

SEC YOUTH FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

UNDER SOUTH CAROLINA YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

POWERED BY UNITED YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Article 1.

1. The name of the conference shall be SEC Youth Football Conference which is under the South Carolina Youth Football Association which is powered by United Youth Football League.

2. League and purpose:

A. A non-profit organization for the purpose of providing a healthy recreational program for youth interested in tackle football and cheerleading.

B. Teach fundamental football and cheerleading skills and techniques.

C. Provide fun, enjoyment, and game competition with adult leadership.

D. Teach to win with pride and lose with dignity.

E. Build minds and bodies through good clean sportsman-like play and vigorous exercise.

F. Teach the importance of teamwork.

G. Encourage all participants to complete what they start and the value of not being a quitter.

H. All adults are advised this organization is for the benefit of youth that are not yet capable of providing this type of activity for themselves. This organization has no provisions for and will make every effort to avoid adults and adult organizations that would use this program to further personal ambitions or gains.

3. This league shall have the power to make and enforce rules and regulations to govern itself.

A. Rule changes can only occur at annual league meeting once a rule is in place it will stay in place until the following year unless and emergency board meeting is called in where the rule is voted upon to have changed.

4. This league will be govern by its board of directors.

A. The board of directors will consist of a representative from each organization. The board will organize themselves at the first board meeting after the annual meeting.

B. Board members shall serve until replaced.

- C. Board members shall attend all scheduled meetings unless excused by the president.
 - D. Two unexcused consecutive absences shall result in consideration for removal.
 - E. Board members may be dismissed by a majority vote of the entire board.
5. Board of directors shall enforce playing rules of SCYFA. The board will approve all football and cheerleading coaches.
- A. Each director and coach will need to sign the coaches code of conduct each year.
 - B. Disciplinary action, if necessary, of any football or cheerleading coach or league official for violating the coaches code of conduct will be administered by the league commissioner.
6. The Board of directors will also elect a mediator if there is an even amount of organizations.
- A. The mediator elected shall serve until replaced.
 - B. The mediator only has the power to make a ruling if the Board of Directors are unable to come to a majority vote on an issue.
7. The league shall hold an annual meeting for the purpose of reviewing present year's activities and rule changes.
- A. A yearly schedule for upcoming season for all organizations will be provided at annual league meeting.
8. Organizations
- A. Each organization must consist of three teams 8U, 10U, and 12U tackle. Organizations also have the option to participate in 6U Flag and 13U tackle. If your organization does not have the required three teams your organization does not qualify for the league.
 - 1. Each Team must consist of a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 35 players.
 - 2. There is no recruiting radius
 - 3. The age control date is August 1st of the calendar year.
 - 4. Each organization is required to have proof of insurance and each player
 - 5. Each player is required to have a state issued ID, passport or Ident-a-kid card for verification.
 - A. Verification documents can be the actual document or a colored copy of the document.
 - 6. Roster lock date of September 15th of the calendar year.

A. Each player must participate in a game by Sept 15th to be eligible to play in the league.

7. Players are prohibited from dual participation between rosters in the SEC conference.

8. No dual participation restriction in terms of playing in a different leagues.

A. Players that are rosters associated with High Schools are ineligible to participate.

9. If a player wants to transfer from his/her previous organization he must get a transfer form signed by his previous program director or that player is required to sit out a season before participating.

A. There is a cap of 5 total players that can transfer from one organization to another, whether that be existing organizations or new organizations, each year.

B. There will be a \$500 non-refundable organizational fee due by June 1st of each calendar year.

C. Organizations will be required to play home games at a High School fields or a fields approved by the board of directors at the league meeting.

1. Home game fields are required to have a time clock.

9. Game Play

A. Games will be played in SCHSL rules with SCYFA modifications.

1. Clock stops on change of possession, out of bounds, and timeouts throughout game.

A. Clock does not restart on change of possession until the ball has been snapped.

B. Quarter length

1. 8U will play four 8 minute quarters

2. 10U and 12U will play four 9 minute quarters

C. Mercy rule

1. 28 point deficient will result in a running clock

2. Clock would only stop on timeouts and injuries

3. Winning team is not allowed to call timeout

4. Running clock stops if the losing team brings the score within 28 points

D. Special Teams

1. Kickoffs

- A. 8U will have the ball placed at their own 25 yard line
- B. 10U and 12U will have a live kickoff

2. Field Goals/Extra Points

- A. 8U is attempting a Field Goal/Extra Point only kicker is live upon ball being snapped
- B. 10U and 12U Field Goal/Extra Points are live

3. Punts

- A. Defenses are not allowed to line up over the center during live punt
- B. Clock will run during the walk-off as it will be count as a play
- C. Clock will stop after walk off is completed
- D. 8U is required to take a 25 yard walk off on the punt
- E. 10U have an option for a live punt or a 25 yard walk-off

4. Safety

- A. 8U will have the ball placed on the 50 yard line after a safety
- B. 10U and 12U will have a live free kick from their own 20 yard line

E. Scoring

- 1. Touchdown = 6 points
- 2. Extra point = 1 point
- 3. Field Goal = 3 points
- 4. 2 point conversion = 2 points
- 5. Safety = 2 points

F. Game Balls

1. 8U will play with Pee Wee ball
2. 10U will play with TDJ ball
3. 12U will play with TDY ball.

