

# YSFL RULES

## SECTION I - TEAM OPERATIONAL RULES

### 1. Roster Rules

There are no minimum or maximum amount of players that a coach can have on a team. However, a team must start the game with a minimum of 8 players but may continue after the start of the game with fewer players. The game shall be forfeited in the event a team does not field the minimum numbers of players at the start of the game.

### 2. Minimum Play Rules

The YSFL as an organization does NOT have any minimum play rules. The numbers of plays that a given player receives is entirely up to the coach of the given team. The head coach has the authority to limit game playing time of any player on their team who continually misses practices without a valid excuse, or who may have caused disciplinary problems during a prior practice or a particular game.

### 3. Scrimmages

Scrimmages prior to the first season game are allowed, but should be arranged privately between the teams.

### 4. YSFL Certification Process

YSFL does NOT use team folders. All information related to a team and their given players is maintained online within the Team Console Management system. The YSFL runs an ONLINE TEAM FOLDER process. Teams should take the following steps with regard to the paperwork required for ALL of their players:

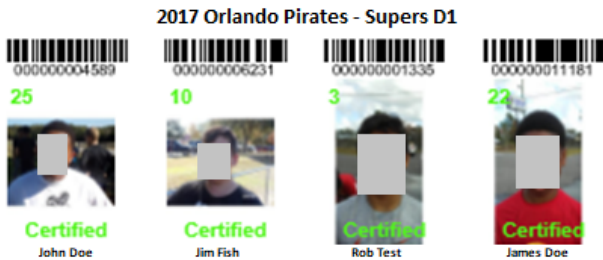
- a. ALL players must be added to the Team Console and all required information filled out.
- b. ALL players photographs must be uploaded into each of the players pages on the Team Console.
- c. Take a photograph of the players copy or original birth certificate and upload it into the players page of the Team Console. Players/Parents must then also bring their original birth certificate to their actual certification event in order to verify that the picture of the birth certificate in the Console is the same as the actual original birth certificate. These originals will then be returned to the parent once certified.
- d. Players/Parents must also bring an ID of the player or parent/guardian of the player to their actual certification event so that YSFL can verify that the birth certificate uploaded is the players actual birth certificate. *(See detailed description of the birth certificate and ID requirements below)*
- e. Coaches should print out the Medical and Liability forms. *(Click on the "Print Players Forms" button in the players page, these forms are also available on the Documents page on the YSFL website and within this document)* Have ONE of the player's parents sign both documents. Coaches/Parents/Players should bring both these original forms to the certification events and they will be retained by the YSFL certification clerk when your player is certified.
- f. Players requiring a weight limit are weighed in to certify their weights. *Players are only required to weigh in ONCE for the season.* If a player misses weight they can weigh in as *many times* as they wish up to and including the start of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of regular season games.

Player Certification Procedure - The YSFL offers multiple opportunities to certify players prior to the season at certification offices held in every city and also at the game fields. Teams can certify their players incrementally or all at one event. All dates for certification events *for each state* are announced on each of the state tournaments websites one month prior to the season start. When you bring your players to a certification event the YSFL will proceed to certify your player, by checking the photograph

and player information, verifying the player's BC and ID, retaining the Liability and Medical Forms, and verifying the player's weight if required.

Game Check in Procedure - As the YSFL does not use team folders, the game check in procedure is unique. Prior to the games coaches will print out their "Check In Scan Card" (*This form can be found on the team's players page under the "Print Players Forms" menu – see example below*). This is a single page report containing each player's bar codes and photograph. The YSFL Certification clerk will check in teams using this report and a bar coder. All information on each particular player in the team is maintained and managed online. Remember YSFL runs certification offices at every game field where players can be certified. Also prior to the season the YSFL runs certification offices and events at multiple venues all over the states.

#### EXAMPLE OF A SCAN CARD



**ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATES AND ID REQUIREMENTS \*IMPORTANT\*** - The YSFL requires an original birth certificate verification and a copy of parent or player ID in order for players to participate and become certified. Players can satisfy this BC and ID verification process by choosing ANY of the following choices.

