TO: Athletic Administrators and Head Football Coaches 
FROM: Beau Rugg, Senior Director of Officiating and Sport Management 
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RE: 8-Player Football and Harbin Ratings

We have had schools in the last several weeks indicate that their numbers are low and they are playing 8-player football. Please read the following carefully:

Those schools sponsoring 8-player football as their primary program are asked to email Beau at brugg@ohsaa.org and:

1. Make sure this is indicated on your myOHSAA account. This is necessary for our records, but most importantly your athletes will be included in the catastrophic insurance coverage.

2. To make sure your myOHSAA account is correct, follow these steps:
   a. Click Sports Offered (2019-2020) along the left side of the screen.
   b. In the OHSAA Recognized and Emerging Sports section, make sure “Football-Boys” is checked.
   c. In the Non-Recognized Sports sections, make sure “Football (8 player)-Boys” is checked.
   d. Click Save.
   e. Click Tournament Entry (2019-2020).
   f. If the Tournament Participation Column next to Football-Boys indicates No, nothing needs to be done.
   g. If that column indicates Yes:
      1.) Click the green Edit button.
      2.) Change the dropdown box next to Football-Boys from Yes to No.
      3.) In the Authorization and Certification section, check the box next to “accepting the requirements.”
      4.) Click Authorize and Submit.

Those schools who have open dates in their schedule and are looking for an opponent:

1. Email Beau Rugg at brugg@ohsaa.org with your open date. We will try to facilitate matching teams in the schedule.

Harbin Ratings:

1. 8-player games are treated as a “no contest,” reducing an 11-player opponent’s divisor in the Harbin Ratings to maintain points comparable to a 10-game regular season.
2. Eight (8) regular season 11-player games are REQUIRED for tournament eligibility.
3. Email Beau Rugg at brugg@ohsaa.org if your team has any 8-player games scheduled or if any scheduled game is changed to an 8-player format.
4. If you have ANY questions on whether your contest counts in the Harbin ratings, email Beau Rugg at brugg@ohsaa.org. We would like to answer your questions NOW rather than waiting until week 10 of the regular season.

PLEASE EMAIL BEAU AT BRUGG@OHSAA.ORG WITH QUESTIONS.