

IHSAA Football

Semi-State Champions through 2008-09

Tournament History

The first year "semi-state" games were played was 1981 when the tournament expanded from 24 to 48 teams in each of three classes and a fourth week was added to the format. Semi-state games were the third round contests just prior to the state championship games.

The next format change came in 1983, when the tournament expanded to four classes and, for the first of two years, the state used a "cluster" system to its select play-off teams. All schools were grouped into "clusters" of four to six teams prior to the regular season and the team with the greatest number of victories over opponents from within their cluster would earn a play-off spot. The same four-round tournament that began in 1981 continued through 1984.

The most recent major change to the state tournament occurred in 1985 when the state expanded to five classes and the format was altered allowing all member schools to participate regardless of regular season record. A six-week tournament was installed with the first three rounds known as sectionals, followed by the regional, semi-state and state championship game. That same format continues today.

Again, the list below includes schools that have won semi-state championships since the term was first used with the 1981 football tournament.

Most Consecutive Semi-State Championships: 4 by Fort Wayne Bishop Luers, 1999-2002; 4 by Roncalli, 2002-05; 4 by Warren Central, 2003-06; 4 by Sheridan, 2005-08.

Most Semi-State Championships (Alphabetical)

No.	School	Years
1	Adams Central	2000 (A)
4	Andean	1997 (3A), 2001 (3A), 2002 (3A), 2004 (3A)
1	Attica	2000 (A)
1	Bellmont	2008 (3A)
9	Ben Davis	1987 (5A), 1988 (5A), 1990 (5A), 1991 (5A), 1992 (5A), 1996 (5A), 1999 (5A), 2001 (5A), 2002 (5A)
3	Bloomington South (Bloomington)	1993 (5A), 1997 (5A), 1998 (5A)
4	Bremen	1988 (A), 1989 (A), 1994 (2A), 1995 (2A)
2	Brownsburg	1984 (3A), 1985 (4A)
6	Carmel	1981 (3A), 1986 (5A), 1989 (5A), 2006 (5A), 2007 (5A), 2008 (5A)
2	Carroll (Flora)	1995 (A), 1996 (A)
1	Cass	2008 (2A)
2	Castle	1982 (3A), 1994 (5A)
2	Center Grove	2000 (5A), 2008 (5A)
1	Churubusco	1983 (A)
1	Clarksville	1997 (2A)
3	Concord	1984 (3A), 1998 (4A), 2006 (4A)
1	Danville	1999 (2A)
2	DeKalb	1986 (4A), 1994 (4A)
1	Delta	2001 (4A)
2	East Central	1993 (4A), 1994 (4A)
2	East Noble	2000 (4A), 2003 (4A)
1	Eastbrook	2004 (2A)
1	Eastern Hancock	1985 (A)
1	Elwood	1987 (3A)
3	Evansville Mater Dei	1994 (2A), 2000 (2A), 2001 (2A)
1	Evansville Memorial	2008 (3A)
1	Evansville North	1995 (5A)
1	Evansville Reitz	2007 (4A)
6	Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger	1983 (3A), 1990 (3A), 1991 (3A), 1996 (3A), 2002 (4A), 2008 (4A)
11	Fort Wayne Bishop Luers	1983 (2A), 1985 (2A), 1989 (2A), 1991 (2A), 1992 (2A), 1996 (2A), 1999 (2A), 2000 (2A), 2001 (2A), 2002 (2A), 2007 (2A)
5	Fort Wayne Snider	1981 (3A), 1986 (5A), 1992 (5A), 2002 (5A), 2004 (5A)
2	Fort Wayne Wayne	1992 (4A), 1995 (4A)
1	Fountain Central	1983 (A)
6	Franklin Central	1981 (2A), 1982 (2A), 1986 (4A), 1988 (4A), 1989 (4A), 1990 (4A)
1	Franklin County	1995 (4A)
3	Goshen	1981 (2A), 1988 (4A), 1999 (4A)
1	Griffith	1997 (4A)
3	Hamilton Southeastern	1981 (A), 1997 (4A), 2005 (5A)
1	Hammond Bishop Noll	1989 (3A)
2	Harding	2003 (2A), 2006 (2A)
1	Harrison (West Lafayette)	1992 (4A)
2	Heritage Christian	2007 (2A), 2008 (2A)
2	Heritage Hills	2000 (3A), 2004 (3A)
1	Highland	1987 (5A)
9	Hobart	1982 (3A), 1984 (4A), 1985 (4A), 1987 (4A), 1989 (4A), 1990 (4A), 1991 (4A), 1993 (4A), 1996 (4A)
1	Homestead	1998 (5A)
9	Indianapolis Bishop Chatard	1983 (2A), 1984 (2A), 1997 (3A), 1998 (3A), 2001 (3A), 2002 (3A), 2003 (3A), 2005 (3A), 2006 (3A), 2007 (3A)
7	Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter	1987 (2A), 1991 (A), 1992 (A), 2003 (A), 2004 (A), 2006 (A), 2008 (A)
8	Indianapolis Cathedral	1986 (3A), 1991 (3A), 1992 (3A), 1996 (4A), 1998 (4A), 1999 (4A), 2006 (4A), 2008 (4A)
2	Indianapolis Scecina	1990 (2A), 1991 (2A)
1	Indianapolis Washington	1983 (4A)