- Choice #1 - Original or Certified Birth Certificate AND photocopy of the player or parents ID
- Choice #2 - Original Passport only
- Choice #3 - Original Player Drivers License only
- Choice #4 - Original Federal or State ID card

#### Notes

- *Parents names on birth certificates* - If using the parents or family members ID this name must also be on the birth certificate.
- *ID's should contain picture and birth date* - Federal or State ID cards are acceptable if they contain the birth date of the player as well as a picture identification
- *Foster/Adoptive/Grandparent* - In situations where the player is under a Foster, Adopted or Grandparent scenario and the name on a child's birth certificate and or parent ID is different from the player's then some kind of legal paperwork will be required to verify this difference prior to the child's certification. Both documents above are still required.
- *Presentation of Originals* - In all cases Original documents will only be required to be shown ONCE at the YSFL Certification office event, and can then be returned to the parents/players immediately. A photograph of the birth certification only will be uploaded through team consoles.

If parents are concerned about releasing their originals to the coach, they can attend any of the pre-certification events and/or offices to show the YSFL official their originals and then retain them.

#### 5. *Player Game Check in Codes & Minimum Game Qualification for Playoff Entry*

Each time a player checks in for a game they are given a status code "GP" = Game Played or "IR" = Injured Reserve status codes for that game. A player must have a minimum of three "GP" or "IR" status codes for their regular season games to qualify for the playoffs.

#### 6. *Adding players after season start*

Additional players can be added to a team after the start of a season, however the deadline for adding players is the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of regular season games. Players added late must still abide by the minimum game status playoff criteria detailed above.

#### 7. *Player Photo Rules*

All coaches are to upload a picture of each of their players to the Team Console along the following guidelines:

- a. Photographs must be small enough to fit into the upload box on the Team Console.
- b. Player photographs can be taken with the Player in any type of jersey or t-shirt. A number is NOT necessary on the photograph as the YSFL certifies the player's jersey number separately.
- c. The players FULL face with some of the shoulders must be taken in the photograph.
- d. The photographs can be taken with an ordinary digital camera and then uploaded into the players page of the Team Console.

#### 8. *Coaches Badges*

Each team in the tournament is allowed 7 badges. Organizations with multiple teams can combine their teams for a total badge count regardless of which teams the coaches are part of. (i.e. 5 teams x 7 badges = 35 total badges) All Head and Assistant coaches, Team Moms and Administrators fall under this 7 badge requirement.

There are two processes for obtaining an YSFL Coaches Badges for the season.

- a. Coaches with a verifiable coach badge valid from their immediate previous fall season only will be allowed to obtain a free YSFL Badge replacement by uploading a copy of their fall season badge and requesting an YSFL badges.
- b. Coaches without a fall program badge must complete the YSFL background check to apply for an YSFL badge. The YSFL background check portal is on every state tournament website.

The procedure for obtaining a Coaches badge is completed entirely online through the "Coaches Page" on the Team Console.

- a. All coaches that are part of a team in the tournament should be entered into their team's Team Console.
- b. All Coaches should upload their pictures (*This picture will be used on their badge*).
- c. If a coach has a Fall badge, the coach should upload their picture AND a picture of that fall badge and then click the "Apply for Badge" button. The coach will receive an email informing him that their badge has been submitted and accepted.
- d. If a coach does NOT have a fall badge they should upload their picture and then click on the "Background Check" button and fulfill the background check. Once they have completed this process they should return to their coaches page and click on the "BG Check completed" button and also click the "Apply for Badge" button. Once the background is approved the badge will be accepted.
- e. Once the YSFL has approved their badge the coach will receive an email informing them their badge is approved and they will then see the "Print Button" become active and the coach can click on this button and print their badge.
- f. Coaches badges can be laminated, or placed into a lanyard for use.

