

FOOTBALL

The 2016 NSAA Football Playoffs began on Thursday, October 27 for Classes D1 and D2. Thirty-two teams qualified for the playoffs in D1 and D2. Second-round games were scheduled for Wednesday, November 2. Playoff rounds for D1 and D2 continued with the quarterfinals on November 8. D1 and D2 semifinals were on Monday, November 14. Classes A, B, C1 and C2 qualified 16 for the playoffs and played their first-round games on October 28 and their second-round games on November 4. Class A, B, C1 and C2 semifinals were played on November 11. Championship finals for all classes were held at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln for the 21st consecutive year. Classes D1, D2 and A played their championship finals on November 21, while C1, C2 and B played November 22. Attendance for state finals: 15,312.

Class A was made up of the 28 largest schools playing football. The top three teams in the four districts and the next four teams with the highest wild-card point average advanced to the playoffs. The next 32 largest schools were Class B. The eight district champions and the next eight teams with the highest wild-card point average made the playoffs. The next 43 schools were Class C1. The remaining schools playing 11-man football (44) were Class C2. Classes D1 and D2 consisted of all schools playing 8-man football. There were 53 in D1 and 54 in D2. Eleven schools playing eight-man were above the playoff eligibility enrollment limit. In Classes C1 and C2 the eight district champions and the next 8 teams with the highest wild-card point average qualified for the playoffs. In Classes D1 and D2 the 10 district champions and the next 22 teams with the highest wild-card point average qualified for the playoffs.

2016 Football Results

CLASS A

First Round

Omaha North 57, Lincoln Southwest 10
Kearney 17, Grand Island 0
Lincoln East 24, Lincoln Southeast 21
Omaha Burke 42, Lincoln Pius X 14
Millard North 42, Omaha Westside 14
Creighton Preparatory 35, Norfolk 31
Millard West 35, Papillion-La Vista South 10
Bellevue West 55, Lincoln High 34

Quarterfinals

Omaha North 54, Kearney 14
Lincoln East 27, Omaha Burke 24
Creighton Preparatory 35, Millard North 21
Bellevue West 63, Millard West 42

Semifinals

Omaha North 41, Lincoln East 28
Bellevue West 55, Creighton Preparatory 17

Championship Final

Bellevue West 43, Omaha North 6
Championship Coach: Michael Huffman

CLASS B

First Round

Elkhorn South 55, Omaha Gross Catholic 7
Aurora 24, York 7
Blair 38, Scottsbluff 35
McCook 48, Northwest 7
Omaha Skutt Catholic 47, Bennington 20
Norris 42, Elkhorn 24
Beatrice 54, Columbus 31
Gretna 43, Omaha Roncalli Catholic 7

Quarterfinals

Elkhorn South 42, Aurora 13
McCook 38, Blair 0
Omaha Skutt Catholic 35, Norris 28
Gretna 48, Beatrice 21

Semifinals

Elkhorn South 42, McCook 41 (2OT)
Omaha Skutt Catholic 30, Gretna 20

Championship Final

Elkhorn South 34, Omaha Skutt Catholic 32
Championship Coach: Guy Rosenberg

CLASS C1

First Round

Bishop Neumann 49, Syracuse 0
Ogallala 33, Chase County 14
Kearney Catholic 33, Columbus Scotus 30
Wahoo 36, Gothenburg 14
O'Neill 45, Columbus Lakeview 20
Aquinas Catholic 35, Norfolk Catholic 27
Boys Town 54, Fairbury 34
Arlington 44, Omaha Concordia 42 (OT)

Quarterfinals

Bishop Neumann 62, Ogallala 21
Kearney Catholic 41, Wahoo 25
O'Neill 15, Aquinas Catholic 12
Boys Town 25, Arlington 0

Semifinals

Bishop Neumann 41, Kearney Catholic 17
O'Neill 27, Boys Town 13

Championship Final

O'Neill 39, Bishop Neumann 22
Championship Coach: Brock Eichelberger

2016 Football Results (continued)

CLASS C2

First Round

Yutan 34, Centennial 6
St. Paul 15, Hershey 14
Hartington Cedar Catholic 21, North Platte St. Patrick's 6
Wilber-Clatonia 21, Stanton 6
Battle Creek 35, Sutton 0
Oakland-Craig 26, Doniphan-Trumbull 7
Crofton 51, Central City 7
Valentine 41, Cross County 0

