

2019 FOOTBALL PLAYOFF & CHAMPIONSHIP PROCEDURES

Event Information: All info for the playoffs will be posted daily and changes may also be shown. Please check daily for these changes.

Event Time Schedule: The Region will be responsible to prepare all event time schedules.

Teams must have (2) sets of jerseys, and carry both home and away jerseys to all games. The Region Site Coordinator will determine Jersey colors, when a conflict occurs Jersey must have National Pop Warner patch. Home teams will be Dark Visitor's will be white.

At championships both teams must bring both home and away jerseys that will be used in Florida so they can be certified by Eastern Region and pictures will be taking. This is to make sure those jerseys are used in Florida

Weigh-ins: All players will be strip weighed prior to all playoff game. 9 lbs. end of season weight will be giving An absentee form must be produced for any player not playing in each game. A member of the Playoff Committee shall coordinate this weigh-in. A secured indoor facility is necessary. One coach will be permitted to observe his team's weigh-in, however, said coach will have no say in any matters during the weigh in. Teams must have (2) sets of jerseys, and carry both home and away jerseys to all games. . Any player falling below the minimum (within 3 lbs.) or above the maximum (6 lbs. or below) may be re-weighed prior to the team's next game. If the player is below the minimum and is listed on the roster as below the listed minimum will be removed from roster immediately and cannot return to the team for the conclusion of the season. Teams should be at the field for their 1st game weigh-in at least 2 hours prior to scheduled game time. For other games they must be there 1 1/2 hours before. Any player not making weight on the 1st attempt will have one more attempt to weigh in, this will be done by the end of half time of game before, within 45 minutes of game time, if first game of the day or at RD/VRD discretion.

Game Footballs: Each team shall have available at least (2) game footballs (new or used) (leather, composite or rubber) for all games with the exception of the Finals, within the specifications as provided in the Rule Book, page 39 S1. The Game Footballs (Leather, Rubber or Composite) for the Finals will be provided by the National Sponsor Under Wilson these will be only footballs used for these games.

Roster Certification: All players in the Regional playoffs must provide at a time and place arranged by the RMT the following:

- 1) An original birth certificate or state/government issued copy/regional stamped copy. In the case of question, the RMT or their designee may request the original before said participant is eligible.(Must have all originals at the finals)
- 2) A recent individual participant photo
- 3) The participant's report card or scholastic eligibility form.
- 4) The player's physical report.
- 5) Every Coach MUST have their USA Football Certification Certificate in the book (Your book should be giving to RMT or person running field as soon as you arrive)

INJURY PROCEDURES

If any participant is injured and removed from the game or facility, said participant must have a Doctor's Note to return to participate with the team. In addition, if the absentee form has him listed as injured in a prior week the participant must also provide a Doctor's note before being allowed to continue to play with the team.

No participant shall be eligible without this proof and if proof cannot be provided said participant will be removed from the roster for the remainder of the season. Teams shall always carry this information with them to all events. Failure to provide any of the above info shall result in said player to be deemed ineligible for the scheduled game.

Home Teams: The Home teams are pre-determined and will be the bottom team in the schematic. Home teams will use the bench area on the same side as the Press Box.

Directions to Fields: These will be available on line on the Regional Website and updated daily to show all game locations.

Game Admission: The Host can charge a max charge is \$6 for adults (18 and over) only. This charge must be posted prior to the entrance of the facility.

Game Conduct: Any player or coach ejected either, during, before or after the game will be penalized by being suspended from all further games the team is involved in for the remainder of the playoffs. The Region Director shall reserve the right for the player to continue on. They may also face other sanctions from the Region, National or the Conference they represent.

Overtime: The National Overtime 10-yard procedure rule will be used throughout the Regional Playoffs.

League Officials: All League(s) that have a team in the Regional Playoff and/or Finals must have their President/Commissioner or an appointed designee present at the site of the game(s). Failure of a League Official attending the game will force the cancellation of the game and the other team will move on.

Entrance Fees: Teams shall pay a onetime entrance fee to compete in the Regional Championships. Leagues/Conference will be responsible for paying all fees prior to the start of the Play Offs.

