

GREEN HORNETS FOOTBALL AGE/WEIGHT STRUCTURE

Tackle football is open to boys and girls from 6 to 14 years old. **Stingers** Flag football is open to boys and girls ages 5, 6 & 7.

Birth Certificates /Age:

All players must provide a copy of their birth certificate. It will need to be turned in at equipment handout. A September 1st cutoff is used for all leagues with the exception of the 70lb league that uses calendar year and December 31st.

Weight:

2016 age and weight structure is listed on chart below and specific Age/Weight class designation is highlighted in yellow.

Players may not exceed weight for age assigned class at pre-season approved county weigh in to play in that league.

- For example, (with the exception of those players assigned as Tackle to Tackle players) the league referred to as the 80lb level, an age assigned player may not exceed 80lbs at time of weigh in to be eligible for that league.
- **A Rule Change made prior to the 2013 Season included the introduction of a "Tackle to Tackle Rule" that allows players who are over the weight limit for their respective age group to remain with that group, however they will only be allowed to play on the field on the line of Scrimmage, between the Tackles.**
- **Tackle to Tackle players are allowed an additional 10lbs with respect to their weight in relation to their peers.**

For weighted leagues, if a player exceeds the weight listed for their specific age group, they are eligible to play up a maximum of two weight classes and not be considered "Tackle to Tackle" players.

- For example a player, that by age, should play for the 80lb level can play up to the 100lb level if weight necessitates it, but not further.

Unlimited and Freshman/Sophomore leagues utilize age only guidelines with no weight limit.

Weigh -In: *does not pertain to Unlimited & Freshman/Sophomore leagues*

- ALL PLAYERS AT WEIGHTED LEVELS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND & PASS, ONE OF THREE COUNTY WEIGH-INS OR THEY CANNOT PLAY.
- The first is scheduled August 6th. Second weigh in is scheduled for August 20th, and the final weigh in is set for the 31st of August. and of September.
- If the child does not make weight for the roster to which they were originally assigned, a decision has to be made to decide if the player will attempt to make weight again or be moved up to the next weight class or be assigned to the "Tackle to Tackle" list.

If the player opts to attempt weigh in at the "Final" weigh in, he will miss the first 2 regular season games and if he fails, he is not eligible to play at all.

Season Weight Gain & Playoffs: *does not pertain to Unlimited & Fresh Soph leagues*
In-Season

- A player is allowed 5lbs for growth during the season – this includes the “Tackle to Tackle” players. If an opposing team disputes a player’s weight. He/she cannot exceed class weight by more than 5lbs. (Ex. A player in the 90lb class cannot exceed 95.9 during the season. A T2T player at the 90lb level cannot exceed 105.9lb during the season.)

Post-Season

- While there is no longer a weigh-in to certify players playing during the Post Season, players are still required to be within limits for each given weight class. The players are given an additional 5lbs for growth during the Post Season. (Ex. A player in the 90lb class cannot exceed 100.9lbs to participate in the playoffs. A T2T player at the same level must be less than 111lb.) If an opposing team suspects a player is above the limits for any given level, they can protest that player or players in accordance with the AAYFA White Rules.

Stingers' Flag - Kindergarten & 1st Grade - 5, 6 & 7 Year Old Must be 5 by 09/01/16 - No 2nd Graders											
2011											
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug				
2010											
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
								2009			
								Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec

Can Play either Flag or Tackle. Must select during Registration.

70lbs - 1st & 2nd Graders 6 & 7 Year olds 12/31 Cutoff Must be 6 by 8/31/16 to play Tackle. No 2008 Birth year Players											
2010											
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2009											
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec

80LB - 3rd Graders 9/1 Cutoff															
2007				2008											
Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec

90 LB - 4th Graders 9/1 Cutoff											
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2006				2007							
Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug

100 LB - 5th Graders 9/1 Cutoff											
2005				2006							
Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug

11U - 6th Graders 9/1 Cutoff											
2004				2005							
Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug

12U - 7th Graders 9/1 Cutoff											
2003				2004							
Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug

13U - 8th Graders 9/1 Cutoff – HS players ineligible											
2002											
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2003											
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug				

2013 Rule Change:
 Weighted Levels can have Tackle - Tackle Players

2011 Rule Change:
 14 Year Olds can play at 13U as long as they do not turn 15 by the end of the calendar year and are not in HS

Grade listed on chart serves as a guideline based on current AA County Public schools date of entrance and may not coincide with everyone.

As has always been Hornets' Policy, Players are placed on correct teams by age group. Players only play "up" if weight or grade alignment is an issue.

There is not a choice otherwise