

# WEEKEND WARRIOR TOURNAMENT SERIES



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# **SECTION 1- THE GAME**

## **1.1 COIN TOSS**

**1.1.1- A COIN TOSS SHALL BEGIN EACH GAME. THE CAPTAIN WINNING THE TOSS SHALL CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS.**

**1.OFFENSE 2. DEFENSE**

**1.1.2- LOSER OF THE COIN TOSS SHALL CHOOSE DIRECTION**

**1.1.3- THE SECOND HALF STARTS WITH AN AUTOMATIC CHANGE OF POSSESSION AND DIRECTION FOR EACH TEAM FROM THE FIRST HALF.**

## **1.2 POSSESSIONS**

**1.2.1- GAME WILL BEGIN WITH OFFENSIVE TEAM STARTING AT THE 5 YARD LINE, MIDFIELD LINE TO GAIN. TOUCHBACKS AND SAFETIES WILL ALSO BE PLACED AT THE 5 YARD LINE.**

**1.2.2- FIRST DOWN/ZONE-LINE-TO-GAIN - THE OFFENSIVE TEAM TAKES POSSESSION OF THE BALL AT THEIR 5 YARD LINE AND HAS 3 PLAYS TO CROSS MIDFIELD. ONCE A TEAM CROSSES MIDFIELD, THEY WILL HAVE 3 PLAYS TO SCORE A TOUCHDOWN. IF THE OFFENSE FAILS TO SCORE, THE BALL CHANGES POSSESSION AND THE NEW OFFENSIVE TEAM TAKES OVER ON THEIR 5 YARD LINE.**

**1.2.3- ALL PLAYERS MUST START WITH THEIR FLAG BELTS ON. IF A PLAYER STARTS WITHOUT THEIR FLAG BELT PROPERLY SECURED WITH ALL FLAGS ATTACHED, THE TEAM WILL BE ASSESSED A 5 YARD PENALTY.**

**1.2.4- IF THE OFFENSIVE TEAM FAILS TO CROSS MIDFIELD, POSSESSION OF THE BALL CHANGES AND THE OPPOSITE TEAM STARTS THEIR DRIVE FROM THEIR 5 YARD LINE.**

**1.2.5- ALL DRIVES AND POSSESSION CHANGES, EXCEPT INTERCEPTIONS, START ON THE 5 YARD LINE OF THE OFFENSE.**

**\*EXCEPTION: ON INTERCEPTIONS, THE TEAM WILL TAKE POSSESSION OF THE BALL WHERE THE DEFENDER'S FLAG WAS PULLED. PENALTIES ON INTERCEPTIONS WILL BE ASSESSED WHERE THE INTERCEPTION OCCURRED.**

**\*EXCEPTION: IF THE REFEREE JUDGES THAT A PLAYER INTENTIONALLY OR FLAGRANTLY COMMITS A PENALTY, THEN THE PENALTY WILL BE AT THE POINT OF THE FOUL, NO LESS THAN THE POINT OF INTERCEPTION.**

**1.2.6- TEAMS WILL AUTOMATICALLY SWITCH ENDS AFTER THE FIRST HALF.**

## **1.3 SNAPS**

**1.3.1- BALL MUST BE SNAPPED BETWEEN THE LEGS, NOT OFF TO ONE SIDE, TO START PLAY. DIRECT SNAPS ARE LEGAL.**

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## **1.4 PLAY CLOCK**

**1.4.1- 25 SECOND PLAY CLOCK WILL BE IN EFFECT EACH TIME THE BALL IS SPOTTED.**

## **1.5 SCREEN BLOCKING**

**1.5.1 NO BLOCKING AND NO CONTACT IS ALLOWED AT ALL.**

## **1.6 DIVISIONS OF PLAY**

**1.6.1- THERE SHALL BE THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS OF PLAY OFFERED IN THE SMALL BALL NON-CONTACT PROGRAM: A, B, C AND VET (35+) DIVISIONS. MUST BE 35 BY THE TOURNAMENT TO BE ELIGIBLE.**

## **1.7 ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**

**1.7.1- WW WILL PROVIDE AN ATMOSPHERE WHERE THE PLAYERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILIES CAN FEEL COMFORTABLE ENJOYING A DAY OF FOOTBALL. ANY PLAYERS, TEAMS OR FAMILY MEMBERS THAT JEOPARDIZE THAT ENVIRONMENT WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE.**

**1.7.2- WW OPERATES UNDER A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY.**

# **SECTION 2—THE FIELD**

## **2.1 FIELD DIMENSIONS**

**2.1.1 FIELD SIZE- 60 YARDS IN LENGTH; 25 YARDS IN WIDTH.**

**2.1.2 ENDZONES - (2) 7 YARD END ZONES**

## **2.2 NO RUN ZONES**

**2.2.1- NO RUN ZONES ARE IN PLACE TO PREVENT TEAMS FROM USING POWER RUN PLAYS. WHILE IN THE NO RUN ZONES (A 5 YARD IMAGINARY ZONE BEFORE MIDFIELD AND BEFORE THE END ZONE), TEAMS CANNOT RUN THE BALL IN ANY FASHION. ALL PLAYS MUST BE PASS PLAYS, EVEN WITH A HANDOFF. NO RUN ZONES COME INTO EFFECT ONLY WHEN THE OFFENSIVE TEAM IS APPROACHING THE FIRST DOWN OR THE END ZONE. ALL PASSES IN THE NO RUN ZONE MUST CROSS THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE OR A FLAG WILL BE THROWN.**