3	Jasper	1987 (4A), 1995 (3A), 2001 (4A)
6	Jimtown	1985 (A), 1987 (A), 1991 (A), 1997 (2A), 1998 (2A), 2005 (2A)
2	Knightstown	1997 (A), 2005 (A)
1	Lafayette Central Catholic	1999 (A)
1	Lake Central	1993 (5A)
1	Lawrenceburg	1985 (2A)
2	Lowell	2005 (4A), 2007 (4A)
2	Marion	1988 (5A), 1990 (5A)
1	McCutcheon	1982 (2A)
1	New Palestine	1990 (3A)
2	North Judson	1984 (A), 1986 (A)
1	North Miami	1993 (A)
2	North Montgomery	1995 (2A), 1996 (2A)
1	North Posey	2005 (2A)
2	North White	1994 (A), 1998 (A)
1	Northwestern	1992 (3A)
5	NorthWood	1986 (3A), 1993 (3A), 1998 (3A), 2003 (3A), 2005 (3A)
2	Norwell	1999 (3A), 2006 (3A)
1	Oak Hill	1982 (A)
9	Penn	1983 (4A), 1989 (5A), 1991 (5A), 1995 (5A), 1996 (5A), 1997 (5A), 1999 (5A), 2000 (5A), 2003 (5A)
2	Perry Central	1999 (A), 2001 (A)
1	Pike	2007 (5A)
1	Pioneer	1997 (A)
1	Plainfield	2000 (4A)
1	Portage	1994 (5A)
1	Providence	1993 (2A)
1	River Forest	1990 (2A)
1	Rochester	1987 (2A)
1	Rockville	2007 (A)
11	Roncalli	1983 (3A), 1985 (3A), 1988 (3A), 1989 (3A), 1993 (3A), 1994 (3A), 1999 (3A), 2002 (4A), 2003 (4A), 2004 (4A), 2005 (4A)
2	Seeger	2003 (A), 2004 (A)
1	Seymour	1991 (4A)
10	Sheridan	1984 (A), 1987 (A), 1988 (A), 1992 (A), 1994 (A), 1998 (A), 2005 (A), 2006 (A), 2007 (A), 2008 (A)
2	South Bend St. Joseph's	1995 (3A), 2007 (3A)
1	South Decatur	1990 (A)
2	South Putnam	1986 (A), 2002 (A)
1	South Spencer	1988 (2A)
1	Southern Wells	2001 (A)
3	Southridge	1982 (A), 2002 (2A), 2006 (2A)
2	Southwood	1990 (A), 2002 (A)
1	Springs Valley	1989 (A)
1	Tell City	1986 (2A)
2	Tipton	1988 (3A), 1994 (3A)
5	Tri-West Hendricks	1989 (2A), 1995 (A), 1996 (A), 2003 (2A), 2004 (2A)
2	Valparaiso	1985 (5A), 2001 (5A)
6	Warren Central	1984 (4A), 1985 (5A), 2003 (5A), 2004 (5A), 2005 (5A), 2006 (5A)
2	Wawasee	1985 (3A), 2004 (4A)
2	West Lafayette	1984 (2A), 1993 (2A)
1	West Washington	1993 (A)
2	Western Boone	1988 (2A), 1998 (2A)
1	Westfield	1992 (2A)
1	Whitko	1986 (2A)
1	Woodlan	1981 (A)
3	Zionsville	1987 (3A), 1996 (3A), 2000 (3A)

