverages, smoking, drug use, loud, unruly or destructive behavior will not be tolerated.

Coaches are requested to inform their athletes of hotel rules and regulations. Please emphasize the importance of appropriate conduct and behavior and consideration for other hotel guests. Schools and students will be charged for any damages incurred by them at the hotel.

It is recommended that schools inform parents regarding code-of-conduct in writing.

FOOTBALL

I. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

A. To select a state champion of football through tournament competition

B. To recognize the combined efforts of all participating teams and schools in the tournament.

C. To promote and encourage the highest principles and standards of attitude and positive behavior.

D. To promote the highest principles of good citizenship in tournament competitions.

II. OFFICIALS

A. Qualifications and Requirements

1. All officials must be a registered football official with their respective league.

2. All officials must have taken the National Federation Part II examination and passed with a score of 80 or better.

B. Selection and Assignment

1. All officials shall be recommended and approved by their respective leagues.

2. Officials shall be selected by a committee consisting of the HHSAA Executive Director or his designee, Coordinator of Football Officials and HHSAA Sport Coordinator.

3. The committee shall evaluate and schedule officials for all games of the tournament.

4. Assignment of officials shall be determined following each game and future assignments shall not be announced until the appropriate time.

C. Uniform

1. All state tournament officials/umpires shall wear uniforms in accordance with their sport's NFHS rules/guidelines/recommendations. In the absence of any NFHS rules/guidelines/recommendations, the sport's HHSAA Sport Coordinator shall have the final say as to the appropriateness of a state tournament official's/umpire's uniform.

III. ELIGIBILITY

A. Participating athletes must be eligible under the rules of their league and also under the requirements which are specified by HHSAA.

IV. RULES GOVERNING TOURNAMENT

A. National Federation Football Rules shall prevail.

B. Tie Breaker for all games. National Federation recommended tie-breaking procedure with 20-yard line modification shall be used. Teams must go for 2-point conversion after the 2nd overtime period. *(Adopted 06/2018)*

C. Mercy Rule: At any time during the second half of the game, if the winning team is leading by 35 or more points, the clock will not stop for incomplete passes, change of possession, out of bounds plays, or first downs. The clock will stop for time outs, any score, administration of penalties, and injuries. Should the winning team's lead go below 35 points, revert back to regular clock rules.
This rule shall apply to all state tournament football games except the championship game.

D. All bands and audio system operators shall not create any noise that prohibits a team from hearing its signals. Therefore, among other things, all bands and audio system operators shall cease creating any noise once the referee puts the ball in play.

E. Any student-athlete or coach disqualified before, during, or after a state tournament game/match/event for unsportsmanlike conduct, flagrant verbal misconduct, or flagrant physical misconduct shall be disqualified from his/her next scheduled state tournament game/match/event for that sport. The student-athlete or coach has the right to appeal any such disqualification to an appeals committee for the particular sport. Should a student-athlete or coach be disqualified from the final state tournament game/match/event for that sport, said disqualification shall **NOT** carry over to the following school year's state tournament for that sport. Instead, the student-athlete's or coach's league shall determine any appropriate penalty or sanction.

F. Instant replay shall be allowed as approved by the football committee and officials coordinator for HHSAA state tournament games. *(Adopted 6/2019)*

V. TOURNAMENT REPRESENTATION

A. $\frac{\text{Number of Participating Teams in League}}{\text{Number of Participating Teams in State}} \times \text{Number of Teams in State Tournament}$

B. Pac-Five teams are eligible to participate in the following HHSAA state tournaments: baseball, canoe paddling, cheerleading, football, soccer, softball, and girls water polo.

C. For team-only state tournaments, a combination team shall be counted in the league representation formula as long as one of the schools in the combination team has a minimum number of players, as follows:

Volleyball – 6, Football – 11, Softball – 9, Soccer – 11, Basketball – 5, Baseball – 9, Canoe Paddling – 6, Water Polo – 7

D. For team-only state tournaments, if a combination team qualifies for a state tournament, only players from one of the schools with the above listed minimum number shall be allowed to participate in the state tournament.

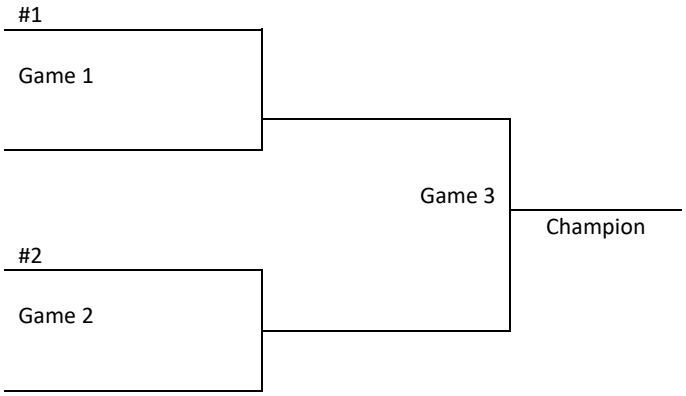
E. The size of the Division I and Division II state tournaments shall be based upon the number of leagues participating in each division. There shall be one more team participating than the amount of leagues. The final berth shall be awarded based upon league representation. The league who gets a second berth would be placed in the final spot regardless of where their champion is seeded.

