



**NEW YORK STATE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLASSIC
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What is the New York State High School Football Classic?

The New York State High School Football Classic is an event to showcase the top high school football talent in the State. It includes a game between upstate players and downstate players.

When and where will it be held?

The game is set for June 6, at the Carrier Dome, located in Syracuse on the campus of Syracuse University. Specific dates for other events during the week will be announced.

What are the teams?

Two teams, “Upstate” and “Downstate”, will represent the following Sections:

Upstate

Buffalo - Section 6
Rochester - Section 5
Syracuse - Section 3
Binghamton - Section 4
Albany - Section 2
North Country - Sections 7 and 10

Downstate

Long Island - Sections 8 and 11
NYC - PFAL and Catholic Leagues
Rockland and Westchester - Section 1
Orange and Ulster - Section 9

Who’s playing on the teams?

Players will be selected by coaches from among seniors in 650 high school programs in New York State. Any New York State high school senior football player that has letter of intent from a Division 1 or Division 1AA college is eligible. High school coaches will send video to game coaches, and those coaches will select players by position. Dick Diminuco, Alden Central School District, Alden, New York, will coach the Upstate team, and Joe Vito, Roosevelt High School, Long Island, will coach the Downstate team.

What is the purpose of the Classic?

The purpose of the Classic is to showcase the top high school football athletes in the State, and to unify the high school football community.

How did Empower become involved?

Empower has a mission to reach out to youth and help them set financial goals. We learned of this event and felt it was a good opportunity to support youth in striving for other important goals.

The Classic runs for a week – are there other events?

The Classic includes a *combine* where freshman, sophomore, and junior players can be assessed on their athletic skills. Game practices will take place earlier in the week.