#### 9. *Tournament Divisions (FLORIDA ONLY)*

In the state of Florida tournament there are two tournaments. Division 1 - Competitive (All Divisions) and Division 2 - Developmental (No Tiny Mite or Varsity for D2). Coaches are entitled to choose whichever tournament to participate in. The YSFL reserves the right to prohibit certain teams from participating in the Division 2 tournament based upon the YSFL's understanding of the history of that given teams quality of

play or to move a certain team to another division prior to the playoffs based on that teams actual results during the regular season. These movement decisions, while unusual, are final.

#### 10. Jerseys

Teams can use their own jerseys or purchase jerseys from the YSFL. *(The jerseys that are supplied by the YSFL do NOT come with numbers)* Player numbers **MUST** be added into the “Jersey Number” box on the players Team Console page. *Jersey numbers are mandatory by week 3 of the season and players **MUST** remain in the same number for the entire season from week 3 onwards. Players arriving without their correct jersey number may not play.* A 6 inch number is required for the front of the jersey and an 8 inch number for the back. “Nic Names” Player Names or advertising on jerseys is allowed.

#### 11. Divisional Weights and Ages

Division allocation is determined by the "league age" of a child.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The YSFL certifies a players weight at the beginning of the season and then does not do any further weigh ins. Teams are checked in each week but once a player has made weight once they no longer weigh in again.

**DIVISION: (Age is based on “League Age” determined by the players age as of July 31<sup>st</sup> of the year preceding the playing of the tournament.** (i.e. if the tournament is being played in 2018 then the players age is based on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017)

Tiny-Mite	5 & 6yrs unlimited, 7yrs <80 lbs
Mitey-Mite	7 & 8yrs unlimited, 9yrs <95 lbs
Pee Wee	9 & 10yrs unlimited, 11yrs <105 lbs
Super Midget	10 & 11yrs unlimited, 12yrs <120 lbs
Midget	11 & 12 yrs unlimited, 13yrs <150 lbs
JR Varsity	12 &13 yrs unlimited, 14yrs <200 lbs
Varsity	13,14 & 15yrs All unlimited weight

*Note - Players may play in their designated divisions as well as up ONE division from their age group only. i.e. a 10 year old may play on Peewee, Supers and Midgets but NOT on JV.*

#### 12. Players Missing Weight Classification

A player who is registered and paid to play in a given division is allowed to attempt to “make the required weight” for the first THREE (3) schedule weeks of the season. The Player may try to make weight as many times as they wish before this deadline. If following the start of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of YSFL games, the player has failed to make their weight, then the player must be moved up to the next division roster. *Please Note: YSFL has a no refund policy for the league for players not making the weight classification.*

#### 13. Coaches on the field of play

Each Tiny Mite and Mitey Mite team may have ONE coach on the field during play for the entire season. Peewee, Supers, Midget may have a coach on the field up to and including the first 2 weeks of the YSFL regular season games, JV and Varsity divisions may NOT have a coach on the field at all. For coaches on the field of play, before the snap, both offensive and defensive coaches must be a minimum of 15 yards from the line of scrimmage. Coaches must be behind the end zone in red zone plays. The coach may not interfere with the play of the game or they will receive a fifteen-yard penalty. The following activities shall be construed as interfering:

- a. Moving players during a play or after the QB has begun the cadence
- b. Speaking or shouting to players during the play or after the QB has begun the cadence.

- c. A coach is "caught" in the middle of the play or obstructing a play in any way. (It is the coaches responsibility to be out of the play no matter where the ball ends up)
- d. Having more than one (1) coach on the field in any area

#### 14. Parents on the sidelines

All parents must stand behind the parent line, caution line, or designated area 5 – 10 yards off of the sideline. The only representatives allowed on the playing side of the parent line, caution line, or parent designated area are individuals with proper YSFL identification.

#### 15. Player Injuries

Due to liability and insurance issues the YSFL does not provide their own on field EMT coverage. If a severe injury occurs on the field coaches are instructed to call 911 to allow for qualified EMT personnel to deal with the issue. Only the parent or guardian of the child will be allowed onto the field in these circumstances. If a major injury occurs during the game, the EMT and YSFL staff will make a discretionary call as to whether the game is to be cancelled. If the game is cancelled prior to halftime, the game will be made up on a future date and will be picked up where it was left off. If a game is cancelled after halftime, the game is considered final. In the event of a postponed game the referees will have both head coaches sign the referee score card with details of how the game ended, to ensure the same scenario will be applied at the start of the makeup game.