**\*EXCEPTION: A TEAM CANNOT BE PUSHED BACK INTO THE NO RUN ZONE LOCATED AT MIDFIELD AFTER ACHIEVING A FIRST DOW.**

## **2.3 OUT-OF-BOUNDS**

**2.3.1- STEPPING ON THE BOUNDARY LINE IS CONSIDERED OUT-OF-BOUNDS**

## **2.4 TEAM AREA**

**2.4.1- TEAM AREAS ARE LOCATED BETWEEN THE 5 YARD LINES.**

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## SECTION 3--THE PLAYERS

### 3.1 ROSTER SIZE

3.1.1- TEAMS CONSIST OF A TOTAL OF 15 PLAYERS ON THE ROSTER.

3.1.2- A PLAYER MAY ONLY APPEAR ON 1 ROSTER. NO EXCEPTIONS, EVEN IF THE OTHER TEAM APPROVES IT. IF A PLAYER IS FOUND PLAYING ON A TEAM ILLEGALLY, THE TEAM WILL FORFEIT THE GAME IN WHICH THE ILLEGAL PLAYER PARTICIPATED AND KICKED OUT OF THE TOURNAMENT/LEAGUE.

3.1.3- **SEX SHALL BE RECOGNIZED BASED SOLELY ON A PERSON'S REPRODUCTIVE BIOLOGY AND GENETICS AT BIRTH.**

### 3.2 NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON FIELD

3.2.1- 4 PLAYERS ON THE FIELD AT A TIME.

### 3.3 FORFEITS

3.3.1- TO AVOID A FORFEIT, YOU MUST HAVE AT LEAST 3 PLAYERS TO BEGIN THE GAME. GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME.

**3.3.2- FORFEITS WILL BE RECORDED AS A 18-0 LOSS.**

### 3.4 PROTEST PROCEDURE

3.4.1- TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR IS CONTACTED DURING THE GAME WITH A \$50 NONREFUNDABLE PROTEST FEE.

3.4.2- NO PROTESTS WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER THE GAME IS OVER.

3.4.3- YOU MAY NOT PROTEST A JUDGMENT CALL BY AN OFFICIAL.

## SECTION 4--EQUIPMENT

### 4.1 THE BALL

4.1.1- MALE PLAYERS SHALL USE A REGULATION SIZE FOOTBALL.

### 4.2 FLAGS

4.2.1- ALL FLAGS USED IN THE 4V4 & 5V5 NON-CONTACT PROGRAM SHALL BE AN OFFICIALLY LICENSED FLAG OF WEEKEND WARRIOR TOURNAMENT SERIES.

4.2.2- ALL TEAMS WILL USE SONIC FLAG-A-TAG FLAGS, OR COMPARABLE FLAGS. POP FLAG MUST BE AT LEAST 1.75 INCHES WIDE AND 14.5 INCHES LONG FROM THE END OF THE POPPER TO END OF FLAG. NO CLOTH FLAGS ARE ALLOWED.

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**4.2.3- YOUTH SIZE FLAGS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN ADULT LEAGUES.**

**4.2.4- ANY ALTERATIONS TO FLAGS OR BELT WILL RESULT IN PLAYER EJECTION.**

**4.2.5- ALL PLAYERS MUST BEGIN EACH PLAY WITH TWO FLAGS**

**4.2.6- EXCESS/UNTUCKED FLAG BELTS WILL BE ACCESSED AN ILLEGAL EQUIPMENT PENALTY AND LOD.**

**4.2.7- ANY ARTICLES WORN ON THE WAIST THAT CAN BE PULLED OFF WILL BE TREATED AS A FLAG PULL. TOWELS, GLOVES, WRIST COACHES ETC.**

#### **4.3 SHOES**

**4.3.1- CLEATS ARE ALLOWED BUT THEY MUST BE RUBBER. NO METAL SPIKES ARE ALLOWED. SCREW-IN CLEATS ARE ALLOWED IF THE SCREW IS PART OF THE CLEAT. INSPECTIONS WILL BE MADE. TENNIS SHOES ARE PERMITTED.**

#### **4.4 UNIFORMS**

**4.4.1- ALL JERSEYS SHALL BE TUCKED IN THE PANTS OR SHORTS.**

**4.4.2- NO WAIST LENGTH OR HALF JERSEYS ALLOWED.**

**4.4.3- PANTS OR SHORTS WITH BELT LOOPS OR POCKETS ARE NOT ALLOWED.**

**4.4.4- PANTS OR SHORTS MUST BE A CONTRASTING COLOR TO THE FLAGS.**

**\*NOTE: REFEREES WILL CHECK EACH TEAM BEFORE THE GAME TO CONFIRM NO/TAPED POCKETS.**

#### **4.5 MOUTHPIECES**

**4.5.1 MOUTHPIECES ARE OPTIONAL FOR PLAYERS BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.**

#### **4.6 OPTIONAL PROTECTIVE WEAR**

**4.6.1- PLAYERS MAY TAPE THEIR FOREARMS, HANDS AND FINGERS.**

**4.6.2- PLAYERS MAY WEAR GLOVES, ELBOW PADS AND KNEE PADS.**

**4.6.3- BRACES WITH EXPOSED METAL ARE NOT ALLOWED.**

**4.6.4- ALL PROTECTIVE WEAR MUST BE APPROVED BY GAME OFFICIALS PRIOR TO GAME TIME.**

#### **4.7 JEWELRY & MISCELLANEOUS**

**4.7.1- PLAYERS MUST REMOVE ALL WATCHES, EARRINGS OR ANY OTHER JEWELRY THAT OFFICIALS DEEM HAZARDOUS. WE DO NOT ALLOW GOPRO'S OR ANY OTHER HARD EQUIPMENT PIECES INCLUDING SNOW GOGGLES TO BE WORN.**

