

# 2019 JUNIOR DIVISION GAME RULE MODIFICATIONS

For Ages 8 - 9, Weight - Unlimited

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**MANDATORY PLAY RULE: Each player must play a minimum of 3 plays for the game.**

1. **THE PROPER SHOE (CLEAT):**

The molded plastic cleat football shoes are for the JUNIOR Division.

2. **(1) COACH FROM EACH TEAM MAY BE ON THE FIELD DURING THE GAME.**

- A. The coach is permitted to huddle with his players before the play.
- B. The defensive coach must go back 20 yards from the line of play.
  - No instructions once the offense breaks the huddle.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> violation (warning), 2<sup>nd</sup> violation (15 yd. penalty)
- C. The offensive coach must go back 10 yards from the line of play.
- D. The defensive coach may not move his players AND give any instructions once the offense breaks the huddle.
- E. Coaches on the field are not permitted to question the officials.

3. **THE GAME BALL FOR JUNIOR GAMES** ⇨ **K2 WILSON, NIKE PEE WEE**

4. **LENGTH OF JUNIOR GAMES** - Four (8) minute quarters of regulation time

5. **THE COACHES ON THE SIDELINE:**

- A. Coaches must stay in between both 20-yard lines.
- B. Each team is permitted (6) coaches on the field.
- C. This does not include the organizational coordinator.

6. **THE PRE-GAME COIN TOSS**

- a.) The head coach and team captains are to meet with the officials at mid-field.
- b.) Each team is limited to (4) team captains to go to mid-field prior to the game.

7. **START OF GAME** \* **NO KICKOFFS IN JUNIOR DIVISION** \*

**JUNIOR** ⇨ Ball placed at 35-yard line for the offensive team.

8. **TEAM TIME OUTS**

- A. Each team gets five (4) time outs during the regulation game.
- B. Each team gets one (1) additional time out in overtime.
- C. Timeouts can be carried over to the next period excluding the O.T. period.

9. **WHEN A SAFETY OCCURS** **After the safety**

- A. The game official will place the ball at mid-field for play.

10. **AUTOMATIC PUNT RULE – FOR THE JUNIOR DIVISION!** - 15 Second run off

- A. The official advances the ball TWENTY YARDS (20) once the team states "We are punting", **IF THE BALL IS OUTSIDE THEIR OPPONENT'S 35 YARD LINE. (Can not use Automatic punt rule if inside the 35 yard line.**
- B. The game official will place the ball once notified that the team is punting.

10. **THE HEAD COACH IS THE ONLY PERSON TO ADDRESS THE GAME REFEREES**

- a.) The head coach is the only coach to talk to the referees during the game on rule Interpretations or issues in a **sportsmanlike manner**.

**Points of Emphasis**

9. **CENTER – K E E P YOUR HEAD UP:**

The center is to keep his head up when snapping the ball to the QB in a shotgun formation.

10. **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP IS A REQUIREMENT**

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A. **NO KICKOFF IN THE JUNIOR DIVISION.**

14. **COACHES AND BENCH AREAS** (Amended to league rules due to OHSAA)

a) Coaches must stay in between both 20-yard lines.

b) (6) Six coaches on the sidelines. (Does not include Coordinator)

15. **THE PROPER EQUIPMENT:**

a) A participant **may not play** if they are wearing any protective cast.

b) No bandannas or decorative paraphernalia are allowed to be worn.

c) Each participant must wear their own mouth piece item.

16. **AUTOMATIC PUNT RULE: JUNIOR DIVISION**

A. When the offensive team declares a punt, the clock will stop running.

B. The referee will then mark off 20 yards and the clock will resume with a 15 second run off.

C. The 15 seconds will elapse regardless of the time it takes to walk off the 20 yards.

D. The clock will not begin again until the offense has snapped the ball.

E. Any automatic punt from the opposing team's 35 yard line will be placed on the opponent's 15 yard line.

F. No automatic punting inside the opponent's 30 yard line.