

Wasatch Front Football League, Inc.

By-Laws, Constitution

Policies & Procedures

Playing Rules and Regulations

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Mission Statement

In the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play, the Wasatch Front Football League Inc., (WFFL) will strive to create an equitable playing field for all participants to learn and enjoy the game of football. The WFFL, as an organization, is dedicated to inspire youth regardless of race, color, creed, religion or national origin.

The WFFL strives to make the game fun for all youth participants. Coaches and parents must constantly keep in mind the ages of the players. The WFFL program stresses learning lessons of value that go far beyond the playing field, such as: self-discipline, teamwork, concentration, friendship, leadership, and good sportsmanship. While preparing youth for advancement into school sport athletics, as well as other youth sport activities in our communities.

INTRODUCTION TO THE BY-LAWS AND CONSTITUTION OF THE WASATCH FRONT FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC.

1.0.0 NAME, ADDRESS, PURPOSE, AND DEFINITIONS:

1.0.1 The name of this organization shall be: "Wasatch Front Football League Inc." (herein after referred to as the WFFL) and shall maintain its tax exemption status under 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Service, and as may be amended in the future.

1.0.2 The principal address of the WFFL shall be located in the State of Utah at such locations as determined by the Board of Directors, from time to time. The current designation is: WFFL, P. O. Box 176, Richmond, Utah 84333 (all items pertaining to treasury and finances should be directed to this address)

1.0.3 The WFFL was established in 1956. The purpose of the WFFL is to promote and govern an organized football program for the youth in the State of Utah, for the good and benefit of all players; to encourage involvement among members, supporters and teams; and to promote team participation, sportsmanship, fair play, safety and equal opportunity to all members relative to the game of football.

1.0.4 The registered agent of the WFFL shall be the Secretary-Treasurer as elected by the Board of Directors.

1.0.5 The fiscal year of the WFFL shall be from August 1 and end on July 31 of the following calendar year.

1.1.0 Jurisdiction - The WFFL claims jurisdiction and sole governing body over, but not limited to, the game of amateur football in the State of Utah as played under these by-laws, rules, regulations, policies and procedures. The WFFL reserves the right to expand beyond this jurisdictional area should the law and circumstances allow.

1.1.1 The term Board or Board of Directors as used in these By-laws refers to the Board of Directors of the WFFL.

1.1.2 The term League is the WFFL organization in its entirety.

1.1.3 The term Association is an organization that sponsors and administers one or more teams. Associations are characterized by a specific geographical area that defines a playing area or district,

belonging to the WFFL organization.

- 1.1.4 The term District is used to define a geographical playing area or boundaries of an Association belonging to the WFFL organization.
- 1.1.5 The term Region is a group of districts, placed together for purposes of scheduling and organizing the League.
- 1.1.6 The term Division is a grouping of teams of the same ages and weights.
- 2.0.0 ORGANIZATION:
- 2.0.1 The WFFL consists of the following (volunteer members):
An Executive Committee consisting of: One President, Two Vice Presidents (North & South), One Secretary-Treasurer and Executive Advisors (legal & internet).
- 2.0.2 An Executive Board consisting of the Executive Committee officers and One (1) Commissioner from each Region. No Executive Officer (with voting privileges) or Commissioner may be a coach or an assistant coach in any Association or District. A Director of an Association may not be a coach or asst. coach of a team in the WFFL.
- 2.0.3 A Board of Directors consisting of:
 - 1. League President as chairman
 - 2. Two Vice Presidents as co-chairmen
 - 3. Executive Secretary-Treasurer
 - 4. Region Commissioners
 - 5. Executive Advisors (non-voting)
 - 6. One Director (or designee) from each Association.
 - 7. Commissioner/Arbiters of officials. 1- North 1-South
 - 8. Two Representatives of the WFFL Booster Club (non-voting)
- 2.1.0 The WFFL Booster Club consisting of all persons applying for membership, paying the initial and annual club dues and meeting other requirements of membership as may be established by the Board of Directors.
- 2.2.0 COMMITTEES: Separate committees made up of the Board of Directors and overseen by the Executive Board, shall meet to research different topics and to report findings for information purposes throughout the year. No Association on probation will be allowed to serve on any WFFL committee. An Association on probation will also lose voting privileges with regards to Bylaw and Rule changes, and as determined by the Executive Board.
- 2.2.1 Adjudication: This committee will render decisions on interpretation of football rules when formal written protests appear (in the judgment of the Executive Board), to warrant rules committee action. The rules committee will normally consist of:
 - a.) Two high school coaches, if possible; b.) President and c.) Executive Board
- 2.2.2 Oversight: This committee is to oversee all League officials and League actions. To investigate any improprieties, including but not limited to Administrators, Association Directors, and Coaches. This committee also investigates potential League and Association liabilities working directly with the League legal advisor, and to ensure proper insurance is maintained by each Association, working directly with the Insurance Officer. The oversight committee will normally consist of 1 Director from each Region, 2 Commissioners, 1 Executive Committee member.
- 2.2.3 Rules: This committee will make all recommendations for Bylaw and Rule changes for the upcoming year. Recommendations will be based upon the November Director's input meeting and other situations that may transpire during the season. All changes and amendments should go through this committee. The Executive Committee shall serve on the rules committee.

