

TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL POWERLIFTING ASSOCIATION

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Powerlifting Coaches,

Football and volleyball season is finally in full swing! I know that you and the athletes are excited to be back on the field and court after our "extended" Spring Break. Good luck to your teams throughout the fall seasons!

There are a lot of changes happening this year within THSPA.

- The THSPA Board of Directors have decided to make changes to our regions beginning this season and moving forward. In order to even out the regions, we were forced to re-draw the lines for each region. Doing this enabled us to evenly distribute teams within each region making the playing field more level for each school.
- On our website, you will find maps that are color-coded to include counties in each region. Further, there is a list of counties in each region. Please be sure to check these maps and lists in order to ensure you are aware of which region you will be lifting in this season.
- Each division (Division 1, 2, 3) has its own map. Please pay particular attention to your county within your division. No division is alike.
- The alignment within each division has also been altered. The divisions will be as such:
 - $\circ~$ Division 1 6A and 5A Schools
 - Division 2 4A and 3A Schools
 - Division 3 2A and 1A Schools
- We will be adding a 308lb weight class this year.
- The rulebook will be updated with any new rules and posted on the website in December 2020.

THSPA Powerlifting and COVID

At this moment, we are discussing how we are going to deal with COVID restrictions on crowds, participants, and venues. For the time being, make sure that you are scheduling your meets according to your school district guidelines. The THSPA board will meet again in December to further discuss any guidelines or amendments needed to ensure that our 2021 season will remain intact. Hopefully we will have a better grasp on this situation by that time.

For the 2021 Powerlifting season, we WILL allow dual meets in order to further accommodate schools during this pandemic.

- Regional Meet Dates for the 2021 season will be March 6th or March 13th. Your regional director will have further information on regional meet dates, times and locations.

- The 2021 State Championships will be held on Saturday March 27th, 2021 at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene, TX.

We hope that everyone is safe and healthy during this time. We look forward to the 2021 season!

Stay up to date with THSPA by monitoring the website (www.thspa.us) often. Also, you can follow us on social media:

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram - @TxHSPWL

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