

2012-2013 Football – Permissive Practice and Start of Competition Date 2012 Spring Football Dates

As our member school football coaches are starting to prepare their plans for the 2012-2013 AIA competition year, the question coming to AIA staff from both football coaches and their school athletic directors is:

Are we starting permissive football practice on the Monday of the sixth week of the AIA standardized calendar and varsity competition on the ninth week, as it states in AIA bylaw; article 23.2.3 or, because of 2012-2013 being the second year of the two year block, will permissive practice begin on the Monday of the fifth week and competition on the eighth week as it did in 2011-2012?

For 2011-12, the AIA Executive Board (at their March 2011 meeting (see http://www.aiaonline.org/story/uploads/ExBdAgenda_March_21_2011_2_1302203477.pdf), due to the availability of the venues for the state football championships, passed emergency legislation that stated the following;

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Discussed at length was the fact that all divisions need approval for an early start date. In accordance with Article 23 Football, Section 23.2 Season of Sport, Paragraph 23.2.3, Subparagraph 23.2.3.2 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **granted** approval for **ALL Divisions** to schedule varsity football games in the 8th week of the 2011-2012 school year.

Pending AIA Legislative Assembly or AIA Executive Board Action, we anticipate that the 8th week will once again be week one of the ten game regular season varsity football schedule. If that is the case, permissive football practice for varsity football teams (and any junior varsity or freshmen teams that request an early 8th week game start from the AIA Executive Board) will be the 5th week on the AIA Standardized calendar. The Monday of the 5th week in 2012 is July 30th.

Please watch the AIA Legislative meeting minutes and future AIA Executive Board minutes for finalization of the football related calendar items.

2012 SPRING FOOTBALL DATES

Per AIA bylaw; article 23.10.1, coaches may instruct candidates for their following year high school squad for three weeks in the spring, starting in the 44th week of the AIA standardized calendar. For the spring of 2012, the date that spring football instruction may take place begins on Monday, April 30th and may continue through Saturday, May 19th.