**Coalition Football Playoff Proposal**

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We respectfully submit the following proposal to change the NJSIAA Public Football Playoffs to begin the process needed for placing it on the ballot for the December 2017 Business Meeting. We believe the system proposed below best addresses the issues concerning football voiced throughout the entire state.

We have rationale for the changes listed below and are prepared to present them.

1. Top 8 Teams in Each Group/Section (North 1/North 2/Central/South – Groups 1-5) Qualify for playoffs based on Power Ratings.
2. Conferences schedule 8 games for each team.
   1. Played on week 1-8 or
   2. Thanksgiving and a bye or
   3. 0 week and a bye is an option as well.
3. Cutoff is week 8 – use Power Rating for first 7 games.
4. Playoffs begin on week 9.
5. Non Playoff Qualifiers matched up by Power Rating in Section/Group.
6. After week 9 there are 3 pools made for week 10 games. Schools can opt out of 2nd regional crossover if desired.
   1. Playoff winners advance
   2. Crossover losers matched by Power Ratings
   3. Playoff losers and crossover winners matched by Power Ratings
7. Week 11 - Sectional Championship Games
8. Week 12 - Thanksgiving
9. Week 13 - State Semi-Final South vs. Central – North 1 vs. North 2
   1. The Group South vs. Central and North 1 vs. North 2 Championship Games will be named in honor of Hall of Fame High School football coaches (for example the “Warren Wolf Bowl”)