#### 16. Payments

In order for all teams to get a spot on the schedule they must have paid a minimum of \$800 per team of their player fees by Jan 1st. Please note: *This is not an additional deposit.* This deposit amount is part of your players fees and will be credited to your team player fees payments. Coaches can either pay this amount themselves and get reimbursed by the players when they sign up or have their organization pay the amount and reimburse themselves once players pay or get each of their players to pay a small amount of their fees to constitute the \$800 deposit. YSFL fees are always PER PLAYER. (i.e. if your state tournament fees are \$100 per player and your team has 15 players your fees are \$1,500. If you paid \$800 towards the schedule deposit then you have a balance of \$600 to complete your fee requirements) If a team has purchased any early registrations, total payments for these can be counted as part of your team schedule deposit. If an organization has multiple teams in the tournament (i.e. more than 2 teams) then a \$600 per team deposit will apply.

There are 3 ways for coaches/players to pay their fees:

- a. Coaches can collect all fees from their players and as they get a certain amount they can submit those amounts to the YSFL “en block” using the “Coaches Disbursement Form” on their Team Consoles.
- b. Players can send a check directly to YSFL P.O. Box 260183, Tampa FL 33685 making sure to stipulate which team to apply the fees to. This payment will be updated on the given coaches Team Console page.
- c. Coaches/Players can pay online at the online payment portal “Make a Payment”. These portals are always on the top front page of every one of the state tournament website pages.

Payment Due Dates:

- a. Schedule Deposit of \$800 per team due Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. (\$600 if organization has multiple teams) This is a portion of the teams player fees NOT and additional amount.
- b. A further 25% of player fees due by Jan 31<sup>st</sup>
- c. Final player payments due by the 1<sup>st</sup> Game

## SECTION II – OFFICIAL GAME RULES

**Unless otherwise amended below**, the current year's NFHS (National Federation of State High School Association) Laws of the Game shall apply. NFHS Laws of the Game and other resources are available at [www.nfhs.com](http://www.nfhs.com)

### *1. Coin Toss*

The YSFL conducts their own unique coin toss procedures.

- a) In the presence of each team's captains, the game officials will conduct the coin toss prior to game start. The referee will select the coach that will call the coin toss. The choice of which coach shall call the coin toss is at the discretion of the head referee entirely and is not to be questioned at all.
- b) The winner of the coin toss will then have three options; 1) choose to be on offense 2) choose to be on defense 3) choose the side of the field. Based on the winner's choice the loser will choose from one of the remaining other option(s). After halftime the teams will switch roles for the ball control and field REGARDLESS...NO EXCEPTIONS. On the YSFL there are NO deferring rules with regard to the coin toss. The teams switch sides at half time regardless of the coin toss results. This is done this way because there are only 2 halves in an YSFL competition and not 4 quarters of play.
- c) Both coaches are responsible for obtaining volunteers to run the sideline chains and down marker, however at least one member of the 3 member chain crew must be from each team.

### *2. Overtime Rules*

There are NO overtimes for the regular season games. For the playoffs the overtime will be governed by Kansas Tie Breaker Rules starting from the 10 yard line, teams will be given 4 downs to score. For Kansas Tie Breaker rules please refer to the YSFL website Referees page.

### *3. Playing field size*

The playing field will be forty yards wide and eighty yards long, with two ten yard end zones.

