

FOOTBALL

Schools with a three-grade boys enrollment of 425 and above were assigned to Class A. South Sioux City opted down to Class B. The 32 remaining schools were divided into six districts. The top two teams in each district and the four teams with the highest wild card point average qualified for the playoffs.

Schools with a three-grade boys enrollment of 424-160 were assigned to Class B. With the addition of South Sioux City, 23 teams were divided into four districts. The four district champions and the 12 teams with the highest wild card point average qualified for the playoffs.

Schools with a three-grade boys enrollment of 159-70 were assigned to Class C1. Conestoga and Louisville opted down to Class C2. The remaining 42 schools were divided into eight districts. The eight district champions and the eight teams with the highest wild card point average qualified for the playoffs.

Schools with a three-grade boys enrollment of 69 and below were assigned to Class C2. With the addition of Conestoga and Louisville, 39 teams were divided into seven districts. The seven district champions and the nine teams with the highest wild card point average qualified for the playoffs.

The eligible Class D1 and Class D2 schools playing eight-man football were divided into two classes with approximately equal numbers of schools in each class with the odd number added to Class D2. To be playoff eligible a school must have had a three-grade boys enrollment of 47 or below. Franklin opted down to Class D2. Fifty eligible schools along with seven ineligible schools were assigned to Class D1 and divided into ten districts. The ten district champions and the 22 teams with the highest wild card point average qualified for the playoffs. With the addition of Franklin, 52 schools were assigned to Class D2 and divided into nine districts. The nine district champions and the 23 teams with the highest wild card point average qualified for the playoffs.

All schools declaring to play 6-man football were assigned to Class D6. Thirty-one schools were divided into six districts for scheduling purposes only. To be playoff eligible a school must have had a three-grade boys enrollment of 27 or below. The 16 teams with the highest wild card point average qualified for the playoffs.

The 2018 NSAA Football Playoffs began on Thursday, October 25 for Classes D1 and D2. Thirty-two teams qualified for the playoffs in D1 and D2. Second-round games were scheduled for Wednesday, October 31. Playoff rounds for D1 and D2 continued with the quarterfinals on November 6. D1 and D2 semifinals were on Monday, November 12. Classes A, B, C1, C2, and D6 qualified 16 for the playoffs and played their first-round games on October 26 and their second-round games on November 2. Class A, B, C1, C2, and D6 semifinals were played on November 9. Class D6 played their Championship game at Foster Field, UNK, on November 16. Championship finals for all other classes were held at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln for the 23rd consecutive year. Classes D1, D2 and A played their championship finals on November 19 while C1, C2 and B played November 20.

Attendance for the state finals: 18,461.

2018 Football Results

CLASS A

First Round

Omaha Burke 43, Papillion-La Vista 20
Lincoln Southeast 14, Lincoln Southwest 10
Millard West 31, Creighton Preparatory 14
Omaha Westside 34, Lincoln East 7
Bellevue West 17, Kearney 10
Elkhorn South 27, Lincoln High 24
Grand Island 38, Omaha North 24
Millard South 34, Lincoln Pius X 14

Quarterfinals

Omaha Burke 35, Lincoln Southeast 13
Millard West 28, Omaha Westside 21
Bellevue West 38, Elkhorn South 31
Grand Island 27, Millard South 24

Semifinals

Omaha Burke 35, Millard West 28
Grand Island 37, Bellevue West 30

Championship Final

Omaha Burke 24, Grand Island 20
Championship Coach: Paul Limongi, Omaha Burke

CLASS B

First Round

Omaha Skutt Catholic 48, Bennington 0
Blair 54, Northwest 52 (OT)
Waverly 56, Lexington 0
McCook 35, Hastings 7
York 35, Alliance 14
Seward 42, Norris 7
Omaha Roncalli Catholic 44, Mount Michael Benedictine 8
Scottsbluff 69, Ralston 21

Quarterfinals

Omaha Skutt Catholic 61, Blair 6
Waverly 36, McCook 30
York 23, Seward 20
Scottsbluff 60, Omaha Roncalli Catholic 38

Semifinals

Omaha Skutt Catholic 34, Waverly 14
Scottsbluff 27, York 21

Championship Final

Omaha Skutt Catholic 48, Scottsbluff 27
Championship Coach: Matt Turman, Omaha Skutt Catholic

CLASS C1

First Round

Aurora 61, Arlington 6
Gothenburg 23, West Point-Beemer 7
Adams Central 28, Central City 19
Wahoo 35, Milford 0
Ord 52, Sidney 21
Ashland-Greenwood 34, Lincoln Lutheran 13
Bishop Neumann 42, Auburn 28
Pierce 45, Chadron 12

Quarterfinals

Aurora 54, Gothenburg 20
Wahoo 45, Adams Central 7
Ord 42, Ashland-Greenwood 7
Bishop Neumann 23, Pierce 21

Semifinals

Aurora 35, Wahoo 10
Ord 37, Bishop Neumann 0

Championship Final

Aurora 49, Ord 7
Championship Coach: Kyle Peterson, Aurora

2018 Football Results (continued)

CLASS C2

First Round

Centennial 28, North Platte St. Patrick's 0
BRLD (Bancroft-Rosalie/Lyons-Decatur Northeast) 56, Freeman 39
Wilber-Clatonia 47, North Bend Central 39
Oakland-Craig 28, Shelby-Rising City 22
Norfolk Catholic 77, Archbishop Bergan 32
St. Paul 42, Hastings St. Cecilia 7
Aquinas Catholic 38, Doniphan-Trumbull 14
Sutton 22, Battle Creek 7