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## **SECTION 5--GAME LENGTH & OVERTIME**

### **5.1 GAME LENGTH**

**5.1.1- LEAGUE PLAY - 24 MINUTE GAME LENGTH - (2) 12 MINUTE HALVES WITH A RUNNING CLOCK. THE CLOCK STOPS ONLY FOR TIMEOUTS FIRST HALF ONLY.**

**5.1.2 TOURNAMENT PLAY - 24 MINUTE GAME LENGTH - (2) 12 MINUTE HALVES WITH A RUNNING CLOCK.**

**5.1.3 ONE MINUTE WARNING - (SECOND HALF ONLY) WHEN THERE IS ONE MINUTE LEFT IN THE GAME, THE GAME CLOCK SHALL STOP FOR INCOMPLETE PASSES, OUT-OF-BOUNDS, TIME OUTS AND SCORES (CLOCK STARTS ON SNAP), AND CHANGE OF POSSESSIONS, PENALTIES AND FIRST DOWNS (CLOCK STARTS ON THE READY FOR PLAY WHISTLE).**

### **5.2 HALFTIME**

**5.2.1- HALFTIME IS 30 SECONDS LONG.**

### **5.3 PLAY CLOCK**

**5.3.1- EACH TIME THE BALL IS SPOTTED, A TEAM HAS 25 SECONDS TO SNAP THE BALL.**

### **5.4 TIME OUTS**

**5.4.1- EACH TEAM HAS (2) 30 SECOND TIMEOUTS PER GAME.**

**5.4.2 EACH TEAM HAS (1) 30 SECOND TIMEOUT PER OVERTIME PERIOD.**

**5.4.3- OFFICIALS CAN STOP THE CLOCK AT THEIR DISCRETION.**

**5.4.4- IN THE EVENT OF AN INJURY, THE CLOCK WILL STOP THEN RESTART WHEN THE INJURED PLAYER IS REMOVED FROM THE FIELD OF PLAY.**

### **5.5 OVERTIME FOR BRACKET PLAY EXCEPT CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

**5.5.1- EACH TEAM RECEIVES AN OVERTIME EXTRA POINT ATTEMPT**

**5.5.2- BEGINS WITH A COIN FLIP - 2 CHOICES - OFFENSE, DEFENSE TEAM CHOOSE VALUE OF EXTRA POINT (1, 2 OR 3 POINTS)**

**5.5.3- IF SCORE IS TIED AT END OF FIRST OT, REPEAT SECOND OT, REVERSING CHOICES.**

**5.5.4- IF SCORE IS TIED AT THE END OF THE SECOND OVERTIME, TEAMS MUST GO TO LONGEST PLAY FOR THEIR 3RD POSSESSION.**

**5.5.5- 1 TIME OUT PER TEAM, PER OVERTIME PERIOD.**

**5.5.6 INTERCEPTIONS ON RETURNED OVERTIME EXTRA POINTS ARE WORTH 2 POINTS.**

**5.5.7 PENALTIES ARE ADMINISTERED AS IN REGULAR GAME.**

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## **5.6 WW OVERTIME CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

**5.6.1- IN WW CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES (LEAGUE & TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES ONLY), WW SUDDEN DEATH OVERTIME IS USED.**

- **SAME PROCEDURE AS REGULAR OVERTIME EXCEPT IF NO WINNER WAS DECIDED IN THE FIRST 4 POSSESSIONS FOR EACH TEAM, THE 5TH POSSESSION FOR EACH TEAM WILL GO TO LONGEST PLAY**
- **ONE TIME OUT PER, TEAM PER OVERTIME PERIOD.**

# **SECTION 6-SCORING**

## **6.1 SCORING VALUES**

**6.1.1- TOUCHDOWN= 6 POINTS**

**6.1.2 EXTRA POINT = 1 POINT (5 YARD LINE-PASS), 2 POINTS (12 YARD LINE-RUN OR PASS), 3 POINTS (18 YARD LINE - RUN OR PASS)**

**NOTE: TEAMS MUST DECLARE VALUE FOLLOWING SCORE. ANY CHANGE TO VALUE OF TRY WILL OCCUR A CHARGED TEAM TIMEOUT. DECISIONS CANNOT BE CHANGED AFTER A PENALTY.**

**6.1.3- INTERCEPTIONS ON RETURNED EXTRA POINTS ARE WORTH TWO POINTS.**

**6.1.4- EXTRA POINT ATTEMPTS - IF THE ATTEMPTING TEAM THROWS AN INTERCEPTION AND COMMITS AN INFRACTION AFTER THE INTERCEPTION, THE OPPOSING TEAM TAKES OFFENSIVE POSSESSION OF THE BALL AT THE ATTEMPTING TEAM'S 18 YARD LINE.**

