

District 5 Football—2026

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2026 District 5 Football Schools

Class A: Windber, Northern Bedford, Meyersdale, Tussey Mountain and Conemaugh Township

Class AA: Chestnut Ridge, Berlin, North Star and Everett

Class AAA: Bedford and Somerset

Regular Season Information

Weekly rankings will be compiled, sent to the media, and updated on the District 5 website each Monday morning throughout the regular season beginning after Week 2 games.

The top four Class “A” teams will qualify for the District 5 Playoffs.

All four Class “AA” Teams will qualify for the District 5 Playoffs.

***Post-Season Opt Out Date:** Tuesday, October 6, 2026 is the deadline for a member school to notify the District 5 Football Chairman in writing if that member school does not wish to be considered for the 2026 post-season tournament.

Class A Playoffs

Semi-Finals: November 6 or November 7 at higher seed

Championship: November 13 or 14 at Neutral Site TBA

District 5 “A” Champion will host the District 3 representative at a neutral site on Friday Nov. 20 or Sat. Nov. 21.

Class AA Playoffs

All 4 D-5 AA teams will make the playoffs.

Semi-Finals: November 6 or November 7 at higher seed

Championship: November 13 or 14 at Neutral Site TBA

The District 5 “AA” Champion will host the the District 8/9 Champion on November 20 or 21 at a site to be determined.

Class AAA Playoffs

District 5 AAA will be included with teams from Districts 9 and 8 in a 6-team subregional.

Playoff Week 1 (November 6 or 7): District 5-8 Subregional Semifinal (Somerset, Bedford, Carrick will utilize the D-5 rating system to determine which 2 teams make the Subregional Semifinal game. The #1 rated team will host that game in their home stadium on Friday November 6th.

Playoff Week 2 (November 13 or 14): Subregional AAA Championship game vs District 9 Champion at neutral turf field site in District 5 (if Somerset or Bedford win) or District 8 (if Carrick wins).

**in 2027 the AAA Subregional Championship will be played at a neutral turf field site in District 9.

FOR SPORT-SPECIFIC INFORMATION, TICKET PRICES, & GAME ADMIN. FEES, SEE DISTRICT 5 HANDBOOK

<http://district5.piaa.org/DISTRICT%205%20FORMS/index.html>

ALL ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL INCREASES MUST BE APPROVED BY DISTRICT 5 CHAIRMAN

I. PLAYOFF GAME ADMINISTRATION

- A. The Game Manager will be the liaison between the host site and the District 5 committee
- B. There will be seven officials assigned by the District committee and the host site will provide 4 chain crew personnel
- C. The host site will provide game workers (ticket sellers/collectors, announcer, scoreboard operator, ambulance service, security, etc.) to ensure the smooth operation of the contest.
- D. The host site will control any concession stands and control all costs and receipts.
- E. It is at the discretion of the host school for playoff games to be responsible for providing and selling game programs
- F. Bands and Halftime
The designated Home team band will perform the national anthem and the 15-minute halftime will be split among the two bands with the visiting band performing the first 7.5 minutes and the home band performing the last 7.5 minutes of halftime.
- G. The host site will control and assign press box accommodations for both teams press box personnel and the media in a fair and equitable manner.

II. PRE-GAME WARMUPS

- A. The visiting team will have the choice of which end of the field they prefer to warm-up on at neutral sites.
- B. Warm-up period prior to the game will be limited to 1 hour. No team is permitted onto the field more than 1 hour and fifteen minutes prior to scheduled kickoff and both teams must be off the field 15 minutes prior to the start time.
- C. The coin toss will be conducted by the officials 30 minutes prior to game time. A mock toss will be held at midfield just before kickoff.

III. TICKETS AND SCHOOL REIMBURSEMENT

- A. There will be 6 complimentary tickets provided for each school, for each round of the District 5 Football Playoffs.
- B. Cheerleaders in uniform and each school's marching band along with a reasonable number of chaperones/advisors will be admitted free.
- C. There will be no travel or meal reimbursements for the District 5 Football Playoffs
- D. District 5 playoff tickets will be available for purchase online through Hometown Ticketing at <http://piaad5.hometownticketing.com/embed/all>

IV. GAME BALLS

- A. Each school will be provided with a National Federation approved football for the playoffs by the District 5 committee for each playoff game.
- B. Each team must submit their game ball to the game officials upon request prior to each playoff game.

P.I.A.A. District V "A" Football

Semi-Finals

November 6 or November 7

Finals

November 13 or 14, 2026

(1)

SITE: #1 Seed
TIME: TBA
DATE: Nov.6 or Nov. 7

Winner of Semi-Final

(4)

SITE: Neutral Site TBA
TIME: TBA
DATE: November 13 or 14

DISTRICT CHAMPION

(2)

SITE: #2 Seed
TIME: TBA
DATE: Nov.6 or Nov. 7

Winner of Semi-Final

(3)

P.I.A.A. District V “AA” Football

Semi-Finals
November 6 or November 7

Finals
November 13 or 14, 2026

(1)

SITE: #1 Seed
TIME: TBA
DATE: Nov. 6 or Nov 7

Winner of Semi-Final

(4)

SITE: Neutral Site TBA
TIME: TBA
DATE: November 13 or 14

DISTRICT CHAMPION

(2)

SITE: #2 Seed
TIME: TBA
DATE: Nov. 6 or Nov. 7

Winner of Semi-Final

(3)