- 2.2.4 Officials: This committee will work directly with the Commissioner/Arbiter of Officials in recruiting, training and evaluating League officials. "Officials" refers to referees & umpires working/officiating the games of the WFFL.
- 2.2.5 Education/Certification: This committee will work to create and administer education and training for all Directors and Coaches that participate in the WFFL. It will further promote the WFFL certification requirements as set forth in the policies and procedures (13.1.4).
- 2.2.6 Finance: The finance committee will work with the WFFL Booster Club, the community and the Internet advisor in fundraising, partnerships, etc. to increase the available funds used to run the organization of the WFFL and to promote a scholarship program for underprivileged youth.
- 2.2.7 Competition/Academics: This committee will provide regular season scheduling, postseason tournament play and promote the Mini-Bowl as a showcase of the season. To further provide a program to honor the student-athlete in the area of academic achievement. To be responsible for awards, publicity and awards ceremony, (Academic All-Division) held at the Mini-Bowl prior to the start of each division championship. This committee will also administer the academic requirements of the individual athlete for eligibility to participate in the "Academic All-Division program."
- 3.0.0 RULES OF THE ORGANIZATION:
- 3.1.0 ELECTIONS: The elected members of the Executive Committee, (i.e. President, Vice Presidents and Secretary-Treasurer) are elected individually every two (2) years in April by the existing Board of Directors on a majority, of those voting members present, of the total eligible votes.
- 3.1.2 Commissioners on the Executive Board shall be appointed or re-instated each year by the Executive Committee.
- 3.1.3 VACANCIES: Any vacancy occurring on the Executive Board shall be filled for the un-expired term by the remaining members of the Executive Committee.
- 3.1.4 RESIGNATION: Any Association may resign or withdraw its teams by filing a written resignation or withdrawal with the Secretary-Treasurer, but such resignation or withdrawal shall not relieve the Association of the obligation to pay any fees, assessments or other charges theretofore accrued and unpaid.
- 3.1.5 REINSTATEMENT: Upon written request (License agreement) signed by a former Association and filed with the Secretary-Treasurer. The Executive Board, by the affirmative vote of the majority of members of the Board present, may reinstate such former Association to membership upon such terms as the Executive Board may deem appropriate.
- 3.1.6 VOTING: At any Executive Board meeting, each of the Executive Board members entitled to one vote may authorize a duly appointed alternate to vote in his/her absence or send an absentee vote signed and dated. At any Board of Director's meeting, each Association shall have one vote and the Director or his/her appointed designee will vote at meetings. Directors serving on the Executive Board will have only one vote when in joint session.
- 3.2.0 MEETINGS:
- 3.2.1 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: will be held in April, May, June, July, August, September, October and November. These meetings shall be held without other notice than this Bylaw. These meetings will be posted on the official League website.
- 3.2.2 A fine of \$15.00 will be leveled to each Association not sending a representative each time a meeting is held, unless the absence is approved by an Executive Board member. If a meeting is marked mandatory, then the fine will be increased to \$50.00. These fines must be paid at the time of team registration or your teams will not be eligible to play.