**6.1.5 SAFETY = 2 POINTS**

## **6.2 MERCY RULE**

**6.2.1- ONE MINUTE WARNING, IF A TEAM IS AHEAD BY 19 POINTS OR MORE WHEN THE REFEREE ANNOUNCES THE ONE MINUTE WARNING FOR THE SECOND HALF, THE GAME SHALL BE OVER.**

**6.2.2- AFTER THE ONE MINUTE WARNING - IF A TEAM SCORES DURING THE LAST MINUTE OF THE SECOND HALF AND THE SCORE CREATES A POINT DIFFERENTIAL OF 19 OR MORE, THE GAME SHALL END AT THAT POINT.**

**6.2.3- AT ANY POINT IN A POOL PLAY GAME IF THE SCORE DIFFERENCE IS 35 POINTS OR MORE, THE GAME WILL BE CALLED.**

## **6.3 ONSIDE PLAY**

**6.3.1- EACH TEAM IS ALLOWED ONE (1) ONSIDE PLAY PER GAME.**

**6.3.2- AFTER A TEAM SCORES, BEFORE THEY ATTEMPT THE EXTRA POINT, TEAMS MUST ANNOUNCE TO HAVE AN ONSIDE PLAY**

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**6.3.3- ONSIDE PLAY STARTS ON THE TEAM'S OWN 5-YARD LINE, AND THEY MUST GAIN THE MIDFIELD LINE TO BE SUCCESSFUL.**

**6.3.4- IF THE ONSIDE PLAY IS INCOMPLETE THE DEFENSIVE TEAM GETS THE BALL AT THE OPPONENTS 5 YARD LINE. IF THE PASS COMPLETION OR RUN FAILS TO REACH MIDFIELD THE BALL WILL BE SPOTTED WHERE THE PLAY ENDED. IF THE BALL IS INTERCEPTED, THEN THE BALL WILL BE PLACED AT THE END OF THE PLAY. IF THERE IS A SAFETY, THEN THE BALL WILL BE PLACED BACK AT THE TEAM'S OWN 5-YARD LINE.**

**6.3.5- THE CLOCK WILL RUN AT THE START OF THE ONSIDE PLAY**

**6.3.6- ONCE AN ONSIDE PLAY IS ANNOUNCED, YOU MAY NOT CHANGE YOUR MIND, WITHOUT CALLING A TIMEOUT.**

## **SECTION 7--LIVE & DEAD BALL**

### **7.1 LIVE BALL**

**7.1.1- THE BALL IS LIVE AT THE SNAP AND REMAINS LIVE UNTIL THE OFFICIAL WHISTLES THE BALL DEAD.**

**7.1.2- ONE FOOT IN-BOUNDS FOR LEGAL CATCH - A PLAYER WHO GAINS POSSESSION IN THE AIR IS CONSIDERED INBOUNDS AS LONG AS ONE FOOT COMES DOWN IN THE FIELD-OF-PLAY. A CATCH WILL BE AWARDED IF A DEFENSIVE PLAYER FORCES AN AIRBORNE PLAYER OUT OF THE FIELD OF PLAY.**

**7.1.3- IMITATING OFFENSIVE SIGNALS - THE DEFENSE MAY NOT IMITATE THE OFFENSIVE TEAM'S CADENCE. THIS WILL RESULT IN AN UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT PENALTY.**

### **7.2 DEAD BALL**

**7.2.1- THE BALL IS RULED DEAD WHEN:**

**1. A SNAP TO A QUARTERBACK HITS THE GROUND.**

**2. A FUMBLE HITS THE GROUND (NO FUMBLE RECOVERIES ALLOWED).**

**3. A BALL CARRIER'S BODY TOUCHES THE GROUND. THE BALL CARRIER MAY USE HIS HAND TO MAINTAIN BALANCE**

**4. A BALL CARRIER STEPS OUT-OF-BOUNDS.**

**5. A BALL CARRIER'S FLAGS ARE LEGALLY REMOVED. NOTE: IF A BALL CARRIER'S FLAGS FALL OFF INADVERTENTLY, PLAY SHALL REVERT TO A 1 HAND TOUCH BETWEEN THE SHOULDERS AND KNEES.**

**6. IF NO FLAGS ARE WORN AT THE TIME OF THE SNAP, PLAY REVERTS TO 1 HAND TOUCH. PENALTY: FAILURE TO WEAR PROPER EQUIPMENT.**

**7. A TOUCHDOWN, POINT AFTER TOUCHDOWN OR SAFETY IS SCORED.**

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**8. ANY OFFICIAL CAN WHISTLE THE PLAY DEAD.**

**9. SUBSTITUTIONS MAY BE MADE ON ANY DEAD BALL.**

**10. THE 5 SECOND PASS CLOCK EXPIRES (BALL IS PLACED ON THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE)**

**7.2.2- OFFICIALS WILL INDICATE THE NEUTRAL ZONE AND LINE OF SCRIMMAGE. IT IS AN AUTOMATIC DEAD BALL FOUL IF ANY PLAYER ON OFFENSE OR DEFENSE ENTERS THE NEUTRAL ZONE.**

