

# 13/14U Football Tournament Rules



1. 13u Players must be 13years old (& under) prior to Aug. 1st of the current year. **NEW** Players can turn 14 before Aug. 1st of current year for the 13u Tournament, they can't turn 15 prior to Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> and must also be in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.
2. Birth Certificate is required before any player can participate and all Birth Certificates must have a notary seal and signature if Certificate is a copy not an original. All Birth Certificates will be put in a team folder and inspected with roster before Official weigh in. Players taking advantage of the new age rule must have prior year report card showing they were in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade last year. (Folder will remain with the team and must be available upon request)
3. An opposing Coach may request any Birth Certificate at any time.
4. All players will be officially weighed before their first game and the following restrictions apply:
  - a. No over-all weight limits for either age division in Midwest Sports Classics tournaments.
  - b. 13u tournament: any player may line up and play any position regardless of weight.
5. Playing rules: All games shall be played under Illinois High School Association Rules with the following exceptions:
  - a. Extra Points worth 1 point if run/pass from the 3 yard line. Worth 2 points if run/pass from the 10 yard line. \*Players may remove all equipment for weigh in.
  - b. No Punting: 30 yards given for punt. 10 second run off time.
  - c. No kickoffs. Ball will be placed at the 25 yard line with one team on offense | one team on defense
  - d. After each score & at the start of each half, that's how the game will proceed **With one important exception...**
  - e. If a team trails by any amount in the fourth quarter, that team can choose to try to convert a 4<sup>th</sup> and 10 play from its own 35 yard line. If the team gains 10 or more yards in that one play, they keep/retain possession (similar to an onside kick). If the team doesn't, they're giving the ball/possession back to the other team knocking on your own red zone .
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  - g. Games consist of four, eight-minute quarters and an eight-minute half-time. (35 second play clock)
  - h. Team may use own ball (TDY) and ball must pass referee inspection.
6. Players may only participate in one age division in tournament.
7. Visitor team to provide the following: 1 adult to assist with running the clock and 1 adult to assist with the chain crew.
8. Home team to provide the following: 2 adults to assist with the chain crew and 1 adult to assist with the clock.
9. Adult admission and student admission will be charged. Players, cheerleaders and kids under 5 free.
10. Have Fun!!!

Note: If a team does not show up for their assigned game, they will receive a forfeit and no refunds will be given.