- 3.2.3 REGION DIRECTORS MEETINGS: Conducted separately by each Commissioner and attended by Association Directors will be held as necessary to ensure continuity of League operations.
- 3.2.4 SPECIAL MEETINGS: Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by or at the request of any member of the Executive Board. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board may designate the place and time for holding any special meeting of the Board so called; however, six (6) days notice must be given for any special meetings involving the Board of Directors.
- 3.2.5 REMOVAL OF BOARD MEMBERS AND REGION COMMISSIONERS:
 - A. May be removed, for cause, by a majority vote of Board members present. (absentee votes will be accepted if dated and signed)
 - B. Will be removed for failure to attend three (3) regular meetings consecutively without prior excuse.
- 3.3.0 AMENDMENTS IN BY- LAWS: Any amendments in the by-laws are subject to a majority vote of the Executive Board present and ratified by a majority of the Board of Directors present. No changes or proposed changes will be made to the By-laws or Rules after June.
- 3.3.1 Quorum - A majority of the Board, of those members present, shall constitute a quorum for the transacting of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors.
- 3.3.2 A majority of the Executive Board, of those members present, shall constitute a quorum for the transacting of business at any meeting of the Executive Board.
- 3.3.3 The Executive Board shall have the responsibility of interpretation and construction of the By-laws, Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures herein. The President has discretion to preliminarily resolve issues before coming before the full Executive Board, but any decision so made by the President, may be appealed to the remainder of the Executive Board for decision/approval. However, the decision of the President shall be overturned only if found by the Executive Board to be clearly erroneous, arbitrary or capricious.
- 3.4.0 ASSOCIATION: An Association fee must be paid as prescribed by section 7.1.0.
- 3.4.1 All Associations must be fully licensed and agree to be bound by the WFFL By-laws, Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures as now constituted or hereafter amended by the Board of Directors. License agreements must be signed and on file with the League Secretary-Treasurer prior to the start of the season. Season start is considered August 1 of each calendar year.
- 3.4.2 Sponsors desiring to affiliate with the WFFL will be subject to League Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures of the Executive Board as set forth from time to time and must agree in writing (License agreement) to be bound thereby.
- 3.4.3 No sponsor shall receive a license from the League until all League financial requirements are met.
- 4.0.0 DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:
 - 4.1.0 To take the initiative in determining the Policies and Procedures of the League. To establish, promulgate, adopt, and enforce the Articles of Incorporation, Agreements, Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, Policies, Procedures and decisions of the League.
 - 4.1.1 To supervise the finances of the League.
 - 4.1.2 To accept or reject any or all applications for membership in the League and to determine boundaries and terms set forth for each District.
 - 4.1.3 To actuate the Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures.
 - 4.1.4 To have jurisdiction over the action of any individual participant of the League.

