



2008 NYSSO TOURNAMENT RULES

Welcome to NYSSO youth football. Here are the rules for the upcoming season. Coaches please familiarize your team with our rules. If you have any questions on the rules please contact NYSSO @ nkfl1@aol.com
All teams who plan on playing more than one tournament and who wish to earn points at each tournament, as well as to qualify for a National Berth must sanction their team. The most efficient way to do this is to logon to our site at www.NYSSO.net and click on Sanction. Fill out all the appropriate information and you will receive an email back confirming your password and sanction id number which you will need to login to our members area. Once you receive this your team is now sanctioned which enables you to several tools to help manage your team. Just click on member login and enter the appropriate information and you will then be in your private coach's area. ALL TEAMS WHO WISH TO COMPETE IN OUR REGIONAL TOURNAMENT MUST BE SANCTIONED . SO . All teams who sanction earn first right to all tournaments as long as they have submitted their fees within one week prior to each tournament. A non-sanctioned team can register and send monies in, but will not be guaranteed play. All tournament fees will need to be turned in 7 days prior to each tournament or a late fee of \$25.00 will apply NO EXCEPTIONS. Refunds will be given minus a \$25.00 administrative fee and there will be no refunds after 7 days before the tournament start date.

***Team Sanctioning (\$25.00 annually per team)* All teams must be Sanctioned to play in NYSSO tournaments. NO EXCEPTIONS**

Web Site Tool

Roster-An automated roster so that once you complete your roster you can send to NYSSO. (All rosters are due to NYSSO 7 days prior to start of the tournament either by mail or done on the website. .All added and dropped

players need to be updated and sent via our add drop which is located under the “Coach’s” section on our site. By using the site it makes it simple because all you do is add or drop the players and send the form to NYSSO via fax or email. Once this is done you can then go in and add or drop the player on the roster form. We have changed our roster software in 2008 so that you can add players as you go along which should make it a lot easier. Once you click on the roster it will ask you for your sanction id which was provided when you sanctioned. This rule applies for adding players once a previous roster has been submitted. To delete someone off your roster click on “view or update team roster” and delete off your roster. Keep in mind that 3rd -6th grade teams can add 5 players to their roster throughout the season and they cannot be from a current sanctioned team unless the coach of that team has dropped the player from his roster. If you’re unsure that player has been released, contact NYSSO and we will let you know. Once released that player cannot be taken back on the original team for that season and cannot be dropped off your roster unless he/she is injured. Adding players because of injury does count against your roster. All players must be added prior to the Midwest State Tournament. Players cannot be added after this date. All teams who do not submit a roster 7 days prior to the tournament will not be allowed to add these players at the tournament. Grades 7th-8th are allowed to add up to 6 players per the High School rule. The reason for this is so that current teams who are playing outside of High School or Junior High have the same opportunity to compete in tournament play against teams who are put together at the end of the year. (Please see below for more information on 7th and 8th grade rules.) This means your original roster from your previous tournament submission will be the final and sanctioned roster for that tournament. A \$25 fee will be charged for those teams who register for their first tournament, but fail to submit their roster until check-in. We want the roster so we can have all the paperwork ready when you show up for your first check-in.

-Under the “Coach’s” section on our site you have the ability to enter stats for every player on your team. If you create a roster your stats application will automatically be set-up.

-Print the actual form under coach’s section and use at your tournament.

-When the tournaments are over login and enter the stats and save for later use.

-A scheduler so you can schedule all your events. Parent will just need your sanction id number and they can login by clicking on Team Events on the front page of our site. This is a great tool for you as a coach or a team mom to add your entire calendar for the year.

-An all new message board is provided for those football junkies. This message board is available to everyone. We require that you register which is free and create a login. Once you create a login you will have access to the message board.

Football Drills/Plays-We have added some football drills for your pleasure and hope they come in handy.

REGISTRATION

Official check-in: Your registration at the tournament site will include submitting your waiver form, copy of grade card and most recent report card. ALL FEES ARE DUE ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE START OF EACH TOURNAMENT. There will be a \$25 added to your original tournament fee if you haven't paid prior to the tournament. A tournament late fee will be applied to your overall cost if we don't receive the check one week prior to the tournament. This is a must in order to provide teams their overall schedule and brackets and eliminate team pulling out at the last second. (Roster should already be submitted online or mailed in to help with the check-in procedure.) We will not guarantee a timely check-in if you show up with your roster in hand. Players can weigh in with pads; however, if you have a player that is close he/she needs to have all equipment off prior to stepping on the weight skills. We will not allow a player to weigh in and then strip and weigh in again.)

--Official weigh-in: Every team must be officially weighed prior to their first game. All Players over the weight will receive a sticker on their helmet which declares ball carriers from non ball carriers. Coaches need to assemble their entire team and then weigh-in as a team. NO EXCEPTIONS! The official weight is determined prior to the first game and will be certified for the length of the season. Please allow a minimum of one hour prior to your kickoff to complete the registration process. All weights will be good for the entire season if you play in 1 or more tournaments.

