



2021 RULES AND REGULATIONS

ELIGIBLE PLAYERS & PLAYERS PLAYING UP IN ANOTHER DIVISION

A player can play two positions on the team. Player must wear a jersey with 1-49 or 80-89 when in the SKILL (eligible) position. Player must wear 50-79 when in the LINEMAN (ineligible) position. Player must play the position with the corresponding number of that position. Both numbers must be typed on the roster and written on the weigh in sheet.

*AGE REQUIREMENT FOR AWYFAE

- All students who are League age 12 and under are considered legal players and able to participate.
- **NO STUDENT WHO IS IN THE 7TH GRADE MAY PARTICIPATE, REGARDLESS OF LEAGUE AGE.**
- **NO STUDENT that is league age of 13 may participate, regardless of grade status.**
- League age is that age attained on or before September 1ST of the current season.



****AGE REQUIREMENT FOR AWYFAE 13U ONLY****



- All students who are League age 13 and under are considered legal players and able to participate.
- **STUDENTS WHO ARE IN THE 7TH OR 8TH GRADE MAY PARTICIPATE IN JR DIVISION ONLY**
- League age is that age attained on or before September 1ST of the current season.

WEIGHT CLASSIFICATION

Tinimites 75lbs	No Blitz (Tinimites Division Only)	Coaches on the field (2)
Rookies 97lbs		Coaches on the field (1)
Midgets 107lbs		Coaches on the field (1)
Pee Wees 127lbs		NO COACHES ON THE FIELD

****PLEASE SEE COACHES PREFERENCE RULE MIDGETS ONLY****

QUARTER TIMES

Tinimites	8 mins
Rookies	8 mins
Midgets	9 mins
Pee Wees	9 mins

TINIMITE FORFEIT RULE

TINIMITES DIVISION ONLY- If both Tinimite teams show up with a 7-man roster, BOTH Head Coaches agree to play, and the game will be considered a practice game. Texas Coin Toss will be called at the beginning of the game to determine the winner. If 7-man team plays an 8-man team, the 8-man roster automatically wins by forfeit. Running clock will be enforced.

COACHES PREFERENCE RULE

Option 1: Coaches on the field (offensive and defensive) cannot use any form of communication verbal or nonverbal (gestures/signals) after the huddle breaks. The infraction will be a 10-Yard Penalty. **ALL** Coaches must remain 10-yards back from the line of scrimmage.

Option 2: During the operation of a no huddle offense, coaches (offensive and defensive) cannot communicate with players. All plays **MUST COME** from the Sideline Coaches Only.



COACHES BOX RULE



1st Offense- Sideline Warning

2nd Offense- 5 Yard Penalty

3rd Offense- 10 Yard Penalty

Every sideline penalty after the 3rd Offense will result in a 10 yard penalty unless the sideline activity calls for ejection. Any coach that gets in the path of an official on the sideline interfering with the officials ability to see a play will receive a 15 yard un-sportsmanship like penalty.

VIDEO EVIDENCE

Video evidence must be presented in order to protest. All edited film is prohibited. All games must be filmed in their entirety and consist of a view of the scoreboard at the end of each quarter. Video evidence must contain a view of the scoreboard at the end of all four quarters to be considered eligible for a protest review.



22-MAN ROSTER / BOOKS / TEAMS



You can add players during the season if roster falls below 22-man roster. **(In order for a player to play up to fill a roster if the roster falls under 22 players, the player must be players who are certified during the weigh-in dates. No players can be added to team rosters during the season if they were not certified during the weigh-in dates).** Eligible players must be added to your book as well as the Area Wide book in order to be considered eligible. **Must have a separate Area Wide Registration and Wavier of Release and Liability signed and picture for each division(s).**

NO PLAYER(S) FROM ANOTHER ASSOCIATION IS ALLOWED TO BE ADDED TO ANY LEAGUE ROSTER (TINIMITES-PEE WEES). If an illegal player is found playing in any game(s), all games that the illegal player participated in will be considered a forfeit. Any league that violates this rule will be disqualified to participate in the playoffs (Tinimites-Pee Wees).

