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OHSAA football predictions, picking 2026 Akron-area league winners

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The Ohio high school football season is here, and so are the Beacon Journal's predictions for who will win each Summit County-area league in the 2026 OHSAA season.

Our expert picks are focused on three leagues — the Akron City Series, the Suburban League (both of its conferences) and the Metro Athletic Conference.

Here's our predicted order of finish for each:

Akron City Series football predictions

1. East, 2. Buchtel, 3. Ellet, 4. Firestone, 5. Garfield, 6. North

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Suburban League American football predictions

1. Aurora, 2. Twinsburg, 3. Mayfield, 4. Brecksville, 5. Kenston, 6. Revere, 7. Copley, 8. Barberton

Suburban League National football prediction

1. Wadsworth, 2. Hudson, 3. Nardon, 4. Highland, 5. Solon, 6. North Royalton, 7. Medina, 8. Stow

Metro Athletic Conference football predictions

1. Woodridge, 2. Norton, 3. Tallmadge, 4. Streetsboro, 5. Kent Roosevelt, 6. Cloverleaf, 7. Cuyahoga Falls, 8. Ravenna, 9. Coventry, 10. Springfield

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