**NEXT LEVEL SPORTS FLAG FOOTBALL BY-LAWS (Fall 2024)**

**1**—A player MUST first be registered in the league before he is allowed to practice with any

team.

**2**--IF A PLAYER IS NOT REGISTERED IN THE LEAGUE…HE/SHE CANNOT PLAY.

1. If a team allows a player to play that is not registered, they will forfeit the game and

the head coach will be suspended for the next 2 games.

1. If head coach was not present for the game, then the assistant coach will be

suspended for the next 2 games.

**3**-- If a team has less than 5 players for a game, they forfeit the game. They may use another

player that is not on their team but is registered on a different team, just to play a game, as

long as the other coach agrees.

1. If a team allows a player from another team to play, and they have at least 5 players

from that team, present at the game, they will forfeit that game and the head coach will be

suspended for the next game.

 **B**) If head coach was not present for the game, and then the assistant coaches will be

suspended for the next game.

**4**- If anyone, (player, coach, parent) is ejected from a game for any reason, they are subject

to be suspended for at least the NEXT GAME based on action causing the ejection. Further suspension may be added pending investigation by league directors. No coach, player or parent can verbally or physically abuse a referee. That could be grounds for a lengthy suspension!!! Suspensions will be based on Level 1, 2 or 3 & will be determined by the league directors!!

**Level 1**= Warning to 1 game

**Level 2**= 1 to 3 games

**Level 3**= 3 games to season or lifetime ban if serious enough

**5**- All players MUST WEAR LEAGUE JERSEYS. If a player does not have their jersey, they will

report to league official (Richie, Tom, Steve, Tommy D.) Etc. They will be allowed to play that game but

MUST purchase another jersey before the next game.

**6**--- Sports Goggles or plastic frames with straps must be worn. No exceptions!!!

**7**--- If a child was held back in school, reclassified by parents at any time or born in another state that has a cutoff date for school, they MUST play in the grade they should be in based on date of birth.

 8th Graders- Born in 2011

 7th Graders- Born in 2012

 6th Graders- Born in 2013

 5th Graders- Born in 2014

 4th Graders- Born in 2015

 3rd Graders- Born in 2016 etc…………..

**8**— A player must play in at least 3 regular season games to be eligible for playoffs unless that player was injured during the season….If you use a player that hasn’t played in enough games, you will forfeit that playoff game & the other team will be awarded the win!!! NO EXCEPTIONS

**9**— If a player does not play in their proper grade.

 (EXAMPLE: 7th grader playing in the 5th/6th grade division, he will be suspended for the remainder of the season (Including playoffs) and WILL NOT RECEIVE A REFUND. If the coach knew about it he will be suspended for the remainder of the season also!!!!

**10**- The league decides the appropriate division your team plays in based on talent & prior year standings / playoffs!!! The league also holds the right to combine divisions for any two grades based on keeping parity for all teams.

**11**- Players are not allowed to play on two teams (whether in different divisions or not). The only exemption would be if a team is in jeopardy of not having enough kids to have a team & the league needs it to not create an uneven division!!!!

**12**- No team can add a player after their 2nd game is played!!!

**13**- The league reserves the right to shorten the season due to multiple weeks of weather cancellations or any unforeseen circumstances!

**14**- Once Girls are in the 3rd Grade their 1st team must be in the Girls League , they can also play on a Boys team but that must be their secondary team.

**15**- Every team must have a minimum of 9 players on their roster!!!!!

**16**- No player can play 2 or 3 grades up unless certain circumstances or with league approval!!!!!