

**BOONE COUNTY PEE WEE FOOTBALL LEAGUE
GENERAL RULES
JANUARY 2010**

****Any violation of the rules will be reviewed by the Review Board. Penalties from any violation could result in suspension from game and/or forfeiture of game.**

1. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- A.** BCPWFL will be open to anyone who meets the age requirements; this will exclude Ohio and Indiana residents. All players/cheerleaders must be enrolled in a Kentucky school at the time of registration.
- B.** Once a player begins Pee Wee Football, every year will count as one year of eligibility under any circumstances. There will be four years as a midget, two years as a Junior and two years as a Senior. A Review Board will handle any special cases.
- C.** A signed insurance release form must be turned in before any player is allowed to practice. The back of the registration card will act as an insurance release. Each player must submit a copy of their birth certificate before they can practice. If any player is found to be playing without a signed release and/or state birth certificate then that team will forfeit their game **FEES:** The first player in each family will be charged a \$65 entrance fee. The first cheerleader in the family will be charged \$35 entrance fee. The second player/cheerleader in a family will be charged \$35, and any additional players/cheerleaders from that family will be free. If the entrance fee check bounces, the player and/or cheerleader will not be permitted to participate with the league until the entrance fee is paid in full. A \$10 late fee will be added after the last registration date.
- D.** A family asking for **HARDSHIP STATUS** will be asked to try to sell 65 raffle tickets at \$1 per ticket. If the family is unable to sell all 65 tickets, the difference will be made up by the family, or waived by permission of the Athletic Director, and the Hardship Committee. If the family has a second player, they will be asked to sell another 35 tickets.
- E. EACH PLAYER WILL REGISTER EVERY YEAR.** Dates for registration will be set by the League Secretary. All players entering the league for the first time in 2006 or there after will be subject to the following age eligibility requirements.

STARTER - No one shall be permitted to play unless they have reached their 6th birthday before August 1st of the current year or be in the first grade and shall not have reached their 8th birthday before August 1st of the current year. MIDGET - No one shall be permitted to play unless they have reached their 6th birthday on or before August 1st of the current year and shall not have reached their 10th birthday on or before August 1st of the current year. JUNIOR - Anyone entering the Junior Division shall not have reached their 12th birthday on or before August 1st of the current year. SENIOR - Anyone entering the Senior Division shall not have reached their 14th birthday on or before August 1st of the current year. Each division is made up of two conferences, East and West. Players must present a birth certificate to the League before the Walk-A-Thon. Players cannot play in League games until presented. Board of Health Certificates will be accepted.

All current players born on or between August 1st and September 30th, who have been drafted to the Junior Division or Senior Division, must go to the team they were drafted by in the 2006 season. These players will have three years of eligibility for the team they are drafted by.

All players born on or between August 1st and September 30th, who are not moving up to the next level (Midget, Junior, or Senior), have until the first game of the 2006 season to declare whether they will stay in their current level (Starter, Midget, or Junior) for the 2007 season. Once this decision is made, it is final and cannot be changed later.

All players born on or between August 1st and September 30th, who were in their 2nd year of Senior Division eligibility for the 2005 season will be granted a 3rd year of eligibility for the 2006 season.

- F. There will be NO WEIGHT LIMIT on a player playing a "line" position. BACKFIELD POSITION WEIGHT LIMITS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

MIDGET - 90 LBS. JUNIOR - 120 LBS. SENIOR - 150 LBS.

Official weigh-in day will be on Walk-A-Thon Day. All players will be weighed in without equipment. Once a player touches the scale and if the player is overweight then that player will have the opportunity to step off of the scale, take off clothes and/or take shoes off, but he must weigh back in with his team that day. Any player not weighed in on Walk-A-Thon Day must be weighed in by Preview Day or they will automatically be classified as a lineman. Walk-ons or late registrations are the only exemptions. However, these players must be weighed in before participation in a game or the game will be forfeited. Any overweight player shall play a line position only. Any player making back weight shall not be required to weigh again. All players must be weighed in on League scales. Failure to do so could result in forfeited games. **THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER OR FOOTBALL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MUST CONDUCT THE WEIGH-IN.**

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1. Under no circumstances can an overweight offensive lineman receive or advance the ball behind the line of scrimmage (with the exception of a fumble).
2. Ends that are overweight are only eligible to receive a pass and then run.
3. No overweight player can line up behind the line of scrimmage on a kick-off return.
4. Punter and Kicker on extra points and field goals may be overweight but may not advance the ball in any fashion (i.e., run, pass, fumble, etc.)
5. Holder on extra points or field goals must be underweight to advance the ball (i.e. run, pass hand-off, etc.)
6. If overweight kicker on extra points or field goals attempts to advance the ball, a five-yard penalty plus a loss of down will be assessed.
7. Punt returners must be back weight.

H. All games in which a player is ineligible (with coach's knowledge) will be forfeited.

I. Any player who quits a team during the season will not be allowed to return in that season except by obtaining permission from the team's head coach. The player must return to the same team unless they are released or moved up.