G. In Game

1. All interior defensive lineman (lineman inside the tackles) must be in a three or four point stance
 - A. Players not in three point stance first time it's a warning next time 15 yard penalty
 - B. 8U no head up over the center

10. Game Day

A. Protocol:

1. 8U starts at 10am
 - A. start times can be altered if agreed upon by both program directors
 1. Game time changes will need to be decided on by 5pm on Thursday
2. 10U directly follows the 8U game
3. 12U directly follows the 10U game
4. If a team forfeits there is an \$160 fee per game forfeited that will be paid to the league and then given to the team who that organization forfeited to.

B. Sidelines

1. Only SCYFA players, coaches and directors are allowed on the sidelines
2. Each team is allowed a total of 5 coaches and 1 director on the sidelines during the game
3. Team moms will have to be one of your registered coaches in order to be on the sidelines
 - A. 1st sideline violation is a warning
 - B. 2nd or more sideline violation will result in a 15 yard penalty

C. ID Checks

1. ID checks will occur before each game
2. IDs need to be state or government issued picture ID, passport, or Ident-a-kid card.
 - A. Documents can be actual document or a colored copy of the document.
3. Only program directors or one appointed official can perform the ID check
 - A. No coaches are allowed to due the ID check.
4. 8U Id check will occur 30 minutes prior to the start of the game
5. 10U Id check will occur at halftime of the 8U game
6. 12U Id check will occur at halftime of the 10U game
7. If a player is late for ID check that player has until 5 minutes before the start of the game to be checked in. If a player is not checked in prior to 5 minutes before the start of the game that player must wait until halftime to be checked in and participate in the game.

D. Officials

1. The league will provide officials for each game.
2. Four officials are required for all games.
3. An annual officials meeting will occur before the start of each season
 - A. Each official is required to attend the annual officials meeting.

E. Admission

1. Adults ages 12 and up \$5
2. Children ages 4-11 \$3
3. Children under 4 free of charge

11. Scheduling

- A. Each organization will play all other organizations once in season unless league exceeds 10 organizations.
 1. If the league exceeds 10 organizations the teams will be divided into divisions

B. Each team will play at minimum an eight game schedule

C. Schedules will be provided at the annual league meeting.

12. Playoffs

A. If the league has 10 teams or more

1. The top 6 teams in each age group qualifies for playoffs.

2. Top two seeds receive a first round bye.

3. Seed 3 plays seed 6 and seed 4 plays seed 5 in a first round matchup

A. 3 seed and 4 seed will host quarterfinal playoff round

4. Seed 1 will play the lowest remaining seed from first round matchup in a second round matchup

5. Seed 2 would play highest remaining seed in a second round match

6. The winners of the second round matchups will play in a championship game.

B. If the league has fewer than 10 teams

1. The top 4 teams in each age group qualifies for playoffs.

2. Seed 1 plays seed 4 and seed 2 plays seed 3 in a first round matchup

3. The winners of the first round matchups will play in a championship game

C. Playoff location will be voted upon at annual league meeting.

13. Championship

A. Championship location will voted upon at annual league meeting.

14. Amendments. The constitution may be amended, supplemented, or modified by a majority vote of members present at the annual meeting.

15. The Board of Directors shall review the constitution and by-laws every year.

16. Statement

A. The SEC Youth Football League football/cheerleading officers, sponsors, coaches, and supervisory personnel are not responsible for injuries to persons or damage to property other than insurance coverage.

By-Laws of SEC Youth Football League

1. Duties of the Board of Directors.

- **President.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the league and carry out policies set by the board, appoint all committees and supervise their activities. See that the league adheres to the rules, regulations, and policies of LFL Football.
- **Program Director.** The Program Director shall be responsible for all activities relating to football, coaches, and parents. This includes representing LFL, recommending coaches, providing team uniforms, and dealing with problems related to these.
- **Cheerleading Director.** The Cheerleading Director shall be responsible for all activities relating to cheerleaders, coaches, and parents. This includes representing LFL, recommending coaches, providing team uniforms, and dealing with problems relating to these.
- **Board of Directors.** The board of directors shall consist of a representative from each organization and the president. Members can hold a dual position of president and representative for an organization. The board shall have the authority to fill vacancies on the board if this arises between annual meetings.

The board shall be the governing body to the Low-Country Football League and may rule on all matters not specifically covered by these by-laws.

2. Policies shall be adopted by the board of directors as needed to aid in the enjoyment, learning, and encouragement of all players and cheerleaders to continue to participate in organized tackle football.

3. The board of directors shall have the authority to designate and delegate necessary authority to the officers of the organization to accomplish the goals and purposes of the league.

4. There is no participation boundary for the Low-Country Football.

5. **Teams.** The Low-Country Football League shall organize and supervise teams as needed to operate within the guidelines of the league.

6. **Players.** Player eligibility will be based on the rules set forth by the LFL.

7. **Games.** Games will be scheduled and played as outlined by the LFL president.

8. **Coaches.** Football and cheerleading coaches will be approved annually by majority vote of the board of directors.

9. **Practice.** Conducted within framework of LFL.

10. **Amendments.** These By-laws may be amended, supplemented, or modified by a majority vote of the board members present at any regular board meeting.