Books must be present on the sideline at all games. Coaches have only at halftime to look at players information in question.

ALL new teams will be on probation for one season.

ALL BOOKS MUST BE IN ORDER BEFORE LINE-UP AT WEIGH-IN

HELMET TO HELMET CONTACT

All divisions (Tinimites-Midgets) unanimous ruling that the player will be sent to the sideline for a warning.
Depending on the severity gets ejection at Referee call.

Pee Wee Division ruling is automatic ejection.

ADVANCEMENT OF THE FOOTBALL

Any player, offense or defense, can advance the football on turnovers, interceptions or fumbles. During pass plays, if a defender deflects the football and is caught behind the line of scrimmage by an offensive lineman (50-79) can advance the football only if it is caught behind the line of scrimmage. *(NEED MORE INFO: CONTACT HEAD OF OFFICIALS, MAURICE JORDAN)*

PUNTING

During punts, a punt formation must have 7 players on the line of scrimmage with eligible players on both ends. No fake punts allowed; no rushing allowed during punts. The coaches have the option of a special team's punt (by punter), or the officials will do a walk off punt of 30 yards and a 10-second runoff on the game clock.



KICKOFF (FREE KICK) RETURN

Kickoff Return formations must consist of 3 interior linemen (50-79) on the first row and 2 eligible players (1-49, 80-89) on both ends of front row. The second and third rows must consist of all eligible players (1-49, 80-89). On-side kick must travel 10 yards. If kicking team touches the football before it travels 10 yards, this penalty is called Illegal Touching. Penalty is 5 yards. **The kickoff return team must line up at the 50 yard line but stand behind the 50 yard line. After each touchdown scored, if the scoring team elects to kickoff the ball, the opponent has to line up in a kickoff return to receive the ball.**

KICKOFF TEAM

Kickoff formations must consist of any eligible players (1-49, 80-89). **The teams MUST kicked off the first half and second half. The kickoff team must line up at the 40 yard line but remain behind the 40 yard line until the ball has been kicked.**



FIELD GOAL/P.A.T. (POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN)

All field goal formations must have a 7-man line of scrimmage. No fake field goals allowed during P.A.T. No rushing allowed by defense during field goal (special teams defensive players are allowed to jump to block the field goal attempt). If the holder's knee comes off the ground, it is automatically a dead ball. Teams have the option of 1, 2, or 3 points during the P.A.T. For 1 point the ball will be spotted at the 1 yard line and the team must kick a field goal in the special teams formation. For 2 point conversion the ball will be spotted at the 3 yard line. Teams must use an offensive formation play during 2 point conversions. For 3 point conversions the ball will be placed at the 7 yard line. Teams must also use an offensive formation play during 3 point conversions.

COVER UP RULE

Offensive line of scrimmage must consist of seven players. Five linemen (50-79) and skill (1-49, 80-89) on both end of the line of scrimmage.

HEAD OF OFFICIALS, MAURICE JORDAN WILL EXPLAIN THIS RULE AFTER WEIGH-IN.)

BLOCKING

During the blocking process or when participating in a double team block, an offensive lineman must engage or block a defender at chest level. During low blocks, offensive lineman can only block low if the defensive player is in the offensive tackle box on the line of scrimmage or in a gap showing blitz.

No blocking in the back allowed.

Blind-side block is strictly prohibited.

Eligible players located in the backfield can only block chest level. **NO LOW BLOCKS ALLOWED.**

During a double team block, both offensive linemen must block the defender in the same positioning.

NO SHOW FOR GAME (WILL BE ENFORCED)

Any team or league that fails to show up for a scheduled game (Tinimites thru Peeeweese) must pay a fine of \$300 plus the cost of officials by Monday @ 6:00PM. The fine will be awarded to the team that lost the expense.