Quarterfinals

Centennial 33, BRLD (Bancroft-Rosalie/Lyons-Decatur Northeast) 28
Oakland-Craig 35, Wilber-Clatonia 21
Norfolk Catholic 56, St. Paul 12
Sutton 46, Aquinas Catholic 21

Semifinals

Centennial 35, Oakland-Craig 14
Norfolk Catholic 50, Sutton 28

Championship Final

Centennial 29, Norfolk Catholic 28 (OT)
Championship Coach: Evan Klanecky, Centennial

CLASS D1

First Round

Burwell 63, Palmer 26
Sutherland 40, Amherst 34
Arcadia/Loup City 28, Elm Creek 18
Hemingford 60, Arapahoe 14
Nebraska Christian 76, Ainsworth 40
North Central (Rock County/Keya Paha County) 60, Neligh-Oakdale 26
Dundy County-Stratton 30, Cambridge 29
South Loup (Callaway/Arnold) 38, Ansley/Litchfield 0
Creighton 82, Southern 28
Wisner-Pilger 42, Lourdes Central Catholic 6
Lutheran High Northeast 68, Elmwood-Murdock 24
Osceola/High Plains Community 34, BDS (Bruning-Davenport/Shickley) 22
Guardian Angels Central Catholic 48, Thayer Central 14
Howells-Dodge 52, Cross County 12
Fullerton 40, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge 34 (OT)
EMF (Exeter-Milligan/Friend) 60, East Butler 24

Second Round

Burwell 48, Sutherland 0
Arcadia/Loup City 34, Hemingford 28
North Central (Rock County/Keya Paha County) 36, Nebraska Christian 28
Dundy County-Stratton 20, South Loup (Callaway/Arnold) 14
Creighton 66, Wisner-Pilger 12
Lutheran High Northeast 66, Osceola/High Plains Community 26
Guardian Angels Central Catholic 40, Howells-Dodge 34
EMF (Exeter-Milligan/Friend) 40, Fullerton 28

Quarterfinals

Burwell 43, Arcadia/Loup City 8
North Central (Rock County/Keya Paha County) 50, Dundy County-Stratton 14
Creighton 76, Lutheran High Northeast 28
EMF (Exeter-Milligan/Friend) 46, Guardian Angels Central Catholic 12

Semifinals

Burwell 23, North Central (Rock County/Keya Paha County) 22
Creighton 72, EMF (Exeter-Milligan/Friend) 26

Championship Final

Creighton 32, Burwell 30
Championship Coach: Zac Kliment, Creighton

CLASS D2

First Round

Mullen 47, Paxton 18
Garden County 50, Medicine Valley 8
Sandhills/Thedford 48, Bertrand 26
Overton 42, Giltner 34
Clearwater/Orchard 54, Brady 20
Lawrence-Nelson 38, Wauneta-Palisade 8
Riverside 40, Central Valley 0
Kenesaw 62, Twin Loup (Sargent/Loup County) 18
Humphrey St. Francis 54, Wausa 12
Hartington-Newcastle 62, Clarkson/Leigh 34
Falls City Sacred Heart 42, Wynot 0
Randolph 30, Plainview 20
Bloomfield 38, Meridian 14
Osmond 40, Diller-Odell 30
Allen 60, Emerson-Hubbard 26
Johnson-Brock 82, Pender 3

Second Round

Mullen 38, Garden County 14
Overton 30, Sandhills/Thedford 24
Lawrence-Nelson 33, Clearwater/Orchard 30
Kenesaw 50, Riverside 22
Humphrey St. Francis 54, Hartington-Newcastle 8
Falls City Sacred Heart 60, Randolph 22
Bloomfield 30, Osmond 20
Johnson-Brock 76, Allen 0

Quarterfinals

Mullen 52, Overton 36
Lawrence-Nelson 28, Kenesaw 12
Humphrey St. Francis 54, Falls City Sacred Heart 36
Johnson-Brock 72, Bloomfield 32

Semifinals

Mullen 36, Lawrence-Nelson 24
Johnson-Brock 58, Humphrey St. Francis 44

Championship Final

Johnson-Brock 56, Mullen 26
Championship Coach: Mitch Roberts, Johnson-Brock

CLASS D6

First Round

Hay Springs 65, Red Cloud 19
Spalding Academy 70, Eustis-Farnam 60
Hyannis 70, Sumner-Eddyville-Miller 30
Minatare 81, Walthill 20
Harvard 56, Arthur County 8
Cody-Kilgore 56, Deshler 48
McCool Junction 48, Sterling 8
Wilcox-Hildreth 100, Creek Valley 56

Quarterfinals

Hay Springs 51, Spalding Academy 8
Minatare 58, Hyannis 18
Harvard 70, Cody-Kilgore 37
Wilcox-Hildreth 70, McCool Junction 58

Semifinals

Hay Springs 38, Minatare 0
Wilcox-Hildreth 63, Harvard 50

Championship Final

Wilcox-Hildreth 52, Hay Springs 40
Championship Coach: Gabriel Eberhardt, Wilcox-Hildreth