- 4.1.5 To sit in review as a Board of Appeals on determinations of the Commissioners regarding interpretation of Bylaws, protests, and discipline. The decision of the Board is a final determination and not subject to further review.
- 4.1.6 To enact, amend, repeal and adopt Articles of Incorporation, Agreements, Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures, as the Board from time to time deems necessary and advisable.
- 4.1.7 To determine insurance coverage and amounts to be maintained by the Associations and League, and so instruct the Secretary-Treasurer and Insurance Officer.
- 4.1.8 To establish regulations not having the status of by-laws or rules for the conduct, operation, and direction of the League; to direct the Commissioners, Executive Officers, and Executive Committee to undertake specific action; and to approve and ratify recommendations, actions, and contractual commitments of the Executive Committee and officers.
- 4.2.0 DISCIPLINARY POWERS
- 4.2.1 The President may, at his/her option, appoint a committee made up of members of the Board of Directors, for the purpose of making recommendations as to penalties imposed upon an Association and its agents for alleged violations and infractions.
- 4.2.2 The Executive Board shall undertake an investigation with respect to infractions and violations and call for and conduct hearings with respect to alleged violations and infractions. Such hearings shall be conducted after due notice has been given to the Association under investigation, and such Association shall be given an opportunity to be present at such hearing, and to present its position and evidence, in accordance to the License Agreement signed for that season.
- 4.2.3 Appeals: The Association shall have seven (7) days from the receipt of such notice to:
- 1) respond to the WFFL contesting the WFFL's assertion that a violation or infraction has occurred, and requesting a hearing: or
 - 2) cure the violation or infraction: or
 - 3) notify the WFFL that the Association cannot cure the violation or infraction within seven (7) days because of the nature of the violation or infraction. In the event the violation or infraction cannot be cured within seven (7) days, the Association must notify the WFFL so that it can be determined whether additional time beyond the seven (7) days will be granted. The Association shall promptly take all reasonable steps to cure the violation or infraction and notify the WFFL in writing and in detail as to the exact steps that will be taken and the projected completion date. In such case, the WFFL may set a hearing to determine whether additional time beyond the seven (7) days is indeed needed, and whether the Association's proposed completion schedule and steps are reasonable.
- 4.2.4 The Executive Board shall analyze and evaluate the evidence, statements, and investigation material, to determine the appropriateness of sanctions, probations, or suspensions. Upon the determination made by the Executive Board that a violation of the Articles, Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures or terms of the League has occurred, the Executive Board shall find the facts specifically, and in writing, and shall serve a copy thereof on the Association Director involved. The decision of the Executive Board shall be final.
- 4.2.5 The basis and grounds for investigation by the Executive Board shall include but are not limited to, one or more of the following elements:
- a) An alleged violation of any provisions of the Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures or parts thereof.
 - b) Competing under an assumed name.
 - c) Unsportsmanlike conduct or other actions on the field which are degrading to the League.
 - d) Striking any coach, assistant coach, manager, official, player, spectator, or any other person involved with any league activity.
 - e) Using profane or obscene language, whether on the field of play or as a spectator.
 - f) Any recruiting outside of your designated district.

- g) Registration out side of your designated district.
 - h) Falsifying residency or any other league required documentation.
 - i) Practicing or playing an illegal player.
- 4.2.6 All violations must be brought to the Executive Board for review, by a member of the Board of Directors or its Officers. No allegations will be accepted or reviewed if not petitioned by a voting member of the Board of Directors.
- 4.2.7 Coaches and parents must bring allegations to their Association Director for review first. If the Association Director feels the allegation warrants further review, the Director will take the request for review to the Commissioner who will bring it before the Executive Board for review and/or investigation.
- 4.3.1 **CONFLICT RESOLUTION:** It is expected and normal that in athletic competition there shall be disagreements. These disagreements have the potential to escalate to conflicts. Inherent with their position, Association Directors and League officials have the authority and responsibility to resolve disputes. As much as is reasonable, opposing administrators are expected to view the issues from a neutral perspective. If there were to be a prime directive applied to the WFFL it would be that adult administrators are responsible for the welfare of ALL of our children.
- 4.3.2 **ACCOUNTABILITY:** The entire Association is held accountable for every individual and each team. Misconduct, if only the result of the actions of one individual or one team, may result in the entire Association being penalized. The WFFL must be notified, in writing, of the expulsion, suspension or probation of any coach, player or parent by an individual Association.
- 4.3.3 **IDENTIFICATION:** League certified individuals will be identified with photo/identification badges. The photo identification badge will contain the individual's full name, title or position held, Association name, and year issued. Badges must be worn in such a manner as to be visible. The I.D. badges will be used to identify individuals authorized on sidelines and practice fields. The holder will surrender I.D. badges for periods of suspension or de-certification.
- 4.3.4 **TEMPORARY BADGES:** WFFL officials will replace lost badges for the fee of \$10.00. Individuals with lost, forgotten or misplaced badges will be allowed entry into game sites when vouched for by an Association Director or League Official. A temporary badge must be issued for sideline access. Temporary badges must be returned at the end of the game.
- 5.0.0 **DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**
- 5.1.0 **PRESIDENT:**
- 5.1.1 To preside at Executive Board meetings and to serve as an Executive Officer with voting privileges.
- 5.1.2 To preside at Board of Directors meetings.
- 5.1.3 To keep the Board of Directors informed of Executive Board action.
- 5.1.4 To organize the schedule of games each year designating dates, times, sites, opponents, and home teams.
- 5.1.5 To organize and create such activities that the League as a whole may participate in.
- 5.1.6 To be responsible for providing qualified officials for all approved and scheduled League games.
- 5.1.7 To serve on the Rules committee and other committees as necessary
- 5.1.8 The President has discretion to preliminarily resolve issues before coming before the full Executive Board, but any decision so made by the President, may be appealed to the remainder of the Executive Board for decision/approval. However, the decision of the President shall be overturned only if found by the Executive Board to be clearly erroneous, arbitrary or capricious.