Number of leagues participating	Size of tournament
3	4
4	5
5	6

(Adopted 6/2019) -

VI. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

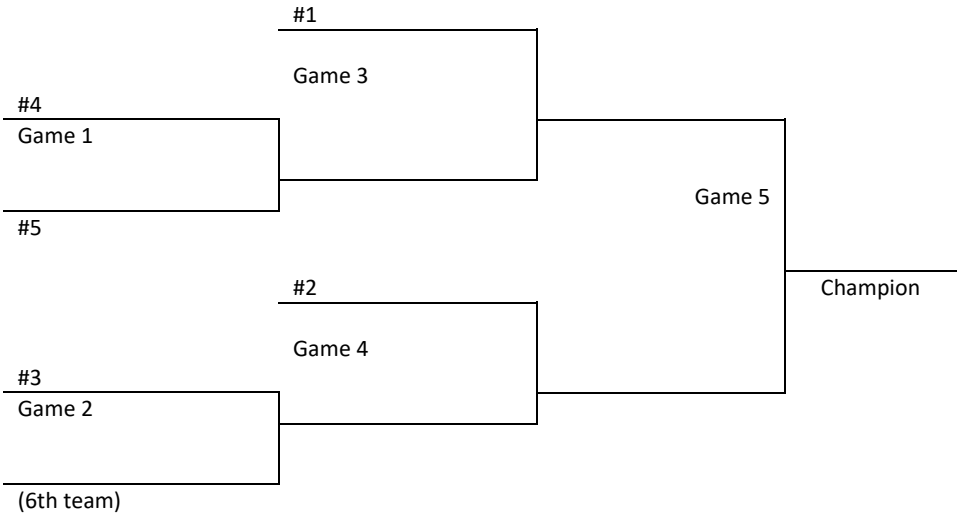
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VII. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

A. Committee members

The Football Tournament Committee shall consist of the HHSAA Executive Director, HHSAA Football Coordinator, and the football coordinator or representative from each league (OIA, ILH, BIIF, MIL, KIF).

B. Responsibility

The Football Committee will be responsible for the arrangements, management, and administration of all tournament events as well as the Pairings/Seeding, Sites, and Schedule.

1. The Football Committee will also be responsible for submitting a tournament evaluation report to the HHSAA Executive Director

2. The HHSAA will be responsible for the negotiations, marketing and promotions of the T-Shirt/Printed Program/Souvenir sales; TV/Radio coverage; and Corporate sponsorship.

VIII. SEEDING/PAIRINGS

A. Seedings/Pairings shall be done by the Football Tournament committee and provided to the media at the earliest time possible.

Division I and II Football Playoffs shall be exempt from the normal HHSAA Team Tournament Seeding Procedures, allowing any first place team from a participating league to be seeded for the Division I and II Football Playoffs. *(Adopted 6/2019)*

B. See Section VI., "Tournament Format", above.

IX. UNIFORMS/HOME TEAM

A. Uniform requirements as stated in the National Federation rule book.

B. Jersey colors will be assigned by the Football Tournament Committee.

C. Each team participating in the football, soccer and basketball state tournaments, shall bring to the state tournament both light and dark sets of uniforms. If a team violates this rule, they shall be subject to a penalty to be determined by the particular sport's HHSAA Sports Coordinator.

X. TOURNAMENT BALLS

A. The HHSAA adopted football shall be used for all games.

XI. AWARDS

A. Permanent team trophy for championship team

B. Permanent team trophy for runner-up team.

C. 60 gold medals to Division I championship team members and 60 gold medals to Division II member teams.

D. 60 silver medals to Division II runner-up team members and 60 silver medals to Division II team members.

E. Schools may order additional medals at their own expense.

XII. TOURNAMENT SITE

Bands - School-hosting sites, in conjunction with HHSAA approval, may permit bands to play at HHSAA tournament events at their discretion. The final determination on whether bands are allowed to perform at a given site will be made jointly by the site administration and HHSAA tournament officials.

XIII. ADMISSION

A. Bands from both schools can be admitted free of charge, as long as they are in uniform with an instrument and accompanied by their instructor. Cheerleaders/pep squads can also be admitted free of charge, as long as they are in uniform and accompanied by their advisor. All others must purchase a ticket.

