

Policy 5150 FOOTBALL

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I. Scheduling

All teams will play a single round-robin schedule.
Home site will alternate each year.
Division schedule will rotate every two years with the last game being moved to the first and other games moved back accordingly.
Varsity games will be scheduled on Friday nights.
With the consent of both teams, varsity games may be moved to Thursday or Saturday.
Freshman and JV games will be played on Thursday at the opposite site of the varsity game. In the event the varsity game is moved to a Thursday, the Freshman/JV games will be played on Wednesday.

II. Division Championship Determination

Each win is worth two points, each tie one point, and each loss zero points.
Team that accumulates the most points is the division champion.

III. Start Times

Varsity games will start at 7:00 p.m.
Freshman games will start at 4:30 p.m.
JV games will start at 6:30 p.m. or fifteen-minutes after the conclusion of the freshman game (whatever game is later).

IV. Pre-Game and Warm-Up

The field is to be available 90 minutes prior to the start of the varsity game.
The field is to be available thirty-minutes prior to the start of the freshman game.
Freshman and JV will get a fifteen-minute on-field warm-up.
The visiting team shall warm-up at the scoreboard end of the field.

V. Rules of the Game

MHSAA and National Federation rules will be followed.
For JV/freshman doubleheaders, it is recommended the *National Anthem* be played before the JV game (only).
An unlimited number of cheerleaders (in uniform) will be allowed on the sideline as space permits.
For varsity games, chain gang and clock operators should be manned by adults.
The referee shall hold the official timing device.

VI. Regular Season Game Format

All games at all levels will consist of twelve-minute quarters.

The home team will wear dark jerseys; visitors will wear white jerseys.

The MHSAA tie-breaker rule is in effect for varsity games only.

The mercy rule will be in effect for all levels.

Pre-Game Schedule:

6:40 p.m. 15:00 on Game Clock (Teams move inside 20 yard lines or go to locker rooms)

6:55 p.m. 0:00 on Game Clock (National Anthem – Teams required to be on the field)

Half-time will be 15 minutes plus 3 minutes for warm up unless extended by mutual agreement of both teams prior to the start of the game.

All teams are responsible for their own field communication system.

Teams will exchange game tapes according to the following:

Each division will determine the film format to be exchanged (DVD or VHS).

For interdivisional games and crossover games the film exchanged will be the game two-weeks prior to the contest scheduled between the two schools.

Therefore one game tape will be exchanged. It is assumed that the schools will scout and film the contest themselves one week prior to their scheduled game.

Scouts will give the tape to the opponent's head coach. If the videotape does not process correctly, the opponent will have their choice of tapes from games played that season.

There will be no exchange of CAAC videotapes outside the CAAC.

Videotapes WILL NOT be returned .

Access to the press box will be as follows:

On game night both the host school and the visiting school will be given space in the press box, on the same level, for a minimum of two coaches and for video. If host school cannot accommodate they must let the visiting school know by Wednesday of game week.

Adequate space is to be provided for videotaping for the two teams competing that night (when possible, inside).

Access to the press box allocated for two scouts from visiting teams. When possible, this space should be inside. If a school cannot accommodate space for scouts the host school will make arrangements for film exchange for that night's game. Scouts may videotape from their assigned space in the press box.

Visiting bands may perform on the road only at the invitation of the host school. Each school would receive 7.5 minutes on the field at halftime.

VII. Host School Responsibilities

Provide registered MHSAA officials.

Freshman:	Four-Person Crew
JV:	Four-Person Crew
Varsity:	Five-Person Crew

Chain crew working on the visitor sideline.

Water and ice for both teams.

Locker room facilities for the visiting team.

Certified athletic trainer or doctor (if possible).

Visiting teams are expected to provide its own athletic training tape.

VIII. Make-Up Dates

Postponed varsity games will be made up the next day.

Sub-varsity games do not have to be made up.

IX. Reporting Scores

The host school will report scores to:

Jackson Citizen Patriot (877-270-9533)

Email rmcgowan@mlive.com or ehammis@mlive.com

Lansing State Journal (800-365-1068)

Email sports@lsj.com

X. League Meet

There is no league meet for football