- 5.2.0 VICE PRESIDENTS (NORTH AND SOUTH):
 - 5.2.1 To compile all acceptable methods of raising finances.
 - 5.2.2 To preside at Board meetings in the absence of the President and to serve as an Executive Officer with voting privileges.
 - 5.2.3 Accept assignments as prescribed by the President or Executive Board.
 - 5.2.4 Oversee and organize committees.
 - 5.2.5 To serve on the Rules committee and other committees as necessary
- 5.3.0 SECRETARY-TREASURER:
 - 5.3.1 To maintain the Bylaws, keep them up to date and re-issue changes
 - 5.3.2 To take the minutes of meetings (when necessary) in order to describe the reason for actions taken.
 - 5.3.3 To handle all mailing and correspondence of the League.
 - 5.3.4 To control all financial matters of the League.
 - 5.3.5 To receive and disburse monies as prescribed in the Bylaws
 - 5.3.6 To report to the Executive Board on the overall financial condition of the League and to serve as an Executive Officer with voting privileges.
 - 5.3.7 To work with the insurance officer to acquire such insurance policies as prescribed by the Board and administer them.
 - 5.3.8 To serve on the Rules committee and other committees as necessary
- 5.4.0 REGION COMMISSIONERS:
 - 5.4.1 To conduct and preside over meetings as he/she may call from time to time to pass on to the Directors within his/her Region, the results of the Executive Board meetings or to gather data to relay back to the Executive Board.
 - 5.4.2 To act as the League authority to advise and/or direct such deadlines to Association Directors such as registration dates, roster deadlines, entrance fees, and officials fees.
 - 5.4.3 To oversee on behalf of the League, all teams within his/her region to ensure the orderly conduct of the program and to certify verification of compliance according to 11.2.3.
 - 5.4.4 To receive any written protests that may arise and review for compliance of the Bylaws before forwarding to the Executive Committee.
 - 5.4.5 To receive for the Executive Board any League assignments relating to League operations and obtain within his/her region the resources to carry out assignments. For example: Post season bowl assignments, etc.
 - 5.4.6 To gather scores and report to the Internet Advisor or League Secretary-Treasurer by 7:00 p.m. each Sunday.
 - 5.4.7 Conduct weight and registration inspection as needed.
- 5.5.0 COMMISSIONER/ARBITER OF OFFICIALS:
 - 5.5.1 To serve as a member of the Executive Board with voting privileges.