B. Each school participating in the football tournament will receive an allotment of 25 admission tickets for each game in which they participate.

C. Each non-participating football school will receive an allotment of 10 admission tickets for all tournament games.

D. Prices

Quarterfinal and Semifinal games:
General Admission: $12.00*
*plus applicable service fees

Championship games:
General Admission: tbd

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Division I-Open Bracket | Football State Championships

Hawaii High School Athletic Association

Friday, November 13 - Saturday, November 21, 2026

Friday	Saturday
Nov. 13	Nov. 21

#1

4:00 / 7:30 PM
@ Mililani HS

#2

4:00 / 7:30 PM
@ Mililani HS

Time TBD
@ T.C. Ching Complex

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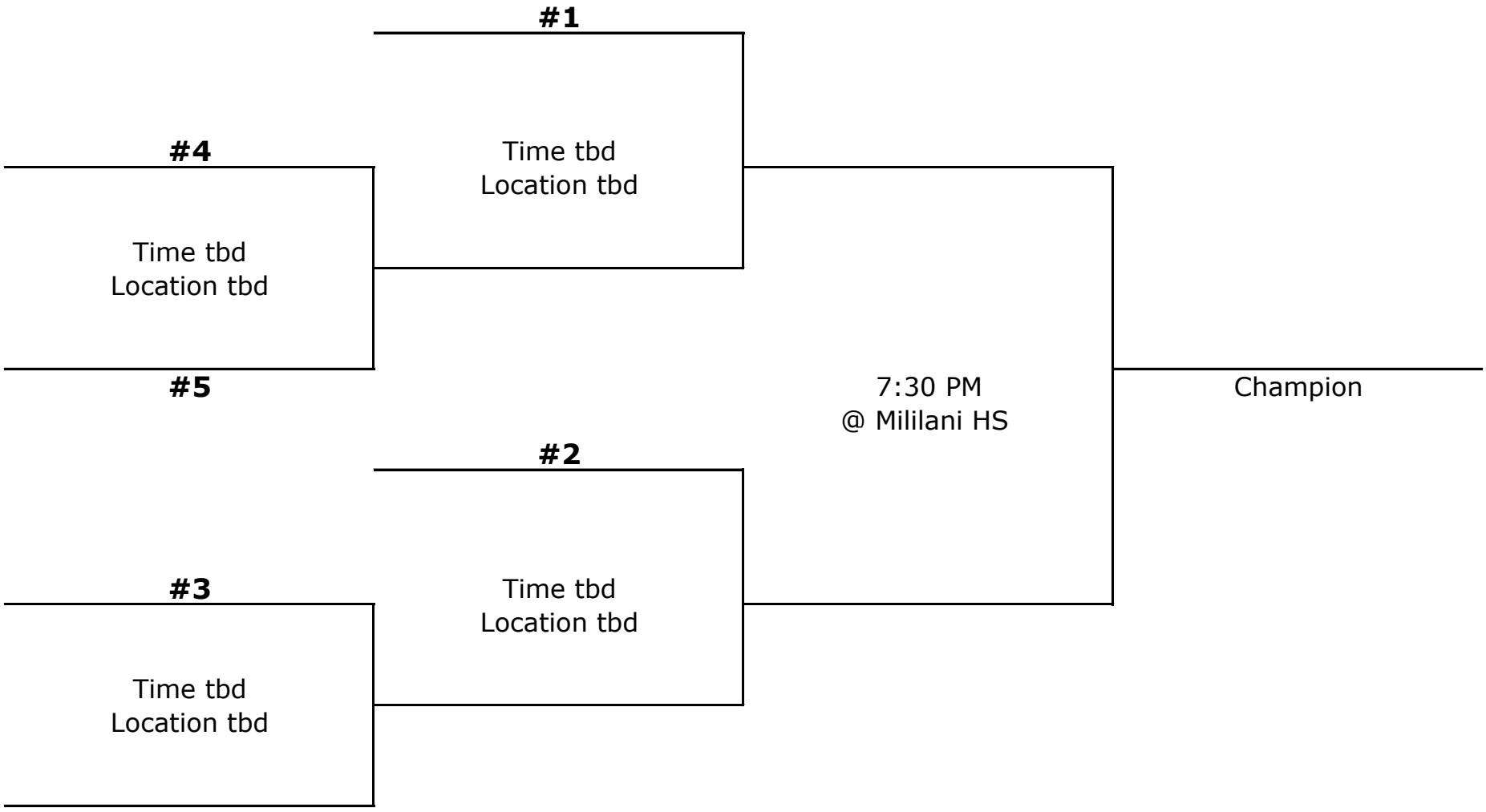
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Division I Bracket | Football State Championships

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