### *4. Game times and Timeouts*

- a) The game will consist of two continuous 22 minute halves with a five minute halftime. The clock will be continuously running, only stopping for team and/or referee time outs and the last 2 minutes of the game.
- b) The clock stops in the last 2 minutes of the game (i.e. the second half) and will revert to normal NFHS game time rules. i.e. stopping for timeouts, penalties, incomplete passes and out of bounds running plays etc.
- c) Each team is allowed two, thirty second timeouts per game, ONE IN EACH HALF. An unused timeout from the FIRST half may carry over to the second half, in this case resulting in the accumulation of two timeouts for the second half.
- d) There will be a mandatory "two minute warning" for each half called by the referee, these 2 minute warnings will carry all privileges of a time out for both teams.
- e) In the last two minutes of the game, the team with a lead of more than 18 points cannot call a time out.
- f) There may also be one referee timeout at each 10 minute mark for water breaks where the clock will stop, however this referee timeout will be at the discretion of the referee crew. If the weather is not hot the timeout will not be implemented.
- g) On 2 minute warning of the 1<sup>st</sup> half the clock starts on the ready.
- h) On 2 minute warning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half the clock starts on the snap.

### *5. Additional Uniform Items*

On the YSFL tinted face shields are allowed. Armbands and decorative player apparel are allowed to be worn at any area of the players body. Tape is allowed. No jewelry. No metal cleats.

## 6. Game Balls

The game ball must be comparative to a Wilson Traditional Youth Football. K2 for Mitey Mites and Peeweews, TDJ for Supers and Midgets, and a TDY for JV and TDS for Varsity. The officials will rotate balls from each team while they are on offense. All balls must be approved by the game official prior to the start of the game. Different sized footballs may be used by teams from the YSFL standards, but these different sized footballs may only be used by the team for their offense drives only. These footballs should be approved by the officials prior to the start of the games.

## 7. Game Scoring

- a) Touchdown 6 points.
- b) There are NO field goals.
- c) Extra Point values are: 1 point for a RUN from the 5 yd line, and 2 Points for a PASS from the 5 yd line. In order to be awarded 2 points for a pass, the pass must be a forward pass. The ball does not have to pass the line of scrimmage. Backward passes that result in a score on an extra point will be awarded 1 point.
- d) Safety 2 points.
- e) Due to the fact that the points against is the 4th tie breaker for playoff contention, following every game the referee will provide the YSFL Field director with an accurate Game Score of the game results. Head coaches from each team will be allowed 15 minutes (from game end) to go to the YSFL site offices to verify and validate the game score. If there is a dispute on the correct score the YSFL official will contact the referee and settle the dispute with all parties. If the Head coach fails to go to the YSFL tent for the score validation within the allotted 15 minute time frame, the referee score will be deemed accurate and set.

## 8. 8 on 8 Tackle Football

The game will be played eight on eight. For specific team sizes and costs see Rule # 13 in the YSFL Operational rules section above.

## 9. Substitutions

Substitutions may occur between downs and any number of players may be substituted. Players must enter and exit the field promptly.

## 10. Unsportsmanlike behavior

Two un-sportsmanlike conduct violations by any player, coach, or spectator will result in an immediate dismissal of the violator and a fifteen-yard penalty. The referee and YSFL site director has the authority to dismiss a violator after one unsportsmanlike conduct violation based on severity. The game will resume once the violator has left the premises. Players and/or coaches ejected from a game will be required to miss the next game according to NFHS rule guidelines.

## 11. Offensive and Defensive Lineman rules

- a. The line of scrimmage extends from sideline to sideline for both offense and defensive players. Therefore all minimum and maximum player rules apply from sideline to sideline.
- b. The offense must have a minimum of five offensive players lined up on the line of scrimmage for every play. This rule applies from sideline to sideline.
- c. The NFHS rule regarding Defensive Lineman states “that defensive players within one yard of the football are considered lineman. The NFHS Rule on this issue is in place to define who can be legally blocked below the waist and or legally blocked in the back. There are no minimums or maximum rules for defensive linemen.

- d. Defensive players may position themselves anywhere on the defensive side of the football, no requirements for defensive players being in either a two, three or four point stance. Defensive players two or more yards from the line of scrimmage can neither block below the waist or be blocked below the waist. Blitzing by any defensive player is allowed.

#### *12. Blocking below the waist and block in the back*

Blocking below the waist is allowed inside the designated free blocking zone. The free-blocking zone is a rectangular area extending laterally 4 yards either side of the spot of the snap and 3 yards behind each line of scrimmage. A player is in the free-blocking zone when any part of his body is in the zone at the snap.

