

# TAPPS ATHLETICS ANNOUNCEMENT



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Fort Worth, Texas — Today the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) officially entered into a long-term agreement with Big Game – making Team Issue the official football of TAPPS, and Baden Sports to be the official supplier of all other TAPPS athletics, starting with the 2022-23 school year.

“TAPPS is proud to have a Texas company supporting our high school programs beginning the coming school year,” TAPPS Executive Director Bryan Bunselmeyer said. “Big Game provides state of the art products for secondary and post secondary practices and contests. We look forward to the partnership supporting the goals of our school-based football programs.”

As part of the agreement with Big Game, their handcrafted Team Issue footballs will be offered to schools, with the option of customizing every part of the football, from the leather to the logos to the laces. For more, visit [www.teamissue.com](http://www.teamissue.com).

“We are fired up to be so closely aligned with TAPPS,” Big Game CEO and Founder Chris Calandro said. “We are a proud Texas institution that builds footballs right here in the Lone Star State and couldn’t be happier to work with another proud Texas institution. We look forward to providing a top-quality product for the athletes in this great state.”

Chartered in 1978, the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) serves to organize, stimulate, encourage and promote the academic, athletic and fine arts programs in an effort to foster a spirit of fair play, good fellowship, true sportsmanship and wholesome competition for boys and girls. From a humble beginning of 20 member schools in 1978, twelve of which remain members, TAPPS has grown to a membership of 230 schools with a combined enrollment of over 40,000 students. Schools are presently aligned in six (6) classifications with districts across the state of Texas.

Founded in 1979, Baden Sports (pronounced BAH-den) is a 3rd generation family-owned sporting goods company located in Kent, WA, just 10 miles southeast of Seattle.

Team Issue Footballs are exclusively manufactured by Big Game, the largest American-owned football factory in the world, producing all the on-field footballs for nearly 90% of NCAA D1 football programs and thousands of high schools in the United States, as well as display footballs and accessories for fans and athletes of all ages.