Most Semi-State Championships (by Total)

No.	School	Years
11	Fort Wayne Bishop Luers	1983 (2A), 1985 (2A), 1989 (2A), 1991 (2A), 1992 (2A), 1996 (2A), 1999 (2A), 2000 (2A), 2001 (2A), 2002 (2A), 2007 (2A)
11	Roncalli	1983 (3A), 1985 (3A), 1988 (3A), 1989 (3A), 1993 (3A), 1994 (3A), 1999 (3A), 2002 (4A), 2003 (4A), 2004 (4A), 2005 (4A)
10	Sheridan	1984 (A), 1987 (A), 1988 (A), 1992 (A), 1994 (A), 1998 (A), 2005 (A), 2006 (A), 2007 (A), 2008 (A)
9	Ben Davis	1987 (5A), 1988 (5A), 1990 (5A), 1991 (5A), 1992 (5A), 1996 (5A), 1999 (5A), 2001 (5A), 2002 (5A)
9	Hobart	1982 (3A), 1984 (4A), 1985 (4A), 1987 (4A), 1989 (4A), 1990 (4A), 1991 (4A), 1993 (4A), 1996 (4A)
9	Indianapolis Bishop Chatard	1983 (2A), 1984 (2A), 1997 (3A), 1998 (3A), 2001 (3A), 2002 (3A), 2003 (3A), 2005 (3A), 2006 (3A), 2007 (3A)
9	Penn	1983 (4A), 1989 (5A), 1991 (5A), 1995 (5A), 1996 (5A), 1997 (5A), 1999 (5A), 2000 (5A), 2003 (5A)
8	Indianapolis Cathedral	1986 (3A), 1991 (3A), 1992 (3A), 1996 (4A), 1998 (4A), 1999 (4A), 2006 (4A), 2008 (4A)
7	Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter	1987 (2A), 1991 (A), 1992 (A), 2003 (A), 2004 (A), 2006 (A), 2008 (A)
6	Carmel	1981 (3A), 1986 (5A), 1989 (5A), 2006 (5A), 2007 (5A), 2008 (5A)
6	Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger	1983 (3A), 1990 (3A), 1991 (3A), 1996 (3A), 2002 (4A), 2008 (4A)
6	Franklin Central	1981 (2A), 1982 (2A), 1986 (4A), 1988 (4A), 1989 (4A), 1990 (4A)
6	Jimtown	1985 (A), 1987 (A), 1991 (A), 1997 (2A), 1998 (2A), 2005 (2A)
6	Warren Central	1984 (4A), 1985 (5A), 2003 (5A), 2004 (5A), 2005 (5A), 2006 (5A)
5	Fort Wayne Snider	1981 (3A), 1986 (5A), 1992 (5A), 2002 (5A), 2004 (5A)
5	NorthWood	1986 (3A), 1993 (3A), 1998 (3A), 2003 (3A), 2005 (3A)
5	Tri-West Hendricks	1989 (2A), 1995 (A), 1996 (A), 2003 (2A), 2004 (2A)

