

# 2009 Rules and By-Laws

## North Central Texas Pee Wee Football Association

North Central Texas Pee Wee Football Association rules will follow the guidelines laid down by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (**NCAA**) and University Interscholastic League (UIL) with the exceptions listed herein which, will be used by this Association for its own government and convenience. Any exceptions other than those listed herein must be discussed and approved by a majority vote of the members of the Association prior to the first game of competition and are effective for that season only. It is understood that each Association member will be limited to two votes per town. Any temporary exceptions or exemptions from the rules and by-laws found to have merit and substance may be adopted as a permanent Association rule at the last meeting of the season. Any rule found to be without merit or substance may be stricken by a majority vote of the NCT Association board members at any time.

The North Central Texas Executive board shall consist of five executive board members, including President, Vice- President, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and Secretary. Each town will have a President that will serve on, and make up the executive board. In the event that a town Association President is serving on the executive five member board, a replacement may be named to represent that town in his/her place.

I. PURPOSE:

- A. The purpose of the North Central Texas Pee Wee Football Association is to offer to all players in grades K through 6th, from teams within the jurisdiction of the Association, the opportunity to participate in an organized, supervised football program and to implant in our youth the ideal of good sportsmanship; honesty, loyalty, courage, and reverence in the instruction of the game of football. Molding of good, clean, healthy future citizens is of prime importance.
- B. Football programs will be geared for all players to participate in the game to learn the fundamentals of the game to be carried into later life

II. ADMINISTRATION:

- A. Sign ups will end August 15th unless a team has less than 22 players signed-up. If the team is below 22 players, sign-ups may continue until 22 players are reached. After 22 players are signed-up, no additional players may be signed-up, unless a team drops to 18 players. When a team drops to 18 players, new players may be signed-up until the team reaches 22 players. The team must not exceed 22 players. Players must meet all weight, age, and other Association rules as outlined in the bylaws and be approved by two Association officers prior to playing in the first game to be eligible.
- B. Any member city or town has the authority to limit the number of players at which they will split any team, i.e.; less than 30 players. When a team reaches 30 signed-up players, a split is mandatory. A split at less than 30 is at the discretion of the member city or town.

- C. Practices shall begin the last Monday in July. Any team that starts practice before this date will automatically forfeit two games that must be played.
- D. Players may play above their grade level but can never play below their grade level, i.e.; a 4th grader can play up one grade level with the 5th grade team, but a 5th grader MAY NOT play on a 4th grade team.
- E. Each player must have a signed parent approval form to be eligible for practice and game participation. The format of the parent approval form is at the discretion of the member city or town.
- F. Any parent or coach that fails to give the correct date of birth or weight for any player will disqualify the player from further participation in Pee Wee football in this Association regardless of the player's age, grade or weight.
- G. At the beginning of the season each participating team will pay Association dues of \$90.00 per team. Dues will be used for securing the referees fees, championship trophies, name badges, and any other incidental cost incurred by NCT. Each association will pay league dues at the August meeting before competition begins.**
- H. Any new town wishing to join the NCT Association must be approved by a majority vote of the current members. If approved, the new town shall be placed on a one year probationary period with no voting rights during this period. If it is deemed during the duration of this period that the new town is detrimental to the NCT association, such town shall be removed from the association immediately. Otherwise such town will be deemed full membership within the association and granted voting rights for the next season.
- I. Each team coach will submit a roster of all team members after weigh-ins to the NCT President before the first game played each year. The rosters will be kept on file and posted on the NCT website. Any changes that occur to that roster throughout the course of the season shall be reported to NCT and the changes posted. If rosters are not turned in, or changes are not reported, games will be forfeited until the rosters are turned in and completed.** The roster will include the players name, address, phone number, age, jersey number, weight, date of birth and the name of the school that the player attends must be on the roster. Any roster which is not complete as of the weigh-ins, i.e.' 22 or more players, must be updated by the team coach, prior to each game.
- J. Each year the NCT Board will select one date for an official weigh-in and one date for an alternate weigh-in. The alternate weigh-in date shall precede the official weigh-in date. Both of these dates shall take place prior to the first scheduled game of each season. In the event of a late sign-up the affected association commissioner must notify the NCT Board to arrange a weigh-in session with the NCT president and one other town commissioner. This must take place prior to that player participating in the next scheduled game. Otherwise that player forfeits his or her right to weigh-in and shall be listed on the roster as OVER the weight limit.

- K. The NCT Board has full authority to review any infractions of these bylaws and/or any situations brought forward by a commissioner or coach within the association with extenuating circumstances, and retains the right to make rulings or exceptions to any of the listed bylaws by majority vote of the NCT Board.
- L. The use of head sets / walkie-talkies will be allowed. It is the responsibility of each team to supply it's own radio communication.
- M. There will be a mandatory draft for any city / town that has more than one team. All players must re-enter the draft each year as they move up grade levels. Teams are allowed up to six protected players, the remaining players must be drafted.**

III. ELIGIBILITY:

- A. Player eligibility will be determined by age as of September 1st of the football season calendar year. **NCT recognizes grade pure first, then age. There is a maximum age posted in each age group, a player may not exceed the maximum age before Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.** Those players weighing in after the official weigh-in date, or alternate weigh in date shall be penalized 5 pounds in each group.