WEIGHT CHALLENGES

A COACH can ONLY challenge that a player exists on that team's roster. All players are checked prior to their first tournament which means all players should have a sticker on their helmet. No players will be challenged based on age as this is checked prior to a team entering the tournament. NYSSO spends a lot of time assuring players are legal and this is why we provide stickers on each helmet with numbers that match each player on each roster. The head coach calls for the challenge from the head official. The game is halted while a tournament committee member reviews the challenge.

. All challenges cost \$50 cash up front by the coach who is challenging the player per the requirements above. If the challenge is lost then the \$50 is lost. If the challenge is won the coach keeps his \$50 and the player not be

allowed to participate for the remainder of the tournament. All challenges must take place during the game and not after the game. NYSSO will make a determination on whether this challenge warrants a forfeit or continuous play.

ROSTERS

Every team will be required 3 DAYS PRIOR to first game to submit a final roster listing the eligible participants, each players jersey number, approximate weight and date of birth. WE RECOMMEND DOING THIS ONLINE ONCE YOU SANTIION AS ALL THIS INFORAMTION WILL BE SAVED. Prior to every tournament you must submit an updated roster if you have added or dropped any players. If you don't submit a roster than we assume no changes have been made. Any changes to your roster after the three days will result into a \$25 dollar fine. This rule doesn't apply for our Regional or National Tournament. No additional players can bee added after the three day rule and one the Regional Tournament roster is submitted no additional players can be added for the National Tournament. All players listed will be weighed and certified as eligible. Any player who is not on the final roster or who fails to meet the age/weight requirements for his division will not be allowed to participate. Each player should have proof of his date of birth and current enrollment in the grade level in which they wish to compete. Any player who cannot substantiate his date of birth and current grade level may be prevented from participating. The tournament committee will settle any protest pertaining to a player's eligibility. The decision of the committee is final.

Tournament Brackets/Qualifying for National Tournament

All teams must qualify for our National Tournament by earning a berth through one of our National Qualifiers or by earning the most points out of all other teams in that grade division. However, NYSSO will be awarding 1 berth per age group to teams who finish first in their league to select organizations in other states. These teams will be allowed to compete in our National Tournament under those conditions. In cases where a bracket is not full and a team has not qualified for our National Tournament NYSSO will evaluate the situation and if needed, will grant a team a berth to compete. We hope that all teams who qualify for a berth accept the berth and if so we wouldn't run into any of these situations. We will not be allowing more than 8 teams per grade in our National Tournament unless we have two divisions of play. Please help by accepting your berth. All teams must accept or decline their berth 72hrs. Following the tournament in which they qualified in. If not, then NYSSO reserves the right to pass the berth on to another page. All teams must submit all the fees for our National Tournament 1 week following the tournament. Teams that qualify for are National Tournament at are Regional Tournament will need to give us a decision prior to leaving the tournament and a check for the National Tournament. [Tournament brackets will be available on Wednesday](#)

*afternoon the week of the tournament on the website www.nyssso.net
Tournament results will be posted the week after the Tournament.*

REFEREES

We will enforce a no-tolerance rule for unsportsmanlike conduct of any kind. Only the head coach from each team is allowed to request a conference regarding a conflict with an official. If the head coach has a question regarding a rule interpretation, he may ask for a conference with the official and a member of the tournament committee to determine the proper application of the rule. Any abuse of this policy will result in a delay of game penalty enforced on the team requesting the conference.

Judgment calls may NOT BE CONTESTED. Any person or persons can and will be ejected from the Complex if any flagrant abuse is committed.

Players and or parents who commit any flagrant acts toward officials will be ejected and not allowed to return for any further games. Each head coach is responsible for the actions of the assistant coaches, players and spectators/fans for their own team. All NYSSO officials will be KSHAA or other Federation certified.

COACHES

The head coach is required to include the names of his assistant coaches on his roster. Only those assistant coaches whose full names appear on the roster will be allowed to stand on the sideline. The number of assistant coaches per team is limited to 4.

FANS

All fans will be required to stay off the sidelines during the game. The home team designated on the tournament bracket will provide three (3) persons for the chains. Coaches are responsible for the actions of their spectators/fans. Please tell you spectators/fans they are not to enter the field of play at any time and are not to show unsportsmanlike conduct toward the officials or opposition. All persons entering the Complex (with the exceptions of the players and children under 10 years of age) will be required to pay \$4.00 per day for weekend tournaments and \$5.00 for 1 day events. This entry fee is good for the entire day.

Rules

High School Federation Rules will apply.

No fighting will be tolerated during any game. NYSSO Tournament Director will be responsible for determining punishment. If the intent was to intentionally hurt another player then the player will be disqualified for the

remainder of the tournament. If a player uses foul language or other abuse there will be 1 warning given to that player. If a second incident occurs with that player then the Head Official and can disqualify that player for that game only.

All players who are over the ball carrying weight at listed under each age group cannot line-up in the backfield on offense. These players must be in a down lineman position.

