



2017 NYSSO RULES

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REGISTRATION

Official check-in: Your registration at the tournament site will include submitting your waiver form, copy of Birth Cert. and most recent report card. All teams are required proper paperwork at all tournaments. ALL FEES ARE DUE ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE START OF EACH TOURNAMENT. There will be a \$25 added to your original tournament fee if you haven't paid prior to the tournament. This is a must in order to provide teams their overall schedule and brackets and eliminate team pulling out at the last second. (Roster should be submitted by email to NYSSO in order to help with the check-in procedure.) We will not guarantee a timely check-in if you show up with your roster not filled out properly. Players can weigh in with pads; however, if you have a player that is close he/she needs to have all equipment off prior to stepping on the weight scales.. All game schedules will be posted on Wednesday afternoon the week of the tournament. We will post results after each day of games.

Official Weigh-in

Every team must be officially weighed in prior to their first game. Players will be allowed to re-weigh 1 time only in each tournament. NO EXCEPTIONS! All players over the weight will receive a sticker on their helmet which declares ball carriers from non ball carriers. All weigh-ins will be final. Coaches need to assemble their entire team as listed on the waiver form and then weigh-in as a team. NO EXCEPTIONS! Please allow a minimum of one hour prior to your kickoff to complete the registration process. **All weights will be good for the**

entire tournament season. If a player weighs- in at the first tournament of the year that weight will be good for all NYSSO tournaments in that calender year.

WEIGHT CHALLENGES

A HEAD COACH can only challenge that a player exists on that team's roster. All players are checked prior to their first tournament which means all players should have a sticker on their helmet. No players will be challenged based on age as this is checked prior to a team entering the tournament. NYSSO spends a lot of time assuring players are legal and this is why we provide stickers on each helmet with numbers that match each player on each roster. The head coach calls for the challenge from the head official. The game is halted while a tournament committee member reviews the challenge.

All challenges cost \$50 cash up front by the coach who is challenging the player per the requirements above. If the challenge is lost then the \$50 is lost. If the challenge is won the coach keeps his \$50 and the player not be allowed to participate for the remainder of the tournament. All challenges must take place during the game and not after the game. NYSSO will make a determination on whether this challenge warrants a forfeit or continuous play. Only 1 challenge per game will be allowed per team. All weight challenges will be based off weigh ins on waiver/roster form for each tournament or official roster form from first tournament played in of the calendar year. There will not be any re-weigh ins for any weight challenges in any tournament.

ROSTERS

Every team will be required to submit a waiver/roster form prior to their first game. The roster will need to list all eligible participants, each players jersey number, and date of birth. Prior to every tournament you must submit an updated roster if you have added or dropped any players. If you don't submit a roster than we assume no changes have been made. All players listed will be weighed and certified as eligible by NYSSO Staff. Any player who is not on the final roster or who fails to meet the age/weight requirements for his division will not be allowed to participate. Each player should have proof of his date of birth and current enrollment in the grade level in which they wish to compete. Any player who cannot substantiate his date of birth and current grade level may be prevented from participating. The tournament committee will settle any protest pertaining to a player's eligibility. The decision of the committee is final.

REFEREES

We will enforce a no-tolerance rule for unsportsmanlike conduct of any kind. Only the head coach from each team is allowed to request a conference regarding a conflict with an official. If the head coach has a question regarding a rule interpretation, he may ask for a conference with the official and a member of

the tournament committee to determine the proper application of the rule. Any abuse of this policy will result in a delay of game penalty enforced on the team requesting the conference. Judgment calls may NOT BE CONTESTED. Any person or persons can and will be ejected from the complex if any flagrant abuse is committed. Players and or parents who commit any flagrant acts toward officials will be ejected and not allowed to return for any further games. Each head coach is responsible for the actions of the assistant coaches, players and spectators/fans for their own team. All NYSSO officials will be KSHAA or other Federation certified.

COACHES

The head coach is required to include the names of his assistant coaches on his roster. Only those assistant coaches whose full names appear on the roster will be allowed to stand on the sideline. The number of assistant coaches per team is limited to 4. All teams will be required to turn in their team roster/waiver form prior to their first game of all tournaments. NO EXCEPTIONS! All teams are to be checked in 1 hr prior to your first game. Coaches will receive a team check-in card once the team and all paperwork has been checked. The check-in card will need to be shown to the game officials prior to playing first game of the tournament. NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE WILL BE ALLOWED!!!