Official & Alt. Weigh In	Maximum Age on Sept 1 <sup>st</sup>	Ball Carrier Maximum Weight
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	7 years	75 pounds
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	8 years	85 pounds
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	9 years	95 pounds
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10 years	105 pounds
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11 years	115 pounds
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	12 years	125 pounds

- B. Penalty for abuse of the age and weight limit rule is forfeiture of the game.
- C. Only players meeting ball carrier weight restrictions may play in the backfield or normal ball advancing positions, i.e.; Quarterbacks, Running backs, Punters, Receivers, Kick off returners, Punt returners, Place holders, and Field goal kickers.
- D. There are no weight limits for defensive players advancing the ball on legal turnovers.
- E. Only players residing in the school district of the team town or city will be eligible without approval of the Association. Players residing in school districts outside of competing associations are left up to the participating towns for registration purposes.
- F. No players will be signed up after the third game of the season without the approval of the NCT board.

#### IV. COACHES RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of players. Any players or parents that display unsportsmanlike conduct will be subject to ejection.
- B. Any coach will be removed from coaching if he / she uses profane language, teaches or allows unsportsmanlike conduct, or mistreats any player.
- C. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of parents. Any confrontations are to go directly to the head coaches, whom will then take it up with referee or whom ever needed. Any parent dealing directly with an official will be ejected from the game grounds.
- D. Coaches must wear NCT Issued Identification Badges at all times
- E. In the event of an ejection of any player, coach, or fan from a ball game, the penalty for that individual shall be automatic suspension from that game and the next scheduled game by the parent association. However, each association can petition the NCT President for reinstatement within 48 hours of such incident and he may review each ejection on a case by case basis. In the event the person in question is not satisfied with the decision made by the NCT President, he/she may petition the NCT board for review. The decision of the NCT board is final.

#### V. OTHER INFORMATION:

- A. At the end of each regular season, each team will have played a determined number of games. An Association champion will be determined by a play-off formula to be determined each year dependant on the number of teams participating in the league that year. The home teams are responsible for reporting scores to the NCT representative responsible for scheduling and recording scores.
- B. Overtime – No game shall end in a tie. In case of a tie each team will alternate possession of the ball on the opponents 10 yard line, (Bantam 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is 5 yard line) until a winner is determined. Each team will have 4 plays to score. If the 1<sup>st</sup> overtime ends in a tie then the overtime process will continue with the teams alternating possession. There will be no limit to the amount of overtime periods.
- C. 30 point rule.  
When a difference of 30 points is reached in a game, the game is declared final at that point. The game will continue until regulation time is up. The losing coach may opt to continue on a regulation clock, a running clock, or end the game at that point. The winning coach has no option on the time procedures after the score is deemed final, additional scoring will not be posted on the scoreboards, and should be turned off.
- D. One 10 oz. drink will be furnished to each visiting team member, drill team member, cheerleader, referee, and coach free of cost following each game.
- E. Gate fees for games will be \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 per school age child.

## VI. SPORTSMANSHIP:

- A. At the beginning of each game teams may say a prayer.
- B. At the end of each game, the players and coaches will congratulate the players and coaches from the opposing team.

## VII. OFFICIAL RULES:

- A. If any town breaks ANY by-law, they are subject to the consequences under that by-law and/or any punishment determined by a majority vote of the Association members.
- B. The football field will be official size.
- C. The official NCAA and UIL rules apply except as stated herein.
- D. Extra points kicked will be counted as one; extra points rushing or passing will be counted as two.
- E. Time outs are according to official rules. Free substitution of players is permitted.
- F. A limit, excluding the chain gang, to 6 adults on the sideline during games.
- G. Players may only play in one game per day.
- H. Each team will have a first aid kit at each game.
- I. Players must wear the following NOC-SAE approved football equipment on the playing field:
  - a. Football Helmet
  - b. Face Guard
  - c. Shoulder Pads
  - d. Hip, Thigh, Tail Bone, Knee Pads, Jockstrap with cup
  - e. Turf Shoes with Rubber Cleats
  - f. Metal or plastic cleats will not be used.
  - g. Attachable Colored Mouthpiece (With the exception to those players requiring an Orthodontic mouthpiece)
  - h. Only clear eye shields may be attached to the facemask, this is a UIL rule that the referees will uphold during game day competition.
- J. Players exceeding the weight limit set forth by the league shall be identified by decals placed on the back of that player's helmet.
- K. The game football to be used will be the **Wilson TDJ Composite 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and Wilson K-2 Composite for 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade**. The home team is to supply the ball. Coaches should agree on the ball before the game starts. If the home team does not have the legal ball they can borrow one from the visitors.
- L. **Each game will have a minimum of two officials, unless both coaches agree on officiating. Officials will be paid with cash or check, according to the wishes of the parent association hosting the game.**

- M. Any player who commits a sportsmanship foul as slugging, kicking, or kneeing an opponent will be ejected from the game and MAY NOT re-enter in the game.
- N. SPECTATORS MUST REMAIN OFF THE PLAYING FIELD AT ALL TIMES!!! Only persons with NCT Issued Identification Badges shall be allowed on the field.
- O. **Playoffs will be determined as follows:**
  - Division Record**
  - Head to Head**
  - Coin Toss**