**\*\*\*\*THERE ARE NO FUMBLES\*\*\*\***

**7.2.3- A. IF A BALL IS PITCHED BACKWARDS AND HITS THE GROUND, THE BALL IS DEAD AT SPOT BALL HITS GROUND.**

**B. IF A BALL IS PITCHED BACKWARDS AND IS MUFFED BY AN OFFENSIVE PLAYER AND HITS THE GROUND, THE BALL IS DEAD AT THE SPOT THE BALL HITS THE GROUND. IF THE MUFFED BALL GOES FORWARD AND HITS THE GROUND, THE BALL IS DEAD AND THE BALL WILL BE RETURNED TO THE SPOT OF THE MUFF.**

**C. IF A BALL IS PITCHED BACKWARDS AND THE BALL IS TIPPED BY THE DEFENSE FORWARD OR BACKWARDS AND HITS THE GROUND, THE BALL IS DEAD AND WILL BE PLACED AT THE SPOT WHERE THE BALL WAS TIPPED.**

### **7.3 INADVERTENT WHISTLE**

**7.3.1- IN THE CASE OF AN INADVERTENT WHISTLE, THE OFFENSE HAS THREE OPTIONS:**

**1. THE BALL IS IN PLAYER POSSESSION - THE TEAM IN POSSESSION MAY ELECT TO PUT THE BALL IN PLAY WHERE DECLARED DEAD OR REPLAY THE DOWN.**

**2. THE BALL IS LOOSE FROM A FUMBLE, BACKWARD PASS OR ILLEGAL FORWARD PASS – THE TEAM IN POSSESSION MAY ELECT TO PUT THE BALL IN PLAY WHERE POSSESSION WAS LOST OR REPLAY THE DOWN.**

**3. DURING A LEGAL FORWARD PASS THE BALL IS RETURNED TO THE PREVIOUS SPOT AND THE DOWN IS REPLAYED. NOTE: IF A FOUL OCCURS DURING AN INADVERTENT WHISTLE, AN ACCEPTED PENALTY SHALL BE ADMINISTERED AS IN ANY OTHER PLAY SITUATION. WHEN THE FOUL IS ACCEPTED, DISREGARD THE INADVERTENT WHISTLE.**

## **SECTION 8A RUNNING PLAYS**

**8.1.1- THE BALL WILL BE SPOTTED WHEREVER THE BALL WAS AT THE TIME OF A FLAG PULL.**

**8.1.2- THE QUARTERBACK MAY RUN WITH THE BALL ONLY AFTER RECEIVING A HANDOFF OR LATERAL FROM A TEAMMATE.**

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### **8.1.3- THE OFFENSE MAY USE MULTIPLE HANDOFFS:**

**1. "CENTER SNEAK" PLAY - THE BALL MUST COMPLETELY LEAVE THE CENTERS HANDS ON THE SNAP AND HE MUST STEP BACKWARDS OFF THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A DIRECT HANDOFF FROM THE QUARTERBACK BEFORE ADVANCING THE BALL.**

**2. LATERALS AND PITCHES ARE ALLOWED ANYWHERE ON THE FIELD.**

**8.1.4- ALL DEFENSIVE PLAYERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO RUSH AT THE SNAP FROM 7 YARDS.**

**8.1.5 THE NO RUNNING ZONE IS DESIGNED TO AVOID SHORT YARDAGE POWER RUNNING SITUATIONS.**

**8.1.6 NO RUN ZONES ARE LOCATED 5 YARDS FROM EACH END ZONE AND 5 YARDS ON EITHER SIDE OF MIDFIELD. NO PLAYER IS ALLOWED TO RUN INSIDE OF THE NO RUN ZONES.**

**8.1.7 RUNNERS MAY NOT DIVE TO ADVANCE THE BALL.**

**8.1.8 SPINNING IS ALLOWED. LATERAL MOVES TO THE LEFT OR RIGHT ARE PERMITTED.**

**8.1.9- RUNNERS MAY LEAVE THEIR FEET IF THERE IS A CLEAR INDICATION THAT HE HAS DONE SO TO AVOID COLLISION WITH ANOTHER PLAYER AND WITHOUT FLAG GUARDING. THE ONUS IS ON THE OFFENSIVE PLAYER TO AVOID CONTACT WHILE AIRBORNE.**

**8.1.10- CONTACT BLOCKING IS NOT ALLOWED.**

**8.1.11- DOWNFIELD BLOCKING - BLOCKING DOWNFIELD IS NOT ALLOWED.**

**8.2.12- ALL JERSEYS MUST BE TUCKED IN BEFORE PLAY BEGINS. THE FLAGS MUST BE ON THE PLAYER'S HIPS AND FREE FROM OBSTRUCTION. DELIBERATELY OBSTRUCTED FLAGS WILL BE CONSIDERED FLAG GUARDING.**

## **SECTION 9-PASSING PLAYS**

**9.1.1- BACKWARD PASSES AND LATERALS ARE ALLOWED AND COUNT STOPS.**

**9.1.2- ONLY ONE FORWARD PASS PER DOWN. QB HAS 5 SECONDS TO THROW BALL UNLESS THE CLOCK IS KILLED BY HANDOFF OR THROWBACK.**

**9.1.3- ONLY 1 LATERAL IS ALLOWED TO BE AN ELIGIBLE PASSER EACH DOWN. IF A 2ND LATERAL BEHIND THE LOS OCCURS, PLAYERS MAY ONLY ADVANCE THE BALL ON THE GROUND. ILLEGAL FORWARD PASS WILL OCCUR IF SECOND LATERAL IS ADVANCED THROUGH THE AIR.**