Blocking below the WAIST is permitted in the free-blocking zone when the following conditions are met:

- a. All players involved in the blocking are on the line of scrimmage and in the zone at the snap.
- b. The contact is in the zone.
- c. And the ball is in the free blocking zone
- d. Once the ball has left the free blocking zone, the zone no longer exists, and blocking below the waist is illegal

Blocking in the BACK is permitted in the free-blocking zone when the following conditions are met:

- a. By offensive linemen who are on the line of scrimmage and in the zone at the snap.
- b. Against defensive players who are in the zone at the snap.
- c. The contact is in the zone.
- d. And the ball is in the free blocking zone
- e. Once the ball has left the free blocking zone, the zone no longer exists, and blocking in the back is illegal

#### *13. Ready for Play rule*

The offense is given twenty five seconds from the referees "ready for play" signal to the time they must snap the ball to begin the next play.

#### *14. Jersey eligible number passing rules*

There are no jersey eligible number rules for receiving a pass. All players that are uncovered are eligible for a pass.

#### *15. Roughing the Center*

NO player in ONLY the Tiny Mite or Mitey Mite Divisions may line up on (head up), go over the top of, run directly into or "rough" the Center. The clarification here is that a defensive player on the defensive LOS shall not line up directly over the snapper (center) or run directly into the snapper from the guard/center gap on any scrimmage play. This will constitute roughing the snapper and result in a 15 yard penalty and an automatic first down. Clearly the center will be "bumped" from time to time, or "shaved" as the defensive player shoots their gap, however the premise of the rule is that the initial intent of the defensive player should be to control their lane without, however an obvious intent simply to run directly into the Center in an unsafe manner. Once the Center begins to engage the block then "all bets are off" and the defensive player is entitled to engage as well. This is a thin line of judgment, however the referees have been given latitude here to determine intent of "roughing the snapper" in the same way as a "roughing the kicker" is concerned. This is about protecting the players more than anything.

#### *16. Ball Carrier down rule*

The ball carrier is down according to high school football rules.



### 17. *Player down rule*

In the event a ball carrier falls to the ground as a result of contact or not, the player is down and the play is over.

### 18. *Fumbles*

A fumble ball may be advanced once it is recovered. Interceptions are live and can be advanced.

### 19. *Kick Offs*

There are no kick offs. The ball will be placed on the 15 yard line at the beginning of the game, at the start of the second half and after any touch downs.

### 20. *Punting*

There are NO punts. For all 4th down plays, team coaches may choose to either; run the 4th down play or "declare" an intention to punt to the referee and the other team head coach. In the case of a declared punt the ball will be then be placed 25 yards further down the field from the 4th down line of scrimmage. Declared punts from 25 yard line or less of the opposing team will be measured as "half the distance". During the last 2 minutes of the game after the third down ends the officials will place the ball and signal the fourth down ready for play. The Offensive Team will then have within 25 seconds in which to either declare an intention to punt (clock stops immediately after declaration; starts on the snap), run the fourth down play (clock stops after fourth down ends; results of the fourth down play will determine when the clock will start), take a Team time out (clock stops, starts on the snap) or take a delay of game penalty (clock stops, if accepted, the clock will start on the snap).

### 21. *Safeties*

After a safety, the ball is placed at midfield (40 yard line) with a new series awarded to the team that scored the safety.

### 22. *Game Delay from a Player Injury*

If a major injury occurs during the game, the EMT and YSFL staff will make a discretionary call as to whether the game is to be cancelled. If the game is cancelled prior to halftime, the game will be made up on a future date and will be picked up where it was left off. If a game is cancelled after halftime, the game is considered final. In the event of a postponed game the referees will have both head coaches sign the referee score card with details of how the game ended, to ensure the same scenario will be applied at the start of the makeup game.