- 5.5.2 To organize, recruit, orient and train new officials into the WFFL Officials Association and to ensure that all game officials shall be certified in one of the following associations: WFFL, professional, college, high school or independent officials with a complete knowledge of the National Federation of State High School Rules and current WFFL League rules.
- 5.5.3 To participate in all Coach's and Director's rules orientation meetings prior to the beginning of each season. To provide rule interpretation and training to any interested sponsor or Association.
- 5.5.4 To make official evaluations throughout the League.
- 5.5.5 ARBITER: It is the responsibility of the Commissioners of Officials to arrange for a minimum of two qualified officials for all League games. Three officials may be requested.
- 5.5.6 Provide appropriate League rules and by-laws to all participating officials, and be sure that they are sufficiently trained in the understanding of League rules that may differ from High School rules.
- 5.5.7 To arbitrate all official related problems to final solution. Consultation with the Executive Committee should be sought. Executive Committee shall be informed of all situations and how they have been handled.
- 5.5.8 Communicate appropriate concerns of the Board of Directors to game officials.
- 5.6.0 EXECUTIVE ADVISORS:
- 5.6.1 INTERNET ADVISOR: To manage all advertising and promotion of the League.
- 5.6.2 To inform and promote all news media of the scores of the games and the activities of the League as a whole such as, banquets, scholarships, elections, championships, inter-regional games, bowl games, etc.
- 5.6.3 To keep the standings and record all scores. To maintain the official website of the League
- 5.6.4 To serve as a member of the Executive Committee with no voting privileges.
- 5.6.5 To assist with any special assignments given by the President.
- 5.7.1 LEGAL ADVISOR: To act as advisor to the Executive Committee on all legal matters.
- 5.7.2 To serve as a member of the Executive Committee with no voting privileges.
- 5.7.3 To assist with any special assignments given by the President.
- 5.8.0 SPECIAL OFFICERS
- 5.8.1 INSURANCE & SAFETY OFFICER: The League Insurance Officer will be responsible for the insurance program, will issue forms pertaining to insurance, business and conduct training sessions with affiliate Associations on proper procedures for all insurance matters. Will prepare and solicit proposals for insurance coverage annually.
- 5.8.2 The League Safety Officer will be responsible for the League safety program. Will recommend for adoption by the Executive Board such rules, policies and equipment necessary for the maximum safety of youth tackle football participants. Shall provide to Association Directors such guidance necessary to ensure compliance with League safety standards. Shall maintain a roster of individuals who have been designated by their Association as game day medical attendants. Shall maintain a separate roster for coaches who have received first aid multimedia training and who are designated practice site medical attendants.
- 5.9.0 ACADEMICS OFFICER: Will provide a program to honor the student-athlete in the area of academic achievement. To be responsible for awards, publicity and awards ceremony, (Academic All-Division)

held at the Mini Bowl prior to the start of each division championship. This officer will also administer the academic requirements of the individual athlete for eligibility to participate in league academic programs.

6.0.0 DUTIES OF THE ASSOCIATION DIRECTORS:

- 6.0.1 To create and maintain an operating organization sufficient to support their share of the WFFL. To raise such financing as may be necessary to meet the minimum standards set forth in these By-laws, Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures.
 - 6.0.2 To appoint and supervise, certify and train coaches of their teams. To ensure that each head coach and each assistant coach is trained according to the WFFL, NYSCA, NFL-NFF Academy or an equivalent training program. Failure to do so prohibits the coach from activities as head coach or as an assistant for the remainder of that year. Directors will be responsible to see that all coaches are trained and certified. (Refer to 13.1.4)
 - 6.0.3 To secure and maintain the home playing (game & practice) areas used by them.
 - 6.0.4 To acquire and maintain the proper equipment for their teams as prescribed by the League.
 - 6.0.5 To collect such fees as may be required by the Executive Committee and approved by the Executive Board.
 - 6.0.6 To provide for the orderly conduct of the game and fans in attendance at their home games. And certify verification of compliance according to 11.2.3.
 - 6.0.7 To appoint alternates to represent them at Board meetings.
 - 6.1.0 To obtain a written agreement from the parents of each player, so that he/she may participate, and ensure that each participant is adequately covered by insurance and that a current physical is on file prior to the beginning of practices.
 - 6.1.1 To verify residency of each participant and ensure that they do reside in your district boundaries, and are eligible to participate according to the League By-laws, Rules, Regulations, Policies, Procedures and terms set forth for your individual Association as prescribed for in the License Agreement of the current season and in accordance with all of 12.0.0 & 12.2.0.
 - 6.1.2 The home team Director must notify the Internet Advisor or League Secretary-Treasurer of the game results by no later than Sunday at 7:00 p.m. The official standings will be kept and maintained by the Internet Advisor and League Secretary-Treasurer. No other standings are valid for bowl play or championship status.
 - 6.1.3 To ensure that each adult working in your program, coaches, administrators etc. have been through a comprehensive background check. WFFL requires a B.C.I., or better, a full B.C.I. check must be done for every coach. This one time check is good as long as the coach is coaching. If he/she stops coaching or moves out of the area, a new full check must be repeated upon his return. It is recommended that local checks are done yearly. (Refer to: 13.1.4)
- #### 7.0.0 FINANCE:
- 7.1.0 An Association shall contribute annually an entrance fee of **\$60.00** for each team to register with the League. This fee (Association fee) must be paid before the first League game. Last increase; 6/24/2002
 - 7.1.1 The annual Association fee paid by each sponsor, and any other funds arising from the activities of the League as a whole, will be controlled for the benefit of the League by the Executive Board.
 - 7.1.2 Disbursements of League funds under \$1000.00 shall require two signatures; over \$1000.00 two signatures and Executive Board approval.