**9.1.4- INTERCEPTIONS CHANGE THE POSSESSION OF THE BALL AT THE POINT OF INTERCEPTION.**

**9.1.5 INTERCEPTIONS ARE THE ONLY CHANGE OF POSSESSION THAT DO NOT START ON THE 5 YARD LINE.**

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**9.1.6- IF A PASSER CROSSES THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE AND COMES BACK BEHIND THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE AND THROWS PASS, IT IS AN ILLEGAL FORWARD PASS. THE ENTIRE BODY MUST BE OVER THE LINE TO BE ILLEGAL.**

**9.1.7- INTERCEPTIONS MAY BE RETURNED.**

**9.1.8- IF A PENALTY OCCURS ON AN INTERCEPTION RETURN BY THE RETURN TEAM, THE PENALTY WILL BE ASSESSED FROM THE SPOT OF THE FOUL.**

**9.1.9- IF A PENALTY OCCURS ON AN INTERCEPTION RETURN BY THE DEFENSIVE TEAM, THE PENALTY WILL BE ASSESSED FROM THE END OF THE RUN.**

**9.1.10- INTENTIONAL GROUNDING - A PASSER MAY NOT INTENTIONALLY THROW THE BALL INTO THE GROUND TO AVOID A LOSS OF YARDAGE. PENALTY -5 FROM SPOT OF FOUL AND LOSS OF DOWN. EXCEPTION: IN THE LAST MINUTE OF THE GAME, A PASSER MAY THROW THE BALL INTO THE GROUND TO STOP THE CLOCK AND CONSERVE TIME FOR HIS TEAM. THIS PLAY IS LEGAL, PROVIDED THE PASSER IS NOT TRYING TO AVOID A LOSS OF YARDAGE.**

## **SECTION 10-RECEIVING PLAYS**

**10.1.1- ALL PLAYERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE PASSES.**

**10.1.2- ONLY ONE PLAYER IS ALLOWED IN MOTION AT A TIME. ALL MOTION MUST BE PARALLEL TO THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE AND NO MOTION IS PERMITTED TOWARDS THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE.**

**10.1.3- A PLAYER MUST HAVE AT LEAST 1 FOOT IN-BOUNDS TO MAKE A LEGAL RECEPTION.**

**10.1.4- IN THE CASE IF SIMULTANEOUS POSSESSION BY BOTH AN OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE PLAYER, POSSESSION IS AWARDED TO THE OFFENSE.**

**10.1.5- INTERCEPTIONS CHANGE THE POSSESSION OF THE BALL AT THE POINT OF INTERCEPTION.**

**10.1.6- INTERCEPTIONS ARE THE ONLY CHANGES OF POSSESSION THAT DO NOT START ON THE 5 YARD LINE.**

**10.1.7- INTERCEPTIONS ARE RETURNABLE ON EXTRA POINT PLAYS AND THE POINTS AWARDED WILL BE THE SAME AS THE EXTRA POINT ATTEMPT.**

**10.1.8- RECEIVERS MAY NOT BE TOUCHED WHILE IN THEIR ROUTE.**

**10.1.9- TWO OR MORE OFFENSIVE PLAYERS MAY CONSECUTIVELY TOUCH THE BALL THAT IS LEGALLY PASSED, PITCHED, LATERALED OR HANDED-OFF. IF A PLAYER MAKES THE CATCH UNCONTESTED, PLAYER MUST COMPLETE THE CATCH THROUGH THE GROUND. IF A PLAYER MAKES THE CATCH CONTESTED AND HAS 2 HANDS ON THE BALL WITH CONTROL (REFEREES JUDGEMENT), THE BALL CANNOT BE SWATTED, STRIPPED, OR KNOCKED OUT OF THE RECEIVER'S HANDS. YOU CAN NOT DIRECT A PASS FORWARD, DOWNFIELD TO ANOTHER PLAYER**

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## **SECTION 11--RUSHING THE PASSER**

**11.1.1- DEFENSIVE PLAYERS WHO RUSH THE PASSER MAY LINE UP 7 YARDS FROM THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE WHEN THE BALL IS SNAPPED. ANY NUMBER OF PLAYERS CAN RUSH THE QUARTERBACK AFTER HANDOFF OR LATERAL.**

**11.1.2- A REFEREE SHALL BE USED TO MARK THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE.**

**11.1.3- PLAYERS RUSHING THE QUARTERBACK MAY ATTEMPT TO BLOCK A PASS, HOWEVER, NO CONTACT CAN BE MADE WITH THE QUARTERBACK IN ANY WAY. BLOCKING THE PASS OR ATTEMPTING TO BLOCK THE PASS AND THEN MAKING CONTACT WITH THE PASSER WILL RESULT IN A ROUGHING OF THE PASSER PENALTY. PLAYERS MUST GO FOR THE QUARTERBACK'S FLAG.**

**11.1.4- A SACK OCCURS IF THE QUARTERBACK'S FLAGS ARE PULLED BEHIND THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE. THE BALL IS PLACED WHERE THE BALL IS AT WHEN THE FLAG IS PULLED. A SAFETY IS AWARDED IF THE SACK TAKES PLACE IN THE OFFENSIVE TEAM'S END ZONE**