4	Andrean	1997 (3A), 2001 (3A), 2002 (3A), 2004 (3A)
4	Bremen	1988 (A), 1989 (A), 1994 (2A), 1995 (2A)
3	Bloomington South (Bloomington)	1993 (5A), 1997 (5A), 1998 (5A)
3	Concord	1984 (3A), 1998 (4A), 2006 (4A)
3	Evansville Mater Dei	1994 (2A), 2000 (2A), 2001 (2A)
3	Goshen	1981 (2A), 1988 (4A), 1999 (4A)
3	Hamilton Southeastern	1981 (A), 1997 (4A), 2005 (5A)
3	Jasper	1987 (4A), 1995 (3A), 2001 (4A)
3	Southridge	1982 (A), 2002 (2A), 2006 (2A)
3	Zionsville	1987 (3A), 1996 (3A), 2000 (3A)
2	Brownsburg	1984 (3A), 1985 (4A)
2	Carroll (Flora)	1995 (A), 1996 (A)
2	Castle	1982 (3A), 1994 (5A)
2	Center Grove	2000 (5A), 2008 (5A)
2	DeKalb	1986 (4A), 1994 (4A)
2	East Central	1993 (4A), 1994 (4A)
2	East Noble	2000 (4A), 2003 (4A)
2	Fort Wayne Wayne	1992 (4A), 1995 (4A)
2	Harding	2003 (2A), 2006 (2A)
2	Heritage Christian	2007 (2A), 2008 (2A)
2	Heritage Hills	2000 (3A), 2004 (3A)
2	Indianapolis Scecina	1990 (2A), 1991 (2A)
2	Knightstown	1997 (A), 2005 (A)
2	Lowell	2005 (4A), 2007 (4A)
2	Marion	1988 (5A), 1990 (5A)
2	North Judson	1984 (A), 1986 (A)
2	North Montgomery	1995 (2A), 1996 (2A)
2	North White	1994 (A), 1998 (A)
2	Norwell	1999 (3A), 2006 (3A)
2	Perry Central	1999 (A), 2001 (A)
2	Seeger	2003 (A), 2004 (A)
2	South Bend St. Joseph's	1995 (3A), 2007 (3A)
2	South Putnam	1986 (A), 2002 (A)
2	Southwood	1990 (A), 2002 (A)
2	Tipton	1988 (3A), 1994 (3A)
2	Valparaiso	1985 (5A), 2001 (5A)
2	Wawasee	1985 (3A), 2004 (4A)
2	West Lafayette	1984 (2A), 1993 (2A)
2	Western Boone	1988 (2A), 1998 (2A)
1	Adams Central	2000 (A)
1	Attica	2000 (A)
1	Bellmont	2008 (3A)
1	Cass	2008 (2A)
1	Churubusco	1983 (A)
1	Clarksville	1997 (2A)
1	Danville	1999 (2A)
1	Delta	2001 (4A)
1	Eastbrook	2004 (2A)
1	Eastern Hancock	1985 (A)
1	Elwood	1987 (3A)
1	Evansville Memorial	2008 (3A)
1	Evansville North	1995 (5A)
1	Evansville Reitz	2007 (4A)
1	Fountain Central	1983 (A)
1	Franklin County	1995 (4A)
1	Griffith	1997 (4A)
1	Hammond Bishop Noll	1989 (3A)
1	Harrison (West Lafayette)	1992 (4A)
1	Highland	1987 (5A)
1	Homestead	1998 (5A)
1	Indianapolis Washington	1983 (4A)
1	Lafayette Central Catholic	1999 (A)
1	Lake Central	1993 (5A)
1	Lawrenceburg	1985 (2A)
1	McCutcheon	1982 (2A)
1	New Palestine	1990 (3A)
1	North Miami	1993 (A)
1	North Posey	2005 (2A)
1	Northwestern	1992 (3A)
1	Oak Hill	1982 (A)
1	Pike	2007 (5A)
1	Pioneer	1997 (A)
1	Plainfield	2000 (4A)
1	Portage	1994 (5A)
1	Providence	1993 (2A)
1	River Forest	1990 (2A)
1	Rochester	1987 (2A)

1	Rockville	2007 (A)
1	Seymour	1991 (4A)
1	South Decatur	1990 (A)
1	South Spencer	1988 (2A)
1	Southern Wells	2001 (A)
1	Springs Valley	1989 (A)
1	Tell City	1986 (2A)
1	West Washington	1993 (A)
1	Westfield	1992 (2A)
1	Whitko	1986 (2A)
1	Woodlan	1981 (A)