



TO: Placekick, Punt, and Pass State Finalist Parents/Guardians
FROM: Steven E. Jordison, Executive Director
DATE: July 19, 2010
SUBJECT: State Finalist Information

Congratulations on advancing to the PPP state finals to be held on Saturday, October 16! We are blessed to utilize the Bergstrom indoor practice football field located next to Jack Trice Football Stadium on the campus of Iowa State University, Ames.

This year will mark a milestone in our annual event. For the first time, all local champions will advance directly to the state finals! To run the finals in the most efficient manner possible, we seek your assistance. **Please let us know by faxing, emailing, or calling with “intent to participate” no later than Monday, October 4.**

“Intent to participate at state finals”	_____ Yes	_____ No
Athlete’s Name: _____	Age: _____	Gender: M / F
Community where local was held: _____		

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Time Schedule:

8 year olds	10:30 am
9 year olds	10:30 am
10 year olds	12:30 pm
11 year olds	12:30 pm
12 year olds	2:30 pm
13 year olds	2:30 pm

Doors will open 10:00 a.m. Boys and girls will compete in separate competitions during the same time intervals.

** Refer to next page for additional detailed information. **

Directions to the facility are as follows:

- From US Highway 30 take the University Drive exit and go north (at the exit is *Gateway Hotel*).
- Follow University Drive north through 2 traffic lights (you will be able to see the stadium from Highway 30). At the third traffic lights, is South 4th Street.
- At the intersection of University Drive and South 4th Street, turn left (west). South 4th is the main 4-lane road north of the stadium.
- Follow South 4th Street until you reach the northwest side of the Stadium. Park in the lot next to the practice field.

Restroom facilities should be available. ISU requests that everyone except participants and volunteers *remain off the Astroturf*. There will not be bleachers available so if you want to bring lawn chairs that will be permissible only on the perimeter. All spectators will be asked to remain along the east side zone perimeter.

Rules and Equipment:

Please review the enclosed sheet. Briefly, footballs and tees will be provided to athletes. Should athletes want to practice, they will want to bring their own ball and tee. Remember that no football shoes/cleats/turf shoes will be allowed. Only gym or court shoes (soft sole) will be permitted as well as no bare feet are allowed.

Awards:

Athletes will compete against each other in the same respective age/gender division. Plaques and certificates will be presented at the conclusion of each age time grouping.

Patience is a Virtue:

We realize that both the Hawkeyes and Cyclones play on the road this Saturday. That is why we chose to hold competition then. Even though both college teams are on the road, we realize people will want to catch the game on television or hear on the radio the respective game, but we ask for your patience and cooperation in making each a special day for each athlete. To put it in perspective, allow me to relate a story from the recent past. In the 11-year-old division a boy's parent was asking when the competition would be done as his family wished to attend the Hawkeye's game. During the competition and when calculating the results, he was constantly asking how much longer it would be. Finally, I said to him that his first responsibility was to his son and family and if his son did place in the top three he would receive a special plaque denoting his accomplishments. The father then stated that his son probably would not place and could he just pick up the participant plaque and leave. Once again, I asked for his patience and he should never count out his son until all the scores were calculated. As you can probably surmise, he did stay and was surprised to hear that his son won third place! If he took his family and left, his son would not have received his just reward.

Bottom line is this – each family participated at two separate competitions to advance to the state finals. Make the time enjoyable and memorable. There will always be another college game to watch – but only ONE DAY that you may be able to spend with your family. Take advantage of it!

Please drive safely and have a memorable day!

For more information, visit www.iapra.org