NO VIDEO TAPING OTHER NYSSO TOURNAMENT GAMES IS ALLOWED!

Penalty: NYSSO will have the right to forfeit next game and eject Head coach.

Ball Size:

Grades 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th K-2/Pee Wee or Junior Size ball

Grades 6th TDJ size ball

Grades 7th, 8th Intermediate size ball

Penalty for using the wrong sized ball will be 15 yards unsportsmanlike

There will be four (4) eight (8) minute quarters and a ten (10) minute half in each game.

Scoring for Grades 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Federation scoring

Touchdown	6
Extra Points	
Run	2
Pass	2
Kick	1

6th 7th and 8th Grades will be federation scoring.

High School Federation OVERTIME RULE WILL APPLY (any questions please ask White hat or tournament official.)

2ND GRADE

Coaches will be allowed on the field during plays. 2 coaches will be allowed on the field in 2nd grade only. In the 2nd grade there will be no kick-offs or punts allowed. To start the game and the 3rd quarter the ball will be placed on the 20yd line and also after each score the ball will be placed on the 20yd line. All punts will be 35 yds from the line of scrimmage or half the distance inside the 40yd line. Coaches that are allowed on the field during the game are to be outside the HASH MARKS during all plays. Coaches are not allowed to call plays once they are outside the Hash Marks. No Exceptions to this rule will be tolerated. Penalty will be 15 yards unsportsmanlike after first warning

3rd Grade 9/5/08revised

To start the game and the 3rd quarter the ball will be placed on the 20yd line, and also after each score the ball will be placed on the 20yd line. All punts will be 35 yds from the line of scrimmage or half the distance inside the 40yd line. If both teams agree to kick and punt before the game then

they will kick and punt the whole game. Over weight players have to be in a 3-point stance on offense and on the line. Over weight players are allowed to play anywhere on defense **Coaches that are allowed on the field during the game are to be outside the HASH MARKS during all plays. Coaches are not allowed to call plays once they are outside the Hash Marks. No Exceptions to this rule will be tolerated. Penalty will be 15 yards unsportsmanlike after first warning**

4th Grade

All 4th grade teams must Kick-off and punt during all tournament games. Coaches will be allowed on the field during plays. Only 1 coach will be allowed on the field per team.. No rushing the punter or kicker will be allowed. See page 5 for weight and age (year of birth) restrictions. A K-2 or junior-sized ball will be used. Scoring is as listed above. Over weight players have to be in a 3-point stance on offense and on the line. Over weight players are allowed to play anywhere on defense.

Coaches that are allowed on the field during the game are to be outside the HASH MARKS during all plays. Coaches are not allowed to call plays once they are outside the Hash Marks. No Exceptions to this rule will be tolerated. Penalty will be 15 yards unsportsmanlike after first warning

5TH GRADE No COACHES will be allowed on the field. See page 5 for weight and age (year of birth) restrictions. A K-2 or a junior-sized ball will be used. Scoring is as listed above. No rushing of the punter is allowed, and during a punt, defense has to have six (6) down linemen on the line of scrimmage.

6TH GRADE

See page 5 for weight and age (year of birth) restrictions... A junior-sized ball will be used. Scoring is as listed above.

7th-8th GRADE

Areas in which kids are playing for the Junior High or High School instead of club ball we will be allowing these teams to form teams during our Regional Tournament and if they qualify in our Regional Tournament will be allowed to compete in our National Tournament. However, the High School rule allows you to only be able to pick up 6 kids from each Junior High or High School. Therefore, we are allowing all 7th and 8TH grade club teams where they have been sanctioned with NYSSO prior to our Regional Tournament the ability to add up to 6 players.

There is no weight restriction for this grade level. An intermediate-sized ball will be used. KSHAA/Federation Rules will apply except for scoring. Regular scoring will be used.

AWARDS

Every player will receive a participation award. The teams who are the first-place winner and second-place runner-up in each division will receive a TEAM AWARD. Each member of the first place and second-place teams in each division will receive an individual award.

TIEBREAKERS FOR POOL PLAY

- 1) Head to head
- 2) Defensive points allowed -13
- 3) Offensive points scored +13
- 4) Coin toss

a) **We go by grades first and age second. Players must be of the proper age, not older than the following ages on August 1, 2008 for the division level in which he/she expects to participate. NYSSO still has the final say whether to allow players the right to play. This process must happen prior to the tournament as an on-site challenge on this matter will not be accepted and the player will not be authorized to play.**

Division	Ball Carrying Weight	Birthday
2 nd Grade	75	8
3 rd Grade	90	9
4 th Grade	105	10
5 th Grade	120	11
6 th Grade	130	12
7 th Grade	Open	13
8 Grade	Open	14

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

**Please contact: Troy Wiseman @ nkfl1@aol.com
Tournament Hotline and Weather information
WWW.NYSSO.NET OR 785-221-2934**

HAVE A GREAT TOURNAMENT

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