

Shooting Football

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Camera Set Up

- Outdoor Sport
- Day
- F/16 or F/8
- 250-500 Shutter Speed
- ISO 100-400

- Night
- F/2.8 or F/4
- 125 Shutter Speed
- ISO 1600 - 3200

- Night shooting is harder and stadiums are sometimes poorly lit.
- 70-300 mm lens (600mm)



Where To Stand

- You will get a workout shooting football. Most teams will only allow photographers to stand from the 35 yard line to the end zone.
- Most will let you stand outside the back of the end zone.



Where To Stand

- The will usually be a 1 yard line all around the field that photographers are not allowed to cross.
- Try to stay 10 yards ahead of the action before each play starts and look back towards the ball.
- You can get defensive shots from behind the ball.



Length Of The Game

- High school football is a timed game of four quarters lasting 12 minutes each with a 15 minute halftime. But the game can last anywhere from 2 hours to 4 hours depending on the style of play, time outs and injuries.



Safety

- Football can be very dangerous for photographers. Players can weigh up to 350 pounds and run full speed towards the sidelines.
- If the action starts coming your way, back away quickly, but beware there is often a lot of equipment on the sidelines.
- Never turn your back on the game.



Gotta Get 'Em Shots

- Football is a fast sport played often at night in poor lighting.
- There are many breaks in the action with nothing going on.
- Some games are defensive, low scoring and slow.



Backup Plan - aka Plan “B”

- Always get shots of runners with the ball, passing the ball, catching the ball, kicking the ball and tackling.
- Don't forget the other game - fans, cheerleaders, coaches, parents, bands, trainers, etc.



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Lots To Look For - Cheerleaders



Lots To Look For - Dance Teams



Lots To Look For - Bands

