

Cancellation of Contests due to COVID-19 for 2021-22

Games cancelled due to COVID-19 shall be treated as follows:

Football - TSSAA Regulations require teams to play a district/region schedule for playoff purposes. Regular season standings and the building of postseason brackets are done by TSSAA staff which creates the need for consistency on how cancellations are handled. Therefore, the following procedures are in place when a team is unable to play due to a COVID-19 outbreak or school system mandate.

1. **Region Game-** The game will go on record as a no contest for the school that is unable to play due to an outbreak or school system mandate. The school that could have played will receive a region win and overall win in the standings if the school cannot replace the game with a new opponent on the same week it was originally scheduled to occur. If the school that could have played does replace the game with another opponent, the school receives a Region win in the standings and the outcome of the game will be used in the overall standings.
2. **Non Region Game-** The game will go on record as a no contest for the school that is unable to play due to an outbreak or school system mandate. The school that could have played will receive a win in the overall standings if the game is not replaced. If the school that could play does replace the game with another opponent, the outcome of the game will be used in the overall standings.

All other Sports - The Board of Control recommends schools use the above policy when dealing with district seeding. TSSAA Regulations do not require schools to play a district or region schedule in order to determine who advances to the postseason. Individual districts have always had the autonomy to decide how to treat games that are not played for whatever reason (flu, weather, etc.).

Contracts

In **football**, if a contest is cancelled due to COVID-19 and there is a written contract outlining the terms for cancellation, the monetary terms of the contract are no longer binding. If the schools have a two-year contract and the visiting team cannot play due to COVID-19, the cancelling team must again be the visiting team for the contest scheduled for the 2022 season.

In all other cases, disputes over terms of the contract shall be resolved by the schools involved.