### 23. *Mercy Rules*

The following mercy rules apply:

- a) If a team gets a lead of twenty-four (24) points or more at any time during the game, the losing team will start with the ball at midfield.
- b) If a team has a lead of twenty-four (24) points or more as well as there being less than 5 minutes left in the game, that team may not throw a forward pass or a backward pass from beyond the line of scrimmage. All offensive plays should be running plays only. A 15 yard penalty will be assessed for each infraction of this rule.
- c) In the last two minutes of the game, the team with a lead of eighteen (18) points or more cannot call a time out.
- d) In the event a team has a lead of eighteen (18) points or more and who is in offensive possession of the ball, with 60 seconds or less remaining on the clock in the game, the game will be called final. The referee will blow the whistle and call the game ended.

## 24. Penalties Summary

### **Loss of five yards:**

1. Delay of game
2. Encroachment
3. False Start
4. Illegal formation
5. Illegal forward pass
6. Illegal forward lateral
7. Ineligible receiver down field
8. Incidental face mask
9. Intentional grounding
10. Illegal substitution
11. Illegal shift or motion

### **Loss of ten yards:**

1. Holding
2. Illegal use of hands (hands to the face, block in the back)

### **Loss of fifteen yards:**

1. Un-sportsmanlike conduct (by a player, coach, or spectator)
2. Intentional or accidental coach interference while on field
3. Block below the waist
4. Clipping, tripping, chop block
5. Grasping an opponent's face mask
6. Roughing the passer
7. Slapping a blocker's head
8. Illegal participation
9. Sideline interference
10. Illegal hit or block after a fair catch signal

### **Disqualification:**

1. Second unsportsmanlike facemask penalty
2. Fighting whether it is a player or spectator
3. Striking, kicking, or kneeling any player or spectator
4. Intentional contact with a game official
5. Two un-sportsmanlike fouls by a player or spectator (Referee may eject a player, coach, and spectator for one unsportsmanlike conduct depending on severity of action).
6. Any other act that is unruly, rough, and/or flagrant

## 25. Equipment Requirements

1. Multi bar facemask that meets the NOCSAE standard.
2. Helmet with properly fastening chinstrap that meets the NOCSAE standard.
3. A mouthpiece.
4. Shoulder pads that meet the NOCSAE standard.
5. Hip pads and a tailbone pad.
6. Thigh guards with any hard surface that has a minimum compression resistance of four to eight pounds.
7. Knee pads at least ½ inch thick must be worn over the knee and under the pants.

**No player shall participate while wearing illegal equipment.**

## 26. Disciplinary Procedures and penalties

1. All players, and coaches (with YSFL badges) can be in the coach's box on the sidelines. The coach's box is between the twenty yard lines. These individuals must have proper identification to be on the

playing side of the parent line. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a fifteen-yard unsportsmanlike conduct. All other parents, friends, and/or relatives must stay in the designated area, even if you are filming. Ladders and other filming equipment for cameramen's usage shall be no closer than 15 yards from the outside line of the players box at each site in order to protect the children, fans, and staff.

2. Profanity and arguing with any game official, YSFL staff, or opposing parent/coach is not allowed, **ZERO TOLERANCE**. This will be strictly enforced. Failure to comply will be handled as follows:
  - a. Coach will be ejected from the game and suspended by the league for up to three games.
  - b. Coaches can only be reinstated at the league coordinator's discretion.
  - c. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will be ejected from the game and suspended for the following week's game. If the problem persists then the child of the parent/guardian may be suspended for one game.
  - d. Players will be ejected from the game and suspended for the following week's game. If the problem persists then the child may be suspended for the season and banned from future participation in the league.
3. Any player and/or coach who is ejected from a game and is determined to have been correctly removed is subject to a minimum of a ONE game suspension (additional sanctions may apply depending on the nature of the offense) If further occurrences take place, sanctions may result in up to and including banishment from the league. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR THOSE IN VIOLATION.**
4. Parents that are in violation of the parent lines or are not in the designated area determined by YSFL at the game site will be ask to leave the field area and be suspended for one week.
5. Parents found engaging in verbal or physical violence with players, parents, coaches, referees, or YSFL staff will be suspended indefinitely from the league.

All disciplinary decisions in the YSFL are made by a special Discipline committee and all decisions are final.