FANS

All fans will be required to stay off the sidelines during the game. The home team designated on the tournament bracket will provide three (3) persons for the chains. Coaches are responsible for the actions of their spectators/fans. Please tell your spectators/fans they are not to enter the field of play at any time and are not to show unsportsmanlike conduct toward the officials or opposition. No negative chanting of any kind will be allowed or tolerated at any tournaments. All persons entering the Complex (with the exceptions of the players and children under 10 years of age) will be required to pay \$5.00 per day for weekend tournaments and \$5.00 for 1 day events. This entry fee is good for the entire day.

Rules

High School Federation Rules will apply.

No fighting will be tolerated during any game or NYSSO event. If a player gets ejected for fighting he will be ejected for the remainder of the tournament. NO EXCEPTIONS! If a player or coach uses foul language towards another player or official that person will be removed from the next game or the remainder of the tournament. NYSSO has the right to remove any coach, player or parent from any NYSSO event.

All players who are over the ball carrying weight at listed under each age group cannot line-up in the backfield on offense. These players must be in a down lineman position. Over weight players are allowed to play anywhere on defense. NO VIDEO TAPING OTHER NYSSO TOURNAMENT GAMES IS ALLOWED!

Penalty: NYSSO will have the right to forfeit next game and eject Head coach from tournament. No negative chanting of any kind will be allowed or tolerated at any tournaments. No medal cleats or medal tips are allowed at all in any NYSSO tournaments.

Ball Size:

Grades 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th K-2/Pee Wee or Junior Size ball

Grades 6th TDJ size ball

Grades 7th, 8th Intermediate size ball

Penalty for using the wrong sized ball will be 15 yards unsportsmanlike

There will be four (4) eight (8) minute quarters and a (8) minute half in each game unless both teams agree on a shorter half time. All games will start on time unless both teams agree to start early.

Scoring for all grades will be Federation scoring

Touchdown	6
Extra Points	
Run	2
Pass	2
Kick	1

High School Federation OVERTIME RULE WILL APPLY (any questions please ask White hat or tournament official.)

2ND GRADE

Coaches will be allowed on the field during plays. 2 coaches will be allowed on the field in 2nd grade only. In the 2nd grade there will be no kick-offs or punts allowed. To start the game and the 3rd quarter the ball will be placed on the 20yd line and also after each score the ball will be placed on the 20yd line. All punts will be 35 yds from the line of scrimmage or half the distance inside the 40yd line. Coaches that are allowed on the field during the game are to be outside the HASH MARKS during all plays. Once the QB is under center all coaches should be outside the hash marks and the coaches are not allowed to call plays at this time. No Exceptions to this rule will be tolerated. Penalty will be 15 yards unsportsmanlike after first warning.

3RD & 4TH GRADE

In the 3rd grade there will be no kick-offs or punts allowed. To start the game and the 3rd quarter the ball will be placed on the 20yd line and also after each score the ball will be placed on the 20yd line. All punts will be 35yds from the line of scrimmage or half the distance inside the 40yd line. 4th grade will kick-off and punt. No rushing the punter or kicker will be allowed in 4th grade.

Coaches will be allowed on the field during plays. Only 1 coach will be allowed on the field per team. Coaches that are allowed on the field during the game are to be outside the HASH MARKS during all plays. Once the QB is under center all

coaches must be outside the hash marks and the coaches are not allowed to call plays. No Exceptions to this rule will be tolerated. Penalty will be 15 yards unsportsmanlike after first warning.

See page 5 for weight and age (year of birth) restrictions. A K-2 or Pee-Wee sized ball will be used.

5TH GRADE

No COACHES will be allowed on the field. See page 5 for weight and age (year of birth) restrictions. A K-2 or Pee-Wee ball will be used. No rushing of the punter is allowed, and during a punt, defense has to have six (6) down linemen on the line of scrimmage and offense has to have 6 lineman in the box.

6TH GRADE

See page 5 for weight and age (year of birth) restrictions... A junior-sized ball will be used.

7th-8th GRADE

Areas in which kids are playing for the Junior High or High School instead of club ball we will be allowing these teams to form teams during our Regional Tournament and if they qualify in our Regional Tournament will be allowed to compete in our National Tournament. However, the High School rule allows you to only be able to pick up 6 kids from each Junior High or High School. There is no weight restriction for this grade level. An intermediate-sized ball will be used. KSHAA/Federation Rules will apply.

AWARDS

The teams who are the first-place winner and second-place runner-up in each division will receive a TEAM AWARD (based on 4 or more teams in a division). Each member of the first place and second-place teams in each division will receive an individual award.

TIEBREAKERS FOR POOL PLAY

- 1) Head to head
- 2) Defensive points allowed
- 3) Offensive points scored +13
- 4) Coin toss

a) **All NYSSO tournaments are played by grade only.** Any player that is over the age per division will not be allowed to play in that grade. Players must be of the proper age and grade, not older than the following ages on August 1, 2017 for the division level in which he/she expects to participate. NYSSO still has the final say whether to allow players the right to play in any division. This process must happen prior to the tournament as an on-site challenge on this matter will not be accepted and the player will not be authorized to play.

