



WISCONSIN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

In the Trenches - Week 9

Happy Week 9 Football Coaches, Officials, and Athletics Directors! As we conclude the 2025 regular season (and begin 8-Player playoffs), take a few moments to reflect on another successful season in supporting your student-athletes in growing as football players and students. You have a profound impact on the development of your players and the continued success of football in our state. Good luck to all 11-Player teams tonight, to all 8-Player teams beginning tournament play tomorrow, and to the 224 11-Player teams that will qualify for post-season play after tonight's games!

IMPORTANT!!! Athletics Directors and Coaches - Enter your Week 9 score into ScoreCenter immediately at the conclusion of tonight's game! Once all scores are entered, our WIAA staff will be working diligently to finalize our final PQS standings and create our 2025 Football Divisions 1 - 7 Playoff brackets. (This work cannot begin until all scores are entered.)

Below is information that will support your efforts during Week 9 and the upcoming football tournament series:

Attention Officials!! MIBT High School Football Free Playoff Prep Meeting

MIBT is streaming LIVE this Sunday at 7 pm CT for their third annual playoff prep meeting FREE on YouTube and their website. The links are below:

- *YouTube at:* <https://www.youtube.com/@MakeItBeThere>
- *MIBT Free Stream:* <https://mibt.org/live-training-feed/>

WIAA National Federation Allowed Adaptations - Football Regulations

WIAA Overtime Rules

- The WIAA's adoption of the 25-yard line tiebreaker must be used to resolve all senior high contests (varsity, junior varsity, sophomore, and freshman/sophomore) which are tied at the end of regulation play. (Football Fall Season Regulations, pg. 13, 16-a.)

WIAA 25-Yard Line Overtime Procedure Overview and Regulations (LINK)

Thank you to Brian Kenney for providing the following notes sheet (laminated card) crews can use during game play to provide reminders regarding overtime: **Overtime Note Card**

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Rule Regarding Use of Running Time (Football Fall Season Regulations, pg. 13, 16-b.)

- The following rule regarding the use of running time must be used:
 - After the first quarter, when the score differential reaches 35 points or more, a mandatory running clock will be used.
 - Normal clock operating procedures resume if the score differential goes back under 35 points in the second and third quarters.
 - Beginning with the ensuing kickoff, the clock will run continuously except for the following situations when it will be stopped: time outs charged to a team, after a score, intermission between 3rd and 4th quarters, extended injury time outs, any time officials determine it is necessary for safety reasons.
 - The running clock will be maintained in the fourth quarter even if the score differential goes below 35 points.
 - The use of this rule does not preclude the use of Rule 3-1-3 which reads, "A period or periods may be shortened in any emergency by agreement of the opposing coaches and the referee. By mutual agreement of the opposing coaches and the referee any remaining periods may be shortened at any time or the game may be terminated."

Attention Athletics Directors and Officials!!

Arbiter Pay Update

WIAA Tournament Series will be paid through Arbiter Pay. Payment will be coming from the WIAA and not schools. SCHOOLS - Use your current platform to issue officials contracts. After the completion of the event, complete the WIAA Finance Form and confirm the officials that worked the event as well as mileage reimbursement.

Review the following links:

- [**Arbiter Webinar - ArbiterPay Features for Officials**](#)
- [**Arbiter Pay Information**](#)
- Arbiter LOG-IN: [**https://arbiter.io/**](https://arbiter.io/)