

1981 Football State Championships

The 1981 State Football Playoffs were held during the tenth and eleventh weeks of the football season. The quarterfinal games were played November 7, the semifinals November 13, and the finals November 13. Class A comprised the 31 schools with the largest enrollment and registered for football. Class B was the next 64 largest schools. Class C-1 were schools with an enrollment of 103 or more and registered for football. Class C-2 were schools with an enrollment of less than 103 and playing 11-man football. Class D-1 were schools playing 8-man football with enrollments between 49 and 90. Class D-2 was all other schools playing 8-man football with an enrollment of 48 and less.

Class A

Quarterfinals

Omaha Westside 10, Grand Island 0
Omaha Burke 31, Creighton Prep 7
Omaha Northwest 13, Omaha Central 7
Columbus 13, Lincoln East 0

Semifinals

Omaha Westside 22, Omaha Burke 3
Omaha Northwest 14, Columbus 7

Final

Omaha Westside 26, Omaha Northwest 14

Class B

Quarterfinals

Waverly 20, Boys Town 6
Aurora 9, Falls City 6
Grand Island Northwest 22, Kimball 7
Lincoln Pius X 21, Albion 16

Semifinals

Aurora 9, Waverly 7
Grand Island Northwest 41, Lincoln Pius X 0

Final

Grand Island Northwest 55, Aurora 0

Class C-1

Quarterfinals

Bennington 42, Louisville 6
David City Aquinas 40, Rushville 7
Battle Creek 41, Wakefield 13
Plainview 23, Gibbon 7

Semifinals

David City Aquinas 33, Bennington 7
Battle Creek 21, Plainview 7

Final

Battle Creek 17, David City Aquinas 14

Class C-2

Quarterfinals

Henderson 33, Sutherland 22
Ewing 22, Humphrey St. Francis 20
Kearney Catholic 43, Weeping Water 8
Coleridge 20, Ansley 16

Semifinals

Henderson 12, Ewing 6
Coleridge 46, Kearney Catholic 14

Final

Henderson 42, Coleridge 20

Class D-1

Quarterfinals

Adams 28, Sidney St. Patrick 24
Shelby 54, Stapleton 0
Greeley 40, Rising City 6
Lawrence 56, Anselmo-Merna 12

Semifinals

Shelby 70, Adams 18
Lawrence 31, Greeley 26

Final

Shelby 36, Lawrence 31

Class D-2

Quarterfinals

Wheatland 39, Hildreth 37
Niobrara 34, Bartley 32
Decatur 54, Hordville 14
Odell 46, Lodgepole 42

Semifinals

Wheatland 32, Niobrara 14
Decatur 26, Odell 6

Final

Wheatland 42, Decatur 14