If game(s) are canceled by Thursday at 8:00PM. No fine will be issued.

FIELD CONDITIONS

Option 1: Switch fields – Presidents must get together to resolve the split of the revenue.

Option 2: If both teams do not have a playing surface, Texas Coin Toss will be enforced.

FINES (VIOLATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT)

1st offense - \$250

2nd offense - \$250 and a 2-game suspension

3rd offense – Ejection

PROFANITY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

PLAYOFF FINES

Fines are doubled in the playoffs. Must be paid on the following Monday. If fine is not paid, first offense penalty will be a loss of one home game in the 2021 (next) season. Second offense will be suspension of playoffs. 3rd offense will be ejection from AWYFAE. Fines can be paid by check in the mail or electronically.

ADMISSIONS/ENTRY / COACH PASS & IDENTIFICATION

8 coaches total (6 sideline and 2 booth)

Regular season entry is \$5.00 per person. Playoff and Super Bowl entry is \$6.00 per person. Presidents and Vice Presidents must be added to the roster of coaches if he/she wants to be on the sideline to monitor his/her teams. President and VP will be counted as part of the 8 coaches. Your league President is responsible for submitting the printout of coaches and coaches' wives, and sent to them by Thursday at 8:00PM to the HOME team in order to get in FREE. The decision will be up to the HOME team whether to charge team moms, trainers (2 per team) and children.

All coaches must present a valid ID with coaches pass at the entrance gate at all AWYFAE events. Coaches spouse must also present a driver's license or picture ID as well. All spouses' names must be typed on a list and sent to the President by Friday (day before the game).

Due to the MHSAA restrictions, only the clock and announcer are allowed in the booth. The two booth coaches will have to be seated in the stands or depending on the facility (i.e. top press box etc.)

COACHES PRACTICE RESTRICTION

Coach(es) and Presidents from opposing teams are **NOT** allowed to visit or attend a practice outside of their own league (within AWYFAE). **This is strictly prohibited.** In the event this rule is violated, there will be a fine of \$250 and a two-game suspension.



CODE OF CONDUCT

Code of conduct will be enforced this year. No smoking, no profanity, etc.

Please announce these rules before each game.

Make sure players, parents, and coaches sign off on the Code of Conduct.

A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY WILL BE ENFORCED FOR ANYONE VIOLATING THE CODE OF CONDUCT

FOOTBALLS

Footballs will be inspected by the Head Official Mr. Maurice Jordan.

Texture of the ball shall be as the original tan hide football (tan football). All footballs will be present at Certification Day for verification that it's a legal ball.

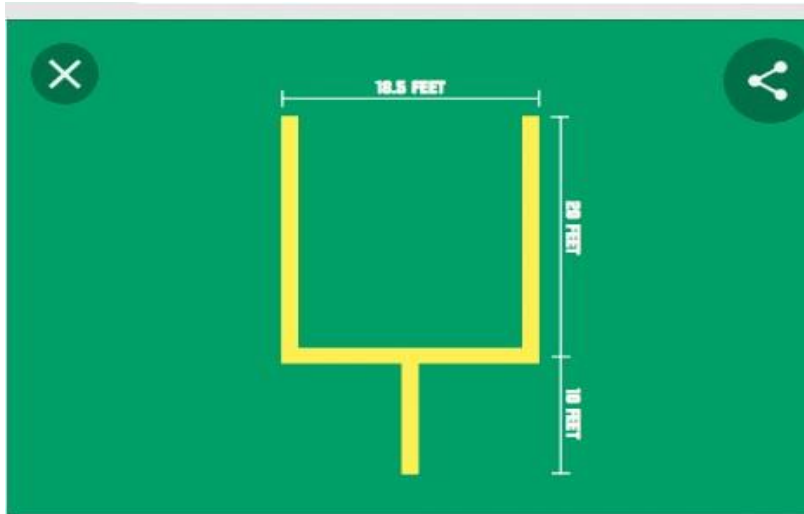
FOOTBALL FIELD REGULATIONS

AWYFAE requires that you have a running score board and working clock. Playing fields must measure and marked 100 yards. Playing fields must be 53 1/3 yards wide. Depending on circumstances of facility approval, please contact the Commissioner as soon as possible. The Commissioner and Board of Directors will make adjustments depending on circumstances. ***In extreme weather conditions, a 80 yard field may be used where the safety of the children is at risk and its agreed upon prior to the game by the AWYFAE Board and both League Presidents. ***

