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## Pairings Announced for Unified Flag Football State Tournament

The Indiana High School Athletic Association announced the pairings for the Second Annual Unified Flag Football State Tournament Series this evening via webstream at IHSAAtv.org.

Thirty-seven (37) teams – 12 more than last year’s inaugural season – have entered this year’s state tournament and are spread across eight sectionals to be played on Saturday, Oct. 5. The eight teams that emerge as sectional champions will move on to one of two regionals on Saturday, Oct. 12 with the two remaining teams advancing to the state championship game on Saturday, Oct. 19 at the Grand Park Sports Event Center in Westfield.

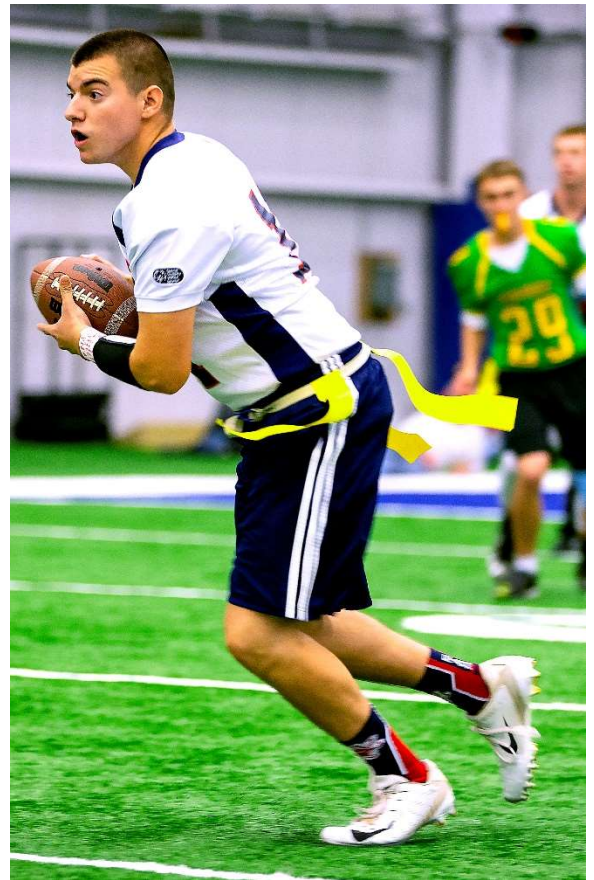
Unified Sports® enables persons with and without intellectual disabilities to participate on the same team for sports training and competition as part of the “Champions Together” partnership between the IHSAA and Special Olympics Indiana.

Unified Flag Football, played on a 25-yard by 40-yard field, is five-on-five with three athletes and two unified partners to a side. Teams play two 20-minute halves with a touchdown worth six points, an extra point from the five-yard line worth one point while two points are added for a successful play from the 10-yard line. Two points may also be scored for a safety.

Starting on its five yard line, a team has four plays to cross mid-field, then an additional four plays to score a touchdown. Failure to cross mid-field or score a touchdown in the prescribed number of plays results in a change of possession starting at the opposing team’s own five-yard line. [Official Rules](#)

Unified Flag Football is one of 22 sports sponsored by the IHSAA and one of two co-ed sports along with Unified Track and Field which debuted in 2014.

Last year’s state championship – featuring Bedford North Lawrence topping Tippecanoe Valley for the title – is available to watch via [IHSAAtv.org](#).



### **About the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. (IHSAA)**

*The IHSAA is a voluntary, not-for-profit organization that is self-supporting without the use of tax monies. Since its founding in 1903, the Association’s mission has been to provide wholesome, educational athletics for the secondary schools of Indiana. Its member high schools – public, institutional, parochial and private – pay no annual membership fee or incur entry fees to play in the Association’s tournaments. A state tournament series is conducted annually in 22 sports, 10 for girls, 10 for boys and two co-ed (unified flag football and track and field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.*

### **About Special Olympics Indiana, Inc. (SOIN)**

*Special Olympics Indiana is a not-for-profit organization that provides year-round sports more than 11,000 athletes across Indiana. The organization receives no federal- or state-appropriated funds, is not a United Way agency and relies entirely on corporate, civic and individual donations. For more information about Special Olympics Indiana, call (317) 328-2000 or visit [www.soindiana.org](http://www.soindiana.org).*

## About the Draw

To conduct the random drawing for the Unified Flag Football State Tournament, the IHSAA places ping-pong balls representing each school in a given sectional into a lottery-style air mix machine. A motorized fan in the bottom of the machine blows the balls around the inside of the transparent container and air then forces each ball up through a tube in random order. For example, the first ball retrieved from the machine will be the visiting team in game one with the second ball representing the home team in game one. The third ball to come out is the visitor in game two and the fourth ball the home team in game two. That same method is followed through all eight sectionals.

## Sectionals

Date: Saturday, Oct. 5, 2019.

Times: Determined by host school.

Admission: \$5 per person.

### 1. Valparaiso (2)

Championship: Valparaiso vs. East Chicago Central.

### 2. Tippecanoe Valley (6)

G1: Central Noble vs. East Noble.

G2: Tippecanoe Valley vs. Warsaw.

G3: Wawasee vs. G1 winner.

G4: Goshen vs. G2 winner.

Championship: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

### 3. Carroll (Fort Wayne) (6)

G1: Homestead vs. Manchester.

G2: Carroll (Fort Wayne) vs. Wabash.

G3: Fort Wayne North Side vs. G1 winner.

G4: DeKalb vs. G2 winner.

Championship: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

### 4. West Lafayette (3)

G1: McCutcheon vs. West Lafayette.

Championship: Twin Lakes vs. Winner of G1.

### 5. Noblesville (6)

G1: Fishers vs. Blackford.

G2: Hamilton Southeastern vs. Mississinewa.

G3: Marion vs. G1 winner.

G4: Noblesville vs. G2 winner.

Championship: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

### 6. Mooresville (6)

G1: Indianapolis Washington vs. Ben Davis.

G2: Carmel vs. Zionsville.

G3: Indianapolis Crispus Attucks vs. G1 winner.

G4: Mooresville vs. G2 winner.

Championship: G3 winner vs. G4 winner.

### 7. Franklin Central (4)

G1: Indian Creek vs. Franklin Central.

G2: Warren Central vs. Perry Meridian.

Championship: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

### 8. Jasper (4)

G1: Floyd Central vs. Bedford North Lawrence.

G2: Jasper vs. Loogootee.

Championship: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.



## Regionals

Date: Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019.

Time: To be determined by host school.

Admission: \$5 per person.

Home Team: The second-named team will be the designated home team in each game.

### Regional 1 at TBA (one of competing teams)

G1: Sectional 1 winner vs. Sectional 2 winner.

G2: Sectional 3 winner vs. Sectional 4 winner.

Championship: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

### Regional 2 at TBA (one of competing teams)

G1: Sectional 5 winner vs. Sectional 6 winner.

G2: Sectional 7 winner vs. Sectional 8 winner.

Championship: G1 winner vs. G2 winner.

## State Finals

Date: Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019.

Site: Grand Park Sports Event Center, 19000 Grand Park Blvd., Westfield, IN

Admission: \$5 per person. All seats are general admission. Children age 2 and younger are admitted at no charge.

Official Football: The Wilson Unified Flag Football (youth model) will be used.

**State Championship | 12 pm ET / 11 am CT.**