- 7.1.3 The home team is responsible for payment of officials fees. These fees should be paid to the officials at the conclusion of their game assignments or according to individual Association policy and procedure. This includes all home games in regular-season and post-season play.
- 7.1.4 Sponsors shall forfeit the entire entrance fee to the League should said sponsors withdraw or resign after said sum has been paid into the League treasury.
- 7.1.5 The amount set for payment of officials is outlined in Exhibit B of the License Agreement for the current year. The current pay amount is **\$33.00** (2005) per official per game.
- 7.1.6 The League shall provide a fiscal report to the Board of Directors no later than the June meeting of each calendar year.
- 8.0.0 OFFICIAL WFFL FORMS
- 8.1.0 Official WFFL forms must be used during the WFFL season. Failing to use official forms, filled out and signed properly will constitute a violation of these By-laws. A penalty will be assessed to the team and/or Association who fails to use official WFFL paperwork, properly signed and filled out.
- 8.1.1 **PLAYER PARTICIPATION FORM (Game Day)**
Player participation forms must be filled out and signed by the Association Director. Names and information must be typed. Codes and jersey numbers may be handwritten. The penalty for improper player participation forms is: The team in violation will give up eight (8) points to the opposing team at the start of the game. (Refer to: Rule 21.1.0.d)
- 8.1.2 **CERTIFIED PLAYER PARTICIPATION (League File)**
Any additional players (ones not previously certified in the current year) added during the season, must be added to the roster and submitted to the League Secretary-Treasurer or Commissioner at least five days prior to participating in League games. No players may be added to any roster after the 3rd game, (conference or non-conference) without approval of the Executive Board.
- 8.2.1 **REGISTRATION**
Parent or guardian consent must be on file, in writing, with the Association Director before any player will be permitted to participate in League activities. Team rosters verified by signature of the Association Director, consisting of those eligible players, must be on file with the League Secretary-Treasurer or Commissioner two days before the first game.
- 8.3.1 **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**
Player eligibility forms must accompany all participation forms and be presented at the official weigh-in. Any player listed as injured, disciplined, sick or otherwise unable to participate fully must have this form signed by the Association Director.
Penalty: Player without a form must receive the minimum plays required.
Exception: If the player is "obviously" sick, injured, or a parent is there to verify that the player is sick or injured and cannot play.
Note: A player who is marked injured must not play in the game. Players who are marked: discipline, sick or other, may play at the coach's discretion and are not required to receive the minimum number of plays.
- 8.4.1 **LICENSE AGREEMENT**
A signed License Agreement must be turned in before any Association will be allowed to participate in League games. Agreements are from year to year, and will be renewed or revoked according to the League Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures, and as stated in the terms of the License Agreement.
- 8.5.1 **CERTIFIED COACHES ROSTER**
Each Association must turn in a certified coaches roster, listing all head coaches and asst. coaches. This list must include the coach's phone numbers and certification information. This must be turned in at the time of team registration and declaration. (See certification: 11.2.0)
- 8.5.2 **COMPLIANCE FORM AND TEAM REGISTRATION.**
Each Association will declare the number of teams they will enter into the League in each division. At the time of declaration, each Association must turn in all required paperwork and registration fees.

