

I. The basics

- a. 40 yard field
 - i. 3 plays to get inside the 20 yard line
 - ii. 4 plays to score from inside the 20 yard line
 - iii. Play will always begin from the approximate middle of the field on each snap
 - iv. An offensive player is deemed "down" by one hand touch from a defensive player
 1. Contact should be with the hands and not the shoulders/elbows. Striking an offensive player with the shoulder or elbows could result in a penalty and perhaps an ejection.
 - v. All eligible players are encouraged to run routes outside of the tackles
 1. Players running routes that start inside of the tackles may be penalized
 2. There are no "EMPTY" formations and a RB must be next too or behind the qb at the snap. (No Wings).
 - vi. Teams are only allowed to have 7 players actively participate on defense
 1. Any team using 8 defenders must have 1 player take a knee upon the snap
 2. ANY interference by an 8th defender will result in a penalty
 - vii. Interceptions will result in a change of possession and 3pts for the defense.
 1. Any fumble will remain the possession of the offense and the ball is dead at the point of the fumble
 - viii. In the event of teams having the same record in Pool Play... Fewest points allowed will determine seeding for the next round

II. Format

- a. The 1st round of the tournament is Pool Play.
 - i. After pool play is concluded the teams will be seeded 1-16.
- b. The 2nd round of the tournament is Bracket Play
 - i. Seeds 1-6 will be the #1 team out of each pool, seeds 7-12 will be the #2 team out of each pool and seeds 13-16 will be the best #3 teams out of each pool.
 1. Seeding teams will be determined by pool record and/or fewest points allowed.
 - ii. Teams seeded 17-24 will play each other thus finishing their tournament guarantee of 4 games.
 - iii. Teams seeded 1-16 will begin the tournament championship bracket following pool play.
 1. This aspect of the tournament is single elimination.

III. Timing

- a. Pool play games will consist one 35 minute session. While ALL bracket games will be 40 minutes in length.
 - i. Officials will announce the five minute warning prior to the end of the end of the game
 1. The game clock will not stop once play has begun
 - ii. The game clock and play clock will only be kept by the 2 officials working each game
 - iii. Teams are asked to get into and out of the huddle in a timely manner
 1. Any team the officials deem to be purposely delaying play may be penalized
 2. Officials may place slow playing teams on a 25 second clock.
 - iv. All qb's will have 3.5 seconds to throw the ball
 1. Bringing a center along is encouraged, but isn't mandatory
 2. With or without a center the time remains 3.5 seconds
 - v. There will be no use of timeouts to stop play

IV. Penalties

- a. All penalties will be enforced by the game officials
- b. Any offensive penalty will result in a loss of down and a 5 yard penalty
 - i. No penalty will move a team beyond the perimeter of the 40 yard field
- c. Any defensive penalty will result in an automatic 1st down and a 5 yard penalty

V. Scoring

- a. Touchdown's are worth 6 points
- b. Interceptions are worth 3 points
 - i. In the event of a tie at the end of regulation each team will get 4 plays to score from the 20 yard line
 1. The team with the ball at the end of regulation will start the overtime period on OFFENSE.
 2. Possession will alternate if both teams score and continue to alternate until one team fails to match the score of their opponent
 3. Any interception in overtime is the game winner

VI. Miscellaneous

- a. Berating or abusing officials will not be tolerated. Head coaches you are responsible for controlling your assistants and fans as much as possible.
 - i. Repeated incidents of poor behavior will result in ejections from the tournament.
- b. There will be a snack bar available and is one of our few sources of revenue for this event so please encourage your players, coaches and fans to bring some money.
- c. Parking will cost \$1 per vehicle for general admission and \$3 per vehicle for preferred parking

Any questions please contact me ASAP with your concerns!

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