**11.1.5- THE OFFENSE CANNOT IMPEDE THE RUSHER WHO LINED UP AT 7YARDS. THE RUSHER HAS A DIRECT LINE TO WHERE THE QB RECEIVES THE SNAP.**

## **SECTION 12-FLAG PULLING**

**12.1.1- DE-FLAGGING IS THE LEGAL REMOVAL OF A FLAG FROM AN OPPONENT IN POSSESSION OF THE BALL. PUSHING, STRIKING, HOLDING, SLAPPING OR TRIPPING WHEN ATTEMPTING TO PULL A FLAG IS ILLEGAL. OFFENSIVE PLAYERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PROTECT OR GUARD THEIR FLAGS.**

**12.1.2- A LEGAL FLAG PULL TAKES PLACE WHEN THE BALL CARRIER IS IN FULL POSSESSION OF THE BALL.**

**12.1.3- DEFENDERS CAN DIVE TO PULL FLAGS BUT CANNOT TACKLE, HOLD OR RUN THRU THE BALL CARRIER WHEN PULLING FLAGS.**

**12.1.4- IT IS ILLEGAL TO ATTEMPT TO STRIP OR PULL THE BALL FROM THE BALL CARRIER'S POSSESSION AT ANY TIME.**

**12.1.5- IF A PLAYER'S FLAG INADVERTENTLY FALLS OFF DURING THE PLAY, THE DE-FLAGGING REVERTS TO A ONE HAND TOUCH OF THE RUNNER BETWEEN THE SHOULDER AND THE KNEES.**

**12.1.6- IF A FLAG IS REMOVED ILLEGALLY, PLAY SHOULD CONTINUE WITH THE OPTION OF THE PENALTY OR THE PLAY.**

**12.1.7- DE-FLAGGING IS ILLEGAL.**

**12.1.8- TAMPERING WITH THE FLAG IN ANY WAY TO GAIN AN ADVANTAGE INCLUDING, TYING THE FLAG CUTTING THE FLAG, USING FOREIGN MATERIALS OR OTHER SUCH ACTS ARE ILLEGAL. PLAYER WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**





**12.1.9- FLAG GUARDING IS AN ATTEMPT BY THE BALL CARRIER TO OBSTRUCT THE DEFENDER'S ACCESS TO THE FLAGS BY STIFF ARMING, DROPPING THE HEAD, HAND, ARM OR SHOULDER, OR INTENTIONALLY COVERING THE FLAGS WITH THE FOOTBALL JERSEY.**

## **SECTION 13-FORMATIONS**

### **13.1 MINIMUM PLAYERS ON LINE**

**13.1.1 OFFENSE MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF ONE PLAYER ON THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE (THE CENTER) AND UP TO FOUR TOTAL ON THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE. THE QUARTERBACK MUST BE OFF THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE.**

### **13.2 MOTION**

**13.2.1 OFFENSIVE PLAYERS MUST COME TO A COMPLETE STOP FOR 1 SECOND BEFORE THE BALL IS SNAPPED UNLESS HE IS THE ONLY PLAYER IN MOTION.**

**- ONE PLAYER AT A TIME MAY GO IN MOTION 1 YARD BEHIND AND PARALLEL TO THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE.**

**- NO MOTION IS ALLOWED TOWARDS LINE OF SCRIMMAGE.**

**13.2.2 MOVEMENT BY A PLAYER WHO IS SET OR A PLAYER WHO RUNS TOWARD THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE WHILE IN MOTION IS CONSIDERED A FALSE START.**

**13.2.3 THE CENTER MUST SNAP THE BALL WITH A RAPID AND CONTINUOUS MOTION BETWEEN HIS LEGS TO A PLAYER IN THE BACKFIELD AND THE BALL MUST COMPLETELY LEAVE HIS HANDS.**





## **SECTION 14-UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT**

**14.1.1- IF THE REFEREE WITNESSES ANY ACTS OF INTENTIONAL TACKLING, ELBOWING, CHEAP SHOTS OR ANY UNSPORTSMANLIKE ACT, THE GAME WILL BE STOPPED AND THE PLAYER WILL BE EJECTED FROM THE GAME AND TOURNAMENT. THE DECISION IS MADE AT THE REFEREE'S DISCRETION. NO APPEALS WILL BE CONSIDERED.**

### **FOUL PLAY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!**

**14.1.2- OFFENSIVE OR CONFRONTATIONAL LANGUAGE IS ILLEGAL. OFFICIALS HAVE THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE. IF OFFENSIVE OR CONFRONTATIONAL LANGUAGE OCCURS, THE REFEREE WILL GIVE ONE WARNING. IF IT CONTINUES, THE PLAYER OR PLAYERS WILL BE EJECTED FROM THE GAME.**

**14.1.3- PLAYERS MAY NOT PHYSICALLY OR VERBALLY ABUSE ANY OPPONENT, COACH OR OFFICIAL.**

**14.1.4- BALL CARRIERS MUST MAKE AN EFFORT TO AVOID DEFENDERS WITH AN ESTABLISHED POSITION.**

**14.1.5- DEFENDERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO RUN THROUGH THE BALL CARRIER WHEN PULLING FLAGS.**