J. There will be a countywide open draft and a Review Board to handle any rule exceptions.

K. All cheerleaders must sign a registration form and pay a \$35 entrance fee. A signed insurance release form must be turned in before any cheerleader is allowed to practice.

L. A cheerleader applying for hardship will be asked to try to sell 35 raffle tickets.

II. PLAYER EQUIPMENT

A. All players must have a mouthpiece. Any player without a mouthpiece will be ejected from the game until a mouthpiece is obtained.

B. Cleats will be optional and not furnished by the League. Cleats must be of soft rubber or molded plastic, and not exceed 1/2 inch in length. No cleats or steel tipped cleats.

- C. General equipment normally worn by football players will be furnished by the League; helmet, shoulder pads, knee pads, thigh pads, hip pads, pants and jersey. Any special equipment, that is not listed above, such as forearm pads, hand pads, etc., are not furnished by the League. It is the responsibility of the coaches, however, to see that any special equipment used is safe, and would not be harmful to either the player wearing them or other players on the field.

PARENT OR PARENTS OF CHILDREN PLAYING IN THE LEAGUE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LEAGUE EQUIPMENT ISSUED TO THEIR CHILD, WHETHER LOST OR STOLEN. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE TO BOONE COUNTY PEE WEE FOOTBALL FOR THE PRICE OF REPLACING THE LOST OR STOLEN EQUIPMENT.

The League will supply kicking tees for all games.

III. GAME RULES

- A. All games will be played according to Kentucky High School Rules except for special League rules.
- B. The following times will be observed in each division:
- All Divisions will use 8 minute quarters, stop and start as high school rules.
 - There will be 1 minute between quarters.
 - There will be 10 minutes between halves.
 - There will be 5 minutes between games, unless otherwise specified.
- C. Teams should warm up on the practice field before their game.
- D. First fight will result in ejection from game. Second offense will warrant suspension from the League, for the remainder of the year.
- E. Coaches ejected from a game will be suspended from the teams next played game.
- F. Any Player that is ejected two times from a game in a season will not be eligible for Superlatives.
- G. If at any time during the game one team obtains a 24-point lead, both teams must place their second string into the game. In the event that the point spread is less than 24 points, the first team can reenter the game. During the last 3 minutes of the game, with either team leading by 18 points, both teams must play their second string, cannot include starting players. The only exception is if a team does not have 22 players, they must use their starting players, somewhere else then their starting position.
- H. If rule III (F) is violated, the following action will be taken by the Athletic Director:
- First offense - warning by Athletic Director
 - Second offense – not be allowed to coach during their teams next game.
 - Third offense – the coach will be removed from their coaching duties.
- I. During time outs, there will 4 coaches per team allowed on the field.
- J. When the second team takes the field, if necessary, there can be 3 coaches per team on the field while the second team is playing.
- K. During the second team play, if agreed on by both teams, there will be simulated punts and kickoffs. The offense can start, if necessary, no further inside their own 20-yard line. The receiving team will begin on their own 35-yard line.

- L. If any Head Coach knowingly has an unregistered player playing or practicing, the first offense will be suspension for the next game - second offense will be dismissal from league.

IV. RULES * SPECIAL CASES * TEAM COMPOSITION AND GOVERNING BODY

- A. For Wednesdays before your teams' respective field duty, the Head Coach will have two volunteers from their team to actively help to get the field ready for that weekend's games. If there are not two volunteers from your team then the Head Coach will be suspended from that week's game. However the Head Coach must still be at their respective field duty.
- B. You must have prior consent from your respective Athletic Director for any Bowl game and/or out of county scrimmage.
- C. Active team rosters will contain 60 players for Midgets, 35 players for Juniors, and 40 players for Seniors. If a team reaches max capacity, then that team will be considered frozen. All new players will be directed to another team within the division until such time as all teams have reached their maximum capacity.
- D. There will be no more Senior and Junior Divisions. There will still be a Midget Division.
- E. Ties will be decided by Kentucky High School Football Rules.
- F. Players may appeal disqualification from League to the Review Board.
- G. All trades must be completed by the kickoff of the first game on preview day.
 - 1. Open trading will be allowed.
 - 2. Once a player is obtained by a team either as a walk-on or drafted, they are a member of that team until their eligibility is exhausted for that division. Any change in status by trading or releasing will be at the sole discretion of the head coach, and majority of the Athletic Directors for the League approves the move. The trade or the release will be allowed up to the first day of practice.
 - 3. Any player in their last year of eligibility that fails or is held back in school must move to the next division. All cases are subject to review by the Executive Board.
- H. A parent wanting their son to play on the same team as a brother will have to submit a letter to the Athletic Director before the draft.
- I. If a Head Coach has at least one full year of head coaching a team in the current division, his son, stepson, or grandson is automatically placed on the Head Coach's team. If there is not at least one full year of head coaching in a division, then the Head Coach will take his son, stepson, or grandson in the second round of the draft.
- J. Head coach's brother and/or nephew are to be drafted on or before the round that the child is listed in.

