

Football playoffs, virtual clinic coming in January

JACKSON – January is shaping up to be a great month of high school football in the State of Michigan.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association announced Friday afternoon that the state playoffs may resume, with 11-player regional finals set for January 2, semifinals on January 9 and the state finals January 15 and 16. The 8-player playoffs will resume as well, with January 2 the date for the semifinals and the finals the following weekend.

In addition to the great action on the field, the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association will hold its annual Winner's Circle Clinic virtually in from January 14 to 16.

"Our coaches who are not fortunate enough to be coaching in the state championship games at Ford Field can plan on spending three solid days in their mancave, watching the state finals and checking out our incredible lineup of speakers for our clinic," said Scott Farley, executive director of the coaches association. "It's going to be an outstanding weekend of high school football, from morning to night."

The coaches association has already announced several big names to be speaking during the virtual clinic, including University of Michigan head coach Jim Harbaugh, Michigan State University head coach Met Tucker, Ohio State University head coach Ryan Day and Jamey Chadwell of Coastal Carolina, among others.

"This lineup is amazing," Farley said. "Our coaches will be learning from the best in the business, from the top high school coaches from Michigan and across the nation, plus this great roster of college coaches."

As a special incentive to sign up for the virtual clinic this year, head coaches who sign up their staff will receive a complimentary one-year membership to the National Football Foundation.

To register for the clinic, visit <http://www.mhsfca.com/events/2021-mhsfca-clinic/>. To learn more about the MHSFCA visit www.mhsfca.com.

"It's unconventional, but January is going to be a great month for high school football," Farley said. "We are thankful for the MHSAA and their efforts to complete the football season. And our clinic is going to be better than ever. This is definitely something to look forward to in the new year."