

2022-2023 ACEL 8-Man Football Plan & Schedule



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The General Season Information

ACEL 8-Man Football

Per the communicated wishes of our ACEL football members, the ACEL will offer only 8-man football for 2022-23 and for the foreseeable future. All efforts of the ACEL in football will be focused on building the 8-man football program.

2022-23 Schedule

The 8-man football season is 10 weeks and will begin August 8, 2022 and end on October 14th. One week is set aside for playoffs and one week for the state championship. Each of the 5 teams will play each other once and most teams twice as the season length allows. Because there is an odd number of teams, each team will have at least one bye week in their schedule plus there is a league wide bye week provided for recovery and make-up games.

Playoffs

The top 4 teams in regular season power points will advance to playoffs. Playoffs will take place the week of October 17th. Exact dates may be negotiated by participating teams. In the event teams can not agree, playoff games will take place on Thursday, October 20, 2022.

State Championship

The ACEL 8-Man State Championship is scheduled for the evening of Saturday, October 29 in Pineville.

Reminders

Co-op Option for 8-Man Football

Beginning in 2022-23, ACEL member organizations will be able to join their students into a single ACEL roster to form an 8-man football team. The goal is to allow our members to share resources allowing more 8-man football participation.

Each member co-oping into a single team must notify the Executive Director by email of their intent. The ACEL will require one co-oping organization to be the primary organization responsible for the normal duties required by the ACEL such as paperwork and game administration. The primary organization will submit the official ACEL roster with the name of the co-op organization listed with the name of any co-op athletes. Athletes of the primary organization do not need the organization name listed with athlete names. Co-oping agreements may be made between organizations until the date of the final roster submission.

Details of the co-op arrangement are to be negotiated between the two co-oping organizations.

Football Commissioner

The ACEL is seeking a football commissioner for 2022-23. The primary job of the commissioner will be that of a liaison between football coaches and the executive director. The football commissioner will also advise the executive director and the executive board regarding ACEL football policy and procedure as well as work to recruit football teams either from existing members and/or other ACEL compatible organizations.

To apply, explain in an email to the executive director (admin@theacel.com) how you would be an asset to the ACEL as the football commissioner. Applications will be reviewed by the executive board.

Administrator Required at Each Game

An administrator or a designated representative for each team must be in attendance at all ACEL events. The administrator may NOT be the team's coach nor may they sit on the bench. The purpose of the administrator is to handle issues that may arise with the fans, players, or coaches of their organization. The administrator must locate and introduce themselves to the administrator of the opposing team prior to the beginning of the game. Administrators for each team will work together to handle any issue that arises beyond the scope of the officials' authority.

MaxPreps

The use of MaxPreps to report player stats for all-state consideration in the ACEL is mandatory. No all-state nomination will be accepted without an accompanying MaxPreps stat report.

Please do not underestimate the time that it can take MaxPreps to approve new organizations or to fix problems within existing accounts. ***If you are new to MaxPreps or are having issues with your MaxPreps account, NOW is the time to get those fixed.***

In order for MaxPreps to work for us as it is intended, player stats must be uploaded for each ACEL game in which an all-state nominated player participates. Stats should be uploaded routinely throughout the season. Waiting until the end of the season makes it difficult for our other teams to link to your schedule and for stat reporting to be transparent.

8-Man Football Coaches' Meeting

There will be a meeting for all ACEL coaches immediately following the membership meeting on August 6 in Pineville. Attendance at the coaches' meeting is not required but is highly encouraged.

All-State Voting

All organizations participating in football are required to attend All-State Voting even if no player is nominated for all-state from the organization. There is a \$500 fine for failure to attend. The 8-Man Football All-State Voting meeting will be via Zoom, Saturday, October 22nd.

AED

The ACEL strongly recommends that all organizations have an AED at all ACEL events.

8-Man Football Rules, Procedures & Policies

The ACEL follows the rules and regulations set by the National Federation of State High Schools (NFHS) for all sanctioned ACEL sports. ACEL supplemental policies and exceptions to NFHS rules are listed below.

ACEL Specific Rules and Policies for 8-Man Football 2022-23

Schedule Changes

The ACEL allows organizations to easily change their schedules as necessary. All that is required is for both the home and away teams to submit a schedule change form through the website.

Score Reporting

Scores must be reported by both the home and away teams by noon the following day. Failure to report the score will result in a fine. (See ACEL Rule 6.1)

ACEL 8-Man Football Quarter Length

All sanctioned ACEL 8-man football quarters will be 10 minutes in length. (ACEL Rule 18.6.1)

Running Clock

ACEL Rule 19.7.3.2.1. Running clock will be applied when there is a 30 points differential at the start of the 3rd Quarter. This will be applied regardless of agreement by the coaches.

Game Day Roster

- Only 20 athletes may dress out for each game
- Official Game Day Roster forms are located on the Football page of the website
- Rosters MUST be filled out for every game with both coaches' signatures
- Forms should be kept on file with the coach and available to be submitted upon league request

Medical Protocol

- Home team should contact local ambulance service to be at all home football games
- Plan of Action – discuss with athletic director/administrator
- All ACEL coaches are required to take a concussion course and be able to provide evidence/certificate of completion upon request.

ACEL Standing Rules Changes/Amendments for 2022-23

The final draft of the 2022-23 ACEL Standing Rules will be available for download following the membership meeting on August 6.

Communicate with your Executive Director

Most problems and misunderstandings can be avoided simply through communication. Coaches, if you have a league concern please discuss it with your athletic director ASAP. In many instances athletic directors will already have related information from the ACEL. Athletic directors, please do not hesitate to contact me with any league issue you may have. The more you all communicate with me, the better I understand what is actually happening within our league, making me better able to act in the best interest of all our organizations. I cannot address what I do not know.

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(Leave a message, and I will get back to you.)



2022 ACEL 8-Man Football Schedule

Acadiana Christian School Lions—New Iberia
Christian Homeschool Sports Assoc. of Acadiana Archangels—Lafayette
John Paul the Great Academy Guardians—Lafayette
Mt. Olive Christian School Eagles—Athens
Southwest Louisiana Homeschool Athletics Knights—Lake Charles

August 11, Thursday

CHSAA @ JPG
SWLA @ MOCS

August 18, Thursday

SWLA @ CHSAA
JPG @ ACS

August 25, Thursday

MOCS @ CHSAA
ACS @ SWLA

September 1, Thursday

MOCS @ ACS
JPG @ SWLA

September 8, Thursday

CHSAA @ ACS
JPG @ MOCS

September 15, Thursday

Bye Week

September 22, Thursday

CHSAA @ SWLA
ACS @ JPG

September 29, Thursday

CHSAA @ MOCS
SWLA @ ACS

October 6, Thursday

SWLA @ JPG
ACS @ MOCS

October 13, Thursday

MOCS @ JPG
ACS @ CHSAA

All games must be completed by October 14th.

All-State Voting October 22nd.

Playoffs

Thursday, October 20, 2022

(unless otherwise negotiated)

Top four teams by regular season power points will advance to the playoffs.
Highest seeds will host Semi-Final games.

2022 ACEL 8-Man Football State Championship

Evening of

October 29, 2022

Pineville