Mandatory Play Rule: Kickoffs, extra points, and free kicks will not count. Page 31 Rule 9: Mandatory Play Rule will be enforced.

Each team shall have their own MPR monitors (1 for each sideline). The Playoff Committee during the game will monitor these people. The word of the monitor will be final. No coach shall dispute his or her count. The Playoff Committee at the end of the 1st half and again during the 3rd quarter will check on the progress of each team. At the beginning of the 4th quarter they will also intervene as to who needs to go in the game.

Sideline Personnel: Each team is allowed only there rostered coaches to be in the team box. Additional team personnel may be on the sidelines but NOT in the team box. The total number is not to exceed 10 people.

Chain Crews: The Playoff Committee shall have sole discretion as to the volunteers working the chains. The chains will be on the far side of the field opposite the press box. In the Championship games, the officials' crew will handle them.

Championship Patches: Each player & coach of the Championship football teams shall receive (2) Region Championship patch for their efforts. These patches shall be worn on the Game Jersey's that the team will be wearing in the National Championships. This is in addition to the National Pop Warner logo patch. The patch shall then be given to the players after that game. Division 3 Champions will receive (1) patch per player & coach.

Travel Sponsorships: Each Championship Football team from the Regional's that qualifies for the Nationals shall receive a stipend as decided by the Regional Budget for use as reimbursement for travel for the National Championships in Disney. Excluding Mitey Mites & D3 Jr Peewee , Peewee and Jr Varsity.

2019 HOST SITE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PROCEDURES

Hosting Games: Must fill out Host site form on website. Any League or Association can volunteer to host a portion of the playoffs up through the Semi Finals, however, the facility must meet some minimum requirements as follows:

1. A Regulation Lighted Playing Field
2. Turf Fields are highly recommended because of weather conditions that prevent the games from being rescheduled.
3. Restrooms should be nearby to accommodate the fans.
4. First Aid should know the schedule of games to be ready to assist if necessary when called.
5. A private indoor facility for weigh-ins must be available also.
6. The Host League shall be responsible to run the facility for the entire day's schedule with at least 4 volunteers for each scheduled game.

Chain Crews: Each team should supply a chain crew for ½ the game. Chains will be on side of the field supplying the chains. The Chain Gang needs to be adults.

Concession Stand:

1. The concession or food service area is subject to local health laws.
2. Prices should be reasonable as to not put undo financial burden on those who attend events.
3. Food & beverages are to be made available at no cost to the officials & Region Staff.

Football Stadium: The facility should be of high school quality with a seating capacity to accommodate spectators, with press box, electric scoreboard with game clock, and a locker/dressing room with ample space for all team members.

Field: A barrier must surround the playing area, with a minimum of four feet in height and made of non-bending material. Field lighting must meet National Federation specifications.

Site Inspection: The Region Director or his designee may make a site inspection of the facilities to be used. These include, but are not limited to hotels, stadiums, gymnasiums and any other gathering point for Pop Warner sanctioned events.

Event Time Schedule: The Region will be responsible to prepare all event time schedules. Those game schedules will not be changed by the Hosts.

Weigh ins will be done by Region Staff or designated person.

One coach will be able to stay in locker room while their team is weighing in. If a player dose not make the weight on the 1st attempt they will be allowed one more attempt within 15 minutes of 1st attempt. No scale allowances are giving.

Game Officials:

1. Assigning of Game officials must be approved by the Region Director or Vice Regional Director. All games with the exception of the Championships must have at least (4) certified High School field officials and (1) certified High School clock official.
2. The game clock shall be the official game time on the scoreboard.
3. The cost of the Officials will be handled by the League Host of the field. When not charging a gate, **The League Host or Association will be paid a \$150 stipend per game from the Region at conclusion of the day's games for each weekend of the playoffs.**
4. If they were permitted to charge an admission charge at their facility, there will not be a stipend given to the Host.

Game Admission

1. The max charge is \$6 for adults (18 and over) only.
2. This charge must be posted prior to the entrance of the facility.
3. There will not be any fee posted or collected for children or anyone under 18.