Practice sessions for players and cheerleaders is limited to four times per week prior to start of school year or term. During school, practices will be limited to three sessions per week. Each practice session will not exceed two hours. Practice sessions on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays will be called only in emergency situations, and must have prior consent of the Athletic Director. Any Friday practice sessions must end by 7:00 PM.

- K. The Review Board will be made up of the following:

For the Football Players:

- ☞ Executive Board of officers
- ☞ Athletic Directors

For the Cheerleaders:

- ☞ Executive Board of Officers
- ☞ Cheerleading Director

 Assistant Cheerleading Directors

The President will act as Chairman of the Review Boards.

- L. All referees will be furnished by the League.
- L. Protests must be submitted in writing to the Field Director on the same day of the alleged incident, that brings the protest, occurs. All protests will be reviewed by the Review Board and ruled on at the next meeting after the date the protest was filed. A \$25 cash fee must be submitted with protest. If protest is won, fee is returned.
- L. Will hold December coaches meeting to go over rule changes. Head coaches will be required to be at either the December or January meeting. Head coaches must attend 3 coaches meetings and 3 booster meetings per year. If unable to attend, an assistant coach or team representative, who is an active booster member, must attend in their place. Failure of a coach to be present or represented at the required number of meetings will result in suspension of the head coach from their duties.
- D. Team mothers must attend all team and league project meetings, and at least six booster meetings during the year. Failure to do so could result in the suspension of their duties.
- E. Expansion - Player Draft
 1. Existing teams may freeze up to 20 players.
 2. The expansion teams must draft until four (4) players are drafted from each existing team.
 3. Players not drafted remain on the original team.
- F. Midget and Junior Divisions - Player Draft
 1. All players moving up in the draft will be listed in order of rank by their coaches. This list must include player's names, address, phone number, position, height, weight, grade, and birth date. This list will need to be submitted for the October Coaches meeting. That list will then be approved by the respective Division Coaches at the October Coaches Meeting.
 2. On draft day there will be two separate drafts, one for Boone County Residents only and the other draft will be for out of the county draft. Out of county draft will continue where the Boone County Draft left off. It will not start over. There will no longer be a separate out of county draft for the Junior Division. All players for the Junior Division will be listed on one draft sheet. The Senior Division will still have two separate drafts, one for Boone County residents and one for out of county.
 3. Expansion teams draft first and second by draw. The expansion teams will alternate the first and second pick of each round. Then last place first, next to last, etc. Ties will be decided as set forth in Rule IV (Q) (1). If there is no expansion teams, the league draft will start with last team first. There will be no rotation a round.
 4. All players with previous continual experience in our League must be drafted before new players are chosen.
 5. All new players will be listed giving their name, address, phone number, height, weight, birth date, and grade.
 6. At the draft, there will be the Head Coach and two Assistant Coaches for that team that is drafting at the drafting table only. All other Division Coaches will sit in the back of the room.
 7. All players must be drafted and a team can not pass they must take a pick until all players are picked.
 8. Limit the amount of top ten draft picks that a Head Coach can give away to only 2 draft picks in the top ten rounds.
- G. **Boone Super Bowl**
 1. Playoffs will consist of the first place teams of each division for Midgets and the two Midget Division teams with the next best regular season record regardless of which division the teams are

in. Since the Junior and Senior Divisions are dissolved then the playoff teams for will be decided by putting the top four best Junior and Senior teams in the playoffs. Any ties will be decided by the following rules. In the event there is a three way tie you must first determine first and second place teams in each division then any team who has the same record may compare overall head to head to take the last playoff spots.

- The step by step process to determine winners-

1. Overall record
 2. Head to Head record
 3. Total points scored against each other head to head
 4. Division record
 5. If tied after A - D, a playoff game will be played
2. Any other prospective bowl games outside the League must be approved by the Athletic Director and the President of the League. Rosters MUST be approved by League Officers. Want other league rules, i.e., age limit, grade limit, etc.
 3. All post season games outside the League are to end by December 1.
 4. Teams playing bowl games outside the League can pick up players from other teams in their division (with their coaches approval).
 5. The first place team in each division is decided by overall win/loss record.

H. No Non-League Fund Raisers will be permitted between the last week of July through Thanksgiving unless approved by League President. If violated, all funds must be turned over to the League. Failure to do so will result in the forfeit of all games.

I. A coaching contract will be signed by all head coaches.

J. Equipment and uniform colors will be mandated by the League.

K. Point after touchdown when kicked will be worth 2 points along with a carried extra point.

L. Eliminate the All Star Game in favor of a Starter Bowl. The head Coach for the All-Star Game will be the Division Champs for their respective divisions. All-Star Participants will receive a medallion.

M. All Star Players will be recognized at the Super Bowl game for their respective division.