FIELD GOAL POST REGULATIONS

Goal Posts crossbars must measure 10 feet. Each goal post must measure 20 feet high for each post, and 18.5 feet apart. No games can be played until all field(s) meet regulation guidelines.

Field goal posts are required on each end of the field. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**



See <https://www.stack.com/a/the-dimensions-of-a-football-field>. Scroll down to Goal Dimensions for a better view.

CHAIN GANG

Motion was passed that high school football players can assist the chain gang and adults are strongly advised to be used on the sidelines for supervision and under the authority of the officials.

REF FEES

\$35 per referee and \$40 for the white hat only in the 11-12-year-old game during regular season.

\$40 per official and \$45 for the white hat only in the 11-12-year-old game during play-offs.

Initial official fee of \$40.00 must be paid at first weigh-in along with player head count. \$2.00 per child for each Division(s).

SECURITY

It is advised by the discretion of the Area Wide Board of Directors if security will be needed.

SECURITY IS MANDATORY FOR THE ENTIRE SUPER BOWL EVENT.

WEATHER DELAYS

In the event of weather delay if lightning is present in the weather system or forecast, the head official (white hat) will issue a 25-30-minute game delay.

If the weather is still severe after the first 25-30-minute delay, there will be a second delay of 25-30-minute.

If the weather continues to be severe after the second delay the head official and a Commissioner will consult with the Presidents of each league at midfield to call the game and to do a Texas Coin Toss to decide the win/loss.

COMMISSIONERS, OFFICIALS & APPOINTED AWYFAE BOARD MEMBERS

All Commissioners/appointed Board Members have an oath to AWYFAE and have the obligation to monitor and carry out duties at all AWYFAE events and game locations. Commissioners/appointed Board Members are allowed on any sideline, throughout the premises for monitoring the location hosting an AWYFAE event. Disruptive behavior, language, remarks, or actions will NOT be tolerated towards Commissioners/appointed Board Members or Officials. Failure to comply will result in a fine of \$250 due to the Code of Conduct. **If conduct proves severe enough then the individual(s), will be ejected from the game and escorted off the premises by security. Depending on the severity of the actions of the individual(s) will result in ejection from AWYFAE permanently.**

Officials have the obligation to call the games and will be held accountable for their actions on the field and throughout the premises at AWYFAE events.

Vice Commissioners/appointed Board Members will be appointed by the Commissioner or Chief of Operations to monitor specific Area Wide Youth Football Association events.

No Coaches, Presidents or Vice Presidents will be allowed to approach officials at any time during the event in any form of negativity.

SUPERBOWL RINGS

You will have the option to purchase your own rings. Active roster must be presented to the Commissioner, Chairman of Operations, or Sr. Vice Commissioner in charge at the time of the Super Bowl game for verification of active players and coaches.



REINSTATEMENT RULES



- Must sign a 2 year contract and be notarized
- Will be on a 2 year probation
- Zero Tolerance for violating the Code of Conduct
- Must Sign Media Release Form



ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY



****** THERE WILL BE ZERO TOLERANCE FOR ALL ADMINISTRATION, COACHES, PLAYERS, PARENTS, SPECTATORS AND FANS THAT VIOLATE THE CODE OF CONDUCT. ******

- Players will be suspended for the remainder of the season
- Coaches will be suspended for the remainder of the season
- President and Administration will be suspended for the remainder of season
- Fans and Spectators will be banned for the remainder of the season