**14.1.6- FANS MUST ALSO ADHERE TO GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AS WELL. - YELL TO CHEER ON YOUR PLAYERS, NOT TO HARASS OFFICIALS OR OTHER TEAMS. - KEEP COMMENTS CLEAN AND PROFANITY FREE. - COMPLIMENT ALL PLAYERS, NOT JUST ONE PLAYER OR TEAM.**

**14.1.7- FANS ARE REQUIRED TO KEEP FIELDS SAFE AND KID FRIENDLY. - YOUNGER KIDS AND EQUIPMENT SUCH AS COOLERS, CHAIRS AND TENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT A MINIMUM OF 10 YARDS AWAY FROM THE FIELD.**

**14.1.8- TEAMS/PLAYERS LEAVING THE BENCH AREA DURING A FIGHT:**

**1. IF EITHER TEAM LEAVES THE BENCH DURING A FIGHT, THE GAME WILL IMMEDIATELY BE FORFEITED AND BOTH TEAMS EJECTED FROM THE TOURNAMENT WITH NO REFUND.**

**2. ANY PLAYER THAT COMES OFF THE SIDELINE DURING A FIGHT WILL BE EJECTED FROM BOTH THE GAME AND TOURNAMENT.**





## **SECTION 15- PENALTIES**

### **15.1 GENERAL**

**15.1.1- THE REFEREE WILL CALL ALL PENALTIES.**

**15.1.2- ALL PENALTIES WILL BE ASSESSED FROM THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE EXCEPT AS NOTED (SPOT FOULS).**

**15.1.3- ONLY THE TEAM CAPTAIN OR HEAD COACH MAY ASK THE REFEREE QUESTIONS ABOUT RULE CLARIFICATION AND INTERPRETATIONS. PLAYERS MAY NOT QUESTION JUDGMENT CALLS.**

**15.1.4- GAMES MAY NOT END ON A DEFENSIVE PENALTY UNLESS THE OFFENSE DECLINES IT.**

**15.1.5- PENALTIES ARE ASSESSED LIVE BALL THAN DEAD BALL. LIVE BALL PENALTIES MUST BE ASSESSED BEFORE PLAY IS CONSIDERED COMPLETE.**

**15.1.6- PENALTIES WILL BE ASSESSED HALF THE DISTANCE TO THE GOAL YARDAGE WHEN THE PENALTY YARDAGE IS MORE THAN HALF THE DISTANCE TO THE GOAL.**

**15.1.7- FLAGRANT CONTACT FOULS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. OFFENDING PLAYER(S) WILL BE EJECTED FROM THAT GAME, SIT OUT THE NEXT GAME AND FURTHER PUNISHMENT LEFT UP TO THE WW.**

- **EVERY SMALL BALL PENALTY IS EITHER A LOSS OF DOWN OR FIRST DOWN**
- **A TEAM CAN ACCEPT A PENALTY BUT DECLINE THE YARDAGE.**

### **15.2 SPOT FOULS BELOW:**

- **DEFENSIVE PASS INTERFERENCE- SF/AUTOMATIC 1ST DOWN**
- **DEFENSIVE HOLDING- +5 YARDS & AUTOMATIC FIRST DOWN**
- **DEFENSIVE STRIPPING- +5 YARDS & AUTOMATIC FIRST DOWN**
- **DEFENSE UNNECESSARY ROUGHNESS- 10 YARDS/AUTOMATIC 1ST DOWN**
- **SCREENING, BLOCKING OR RUNNING WITH THE BALL CARRIER- 5 YARDS/LOD**
- **CHARGING- 5 YARDS/AUTOMATIC 1ST DOWN**
- **FLAG GUARDING- 5 YARDS/LOD**
- **OFFENSIVE UNNECESSARY ROUGHNESS- 10 YARDS/LOD**

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### **15.3 DEFENSIVE PENALTIES**

- **OFFSIDES- 5 YARDS/AUTOMATIC 1ST DOWN**
- **ILLEGAL CONTACT- 5 YARDS/AFD**
- **ILLEGAL EQUIPMENT- 5 YARDS/ AUTOMATIC 1ST DOWN**
- **ILLEGAL RUSH/5 YARDS- AUTOMATIC 1ST DOWN**
- **ILLEGAL FLAG PULL- 5 YARDS/AUTOMATIC 1ST DOWN**
- **ROUGHING THE PASSER- 10YARDS/AUTOMATIC 1ST DOWN**
- **UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT,TAUNTING-10 YARDS/AUTOMATIC 1ST DOWN**

### **15.4 OFFENSIVE PENALTIES**

- **OFFSIDE/FALSE START- 5 YARDS/LOSS OF DOWN**
- **ILLEGAL FORWARD PASS- 5 YARDS/LOSS OF DOWN**
- **OFFENSIVE PASS INTERFERENCE- 5 YARDS/LOSS OF DOWN**
- **ILLEGAL MOTION- 5 YARDS/LOSS OF DOWN**
- **DELAY OF GAME- 5 YARDS/LOSS OF DOWN**
- **IMPEDING THE RUSHER- 5 YARDS/LOSS OF DOWN**
- **ILLEGAL SHIFT- 5 YARDS/LOD**
- **ILLEGAL EQUIPMENT- 5 YARDS/LOD**
- **ILLEGAL CONTACT- 5 YARDS/LOD**

**4M NON CONTACT**