Quarterfinals

Yutan 39, St. Paul 7
Wilber-Clatonia 27, Hartington Cedar Catholic 0
Battle Creek 49, Oakland-Craig 21
Crofton 27, Valentine 20

Semifinals

Wilber-Clatonia 19, Yutan 6
Crofton 19, Battle Creek 14

Championship Final

Wilber-Clatonia 20, Crofton 0

Championship Coach: Lynn Jurgens

CLASS D1

First Round

Palmer 56, Amherst 15
Alma 44, Hemingford 32
West Holt 32, Dundy County Stratton 30
CWCE (Chambers/Wheeler Central/Ewing) 54, Sutherland 12
Elm Creek 36, Cambridge 12
Medicine Valley 29, Kenesaw 20
Burwell 55, South Loup 7
Perkins County 70, Bertrand 6
Guardian Angels Central Catholic 60, Clearwater/Orchard, 18
Humphrey/Lindsay Holy Family 42, Pender 34
East Butler 34, High Plains Community 0
Heartland 44, Nebraska Lutheran 36
Lourdes Central Catholic 52, Clarkson/Leigh 8
Howells-Dodge 48, Johnson-Brock 24
Tri County 66, Hartington-Newcastle 26
Creighton 68, Diller-Odell 6

Second Round

Palmer 50, Alma 20
CWCE (Chambers/Wheeler Central/Ewing) 36, West Holt 21
Elm Creek 42, Medicine Valley 20
Burwell 33, Perkins County 30
Guardian Angels Central Catholic 53, Humphrey/Lindsay Holy Family 18
Heartland 70, East Butler 42
Lourdes Central Catholic 42, Howells-Dodge 36
Creighton 76, Tri County 13

Quarterfinals

Palmer 68, CWCE (Chambers/Wheeler Central/Ewing) 41
Burwell 28, Elm Creek 0
Guardian Angels Central Catholic 56, Heartland 34
Creighton 90, Lourdes Central Catholic 54

Semifinals

Burwell 26, Palmer 24
Guardian Angels Central Catholic 48, Creighton 44

Championship Final

Burwell 47, Guardian Angels Central Catholic 18

Championship Coach: Luke Gideon

CLASS D2

First Round

Osceola 67, Sterling 30
Falls City Sacred Heart 75, Friend 0
Bloomfield 62, Exeter-Milligan 8
Lawrence-Nelson 50, Mead 14
Humphrey St. Francis 56, Emerson-Hubbard 12
Wynot 44, Fullerton 16
Randolph 28, Osmond 14
BDS (Bruning-Davenport/Shickley) 54, Allen 13
Twin Loup (Sargent/Loup County) 46, Wauneta-Palisade 14
Garden County 54, Sumner-Eddyville-Miller 35
St. Mary's 54, Eustis-Farnam 6
Blue Hill 43, Paxton 14
Loomis 42, North Central (Rock County/Keya Paha County) 34
Ansley/Litchfield 58, Arapahoe 26
Sandhills/Theford 49, Giltner 14
Mullen 70, Crawford 6

Second Round

Falls City Sacred Heart 34, Osceola 28
Bloomfield 50, Lawrence-Nelson 20
Humphrey St. Francis 48, Wynot 36
BDS (Bruning-Davenport/Shickley) 70, Randolph 30
Twin Loup (Sargent/Loup County) 59, Garden County 6
Blue Hill 42, St. Mary's 14
Ansley/Litchfield 65, Loomis 20
Sandhills/Theford 34, Mullen 26

Quarterfinals

Falls City Sacred Heart 46, Bloomfield 12
BDS (Bruning-Davenport/Shickley) 22, Humphrey St. Francis 14
Twin Loup 29, Blue Hill 27
Sandhills/Theford 61, Ansley/Litchfield 25

Semifinals

Falls City Sacred Heart 16, BDS 12
Twin Loup 18, Sandhills/Theford 8

Championship Final

Falls City Sacred Heart 44, Twin Loup 28

Championship Coach: Doug Goltz