Division	Ball Carrying Weight	Birthday
2 nd Grade	75	8
3 rd Grade	90	9
4 th Grade	105	10
5 th Grade	120	11
6 th Grade	130	12
7 th Grade	Open	13
8 Grade	Open	14

NYSSO Player" Code of Conduct

Youth football plays a vital role in encouraging physical, social and emotional growth of children. It is therefore essential for parents, coaches and officials to encourage their youth football players to embrace the values of good sportsmanship, discipline and character development.

NYSSO requires that all participants commit and adhere to the following Code of Conduct. NYSSO believes in the three “S’s” – Safety, Sportsmanship, and Scholarship and expects student participants to exhibit them both on and off the field. Any violation of the following Codes could result in disciplinary action by the NYSSO that may result in warnings or suspension.

NYSSO has adopted the following Player Code of Conduct as recommended by USA Football:

Players' Code of Conduct

I hereby pledge to be positive about my youth sports experience and accept responsibility for my participation by following this Players' Code of Ethics Pledge.

- Have fun!
- Be a good sport (win or lose); Be honest, fair and always show good sportsmanship to all coaches, players, officials, parents and fans by demonstrating good sportsmanship at every game and practice.
- Learn the value of commitment to the team. I will attend every practice and game that I can, and will notify by coach if I cannot.

- Put personal goals aside for the betterment of the team.
- Show courtesy and respect to teammates, opponents and coaches.
- Realize that athletic contests, including practice sessions are educational experiences and opportunities.
- I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct.
- I will not engage in rude behavior.
- I will treat everyone, including coaches, parents, players and officials, with respect, regardless of race, creed, color, nationality or gender.

NYSSO Parents' Code of Conduct Pledge

Parents are vital to the development of young athletes. Whether sitting in the stands or helping out as a volunteer, parents must set a positive example. Parents and adults involved in youth sports should be models of good sportsmanship and lead by example on and off the playing field.

NYSSO has adopted the following Parent Code of Conduct as recommended by USA Football:

- Give constructive criticism during a private moment, never in front of other parents, players, officials, spectators, etc.
- Support your coach and refrain from excessive "sideline coaching" from the stands.
- Refrain from using profanity.
- Abide by a doctor's decision in all matters of players health and injuries and physical ability to play.
- Accept the decisions of officials on the field as being fair and called to the best ability of the officials. Parents must stay off the field and remain under control in order to set a good example for players and other spectators.
- Do not criticize an opposing team, its players, fans, coaches or team by words or gestures.
- Support the coaches, players and officials and help teach the value of commitment to the teams, sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.
- Inappropriate behavior is cause for immediate ejection from the

stands. Repeat offenses will result in being barred from future games and league sponsored activities.

- Parents will not encourage their child or any other person to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participants, officials or any other attendee.

NYSSO COACHES' CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS

The primary goal of coaches should be the development of boys and girls to become better citizens. The players must be taught sportsmanship and fair play, and these teachings should always govern their behavior while at practice and at games. Coaches shall be responsible for the conduct of all players, members of the coaching staff and spectators. This includes the time periods before, during and after league games and other events. Improper conduct, in the judgment of the game officials, on the part of the players, coaches or spectators may result in penalties, expulsion and suspension or forfeiture of the game.

NYSSO has adopted the following Coaches Code of Conduct and Ethics recommended by USA Football:

- The coach will not criticize players in front of spectators.
- The coach will accept the decisions of officials.
- The coach will not criticize the officials, the opposing team, the coaches, fans or parents through language or gesture.
- The coach will emphasize that good athletes are good students, and both are physically and mentally alert.
- The coach will strive to make every football activity serve as a training ground for life and as a basis for good mental and physical health.
- The coach will emphasize that winning a game is the result of teamwork.
- The coach shall not use abusive or profane language in front of anyone connected with the game.
- The coach will refrain from “running up” the score against an opponent.

This includes keeping in the first defense at all times.

- The coach shall not be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
- The coach will set an example in personal conduct at all times.
- The coach will not smoke or use any form of tobacco while on the field of play during games, scrimmages or practices.
- The coach will treat each player, opposing coach, parent and commissioner with respect and dignity.
- The coach will learn the strengths and weakness of his/her players in order to place them into situations where each has a maximum opportunity to achieve success.
- The coach will protect the health and safety of his/her players by insisting that all of the activities under his/her control be conducted for their psychological and physiological welfare, rather than the interests of adults.

NYSSO tournament director has the right to make the final decision on all rulings.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

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