

9U Football Tournament Rules



1. 9U Players must be 9 years old (& under) prior to Aug. 1st of the current year. No player can turn 10 before Aug. 1st of current year for the 9U Tournament.
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. (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 any Midwest Sports Classics tournaments.
 - b. 9u tournament: 115 pounds and under may line up and play any position.
 - c. 9u tournament: 115.1 pounds and over may only play offensive/defensive line “tackle to tackle only.” 115.1 pounds and over may not line up in the offensive backfield, as a wide receiver, or at the end of the offensive line in an eligible receiver position; furthermore, such player may not carry, receive, or advance the ball on any fumble, interception, or special teams play.
 - d. Player of any weight may kick on extra points or field goals but not advance ball if play gets muffed.
 - e. Players may remove all equipment for weigh in.
 - f. Players over maximum ball carrier weight will have a sticker placed on their helmet.
 - g. If player removes/loses stripe on helmet player will have to weigh in again etc.
 - h. Any player with a sticker on helmet who receives possession of the football be it a fumble, interception etc. may not advance the ball. The ball will be whistled dead at the point of possession.
5. Defensive linemen (tackle to tackle) must be in a 3 or 4 point stance. Def. Ends may stand up (must be on outside eye of tight end or tackle in an unbalance).
6. Continuous clock if lead is 24 or more points. Forfeit is a 7-0 score.
7. 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. If goal posts are available on all fields 1 point for run/pass and 2 points for kick. Rush is live.
 - 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 4th 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 .
 - f. Games consist of four, eight-minute quarters and a eight-minute half-time. (35 second play clock)
 - g. Team may use own ball (K2) and ball must pass referee inspection.
8. Players may only participate in one age division in tournament.
9. Visitor team to provide the following: 1 adult to assist with running the clock and 1 adult to assist with the chain crew.
10. Home team to provide the following: 2 adults to assist with the chain crew and 1 adult to assist with the clock.
11. Adult admission and student admission will be charged. Players, cheerleaders and kids under 5 free.
12. 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.