(see certification: 11.2.0). A compliance form must accompany this paperwork, which will be signed by the Region Commissioner and Association Director.

8.5.3 APPEAL FORM: Must be filled out completely and signed by the Association director. Appeals must be received within 48 hours of the alleged infraction, and include all applicable fees.

9.0.0 RESTRICTION AGAINST DUAL MEMBERSHIP

9.1.0 No sponsor or organization holding a WFFL license may enter any one of its teams into membership in any other organized youth football program. Exceptions: camps, clinics and tournaments. Any game or scrimmage not scheduled or sanctioned by the Executive Board, will not be deemed part of the WFFL.

9.1.1 No League player may participate on any other football team or league, at any time, while on a roster of the WFFL. Only those players who are on an official roster may compete in any WFFL game.

9.1.2 Any player who is listed on a current Jr. High or High School football team roster will be ineligible to play in a WFFL league game. Players will be allowed to practice and try out for Jr. High and High School teams while playing on a WFFL team, but will become ineligible when they are placed on an official school football roster.

10.0.0 WFFL Booster Club

10.1.0 The WFFL Booster Club shall consist of all club members meeting the requirements of these Bylaws.

10.1.1 The purpose of the Club shall include support of League football activities, development of well rounded youth and assisting with financial assistance of the League. The Club may fulfill these purposes by:

- a. Providing at-game support of the football activities of the League including fulfilling volunteer responsibilities such as playing field maintenance, ticket sales, parking supervision, scorekeeping, statistics and player assistance;
- b. Providing financial assistance to the League through fundraising activities, solicitation of business contribution and dues;
- c. Encouraging overall development of players through support of scholarship programs, presentations to players and conducting events intended and designed to instill qualities of hard work, academic excellence, life long physical fitness, community involvement and sportsmanship;
- d. Assisting the League with other programs consistent with the Club's purpose.

10.2.0 The Club shall hold an annual meeting during April of each year. The meeting shall be held on the date and at the place and time stated in the notice of meeting. Notice of the meeting can be given to members by email. Members not able to receive email are responsible for requesting written notice of the meeting from the club.

10.2.1 At the annual meeting, the members shall conduct all business that can properly come before the members. This business shall include election of two representatives to the Board of Director's of the League and a Director, Assistant Director (Advisor), Secretary and/or Treasurer.

10.2.2 The business of the Club shall be conducted in accordance with the club's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

10.2.3 The Club shall obtain direction and approval for all activities by the League through the Executive Board. The Club shall report periodically to the Executive Board and as otherwise requested.

INTRODUCTION TO THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Policies and Procedures contained herein are required to be enforced by each Association Director in the WFFL organization. All League administrative personnel, coaches, players and parents are subject to disciplinary action for violations of these WFFL policies and procedures at any time during a stated playing season.

11.1.0 PLAYER REGISTRATION:

11.1.1 Player registration will include: (1) birth certification by state or federal papers or church record (a previously certified birth date of players, with a copy on file will suffice for subsequent years), (2) signed parental or guardian permission, (3) physical examination from licensed physician, within six months of the start of the season, (4) parental signed physical history, (5) proof of residency, (6) proof of insurance (all items will be retained by the Director). Each Association will ensure during player registration that adequate accident and health insurance coverage for each participant is in effect. Note: No contact will be allowed for any participant who does not have his/her physical and insurance information on file with the Association Director.

11.2.0 CERTIFICATION:

11.2.1 Certification is that process whereby the team or Association will file with the League, of which it is a member, a completed Player participation form, a completed coaches roster, and a signed compliance form, for the current season.

11.2.2 A copy of all required registration forms (as outlined in 11.1.1) will be submitted to the Region Commissioner for certification. Certification must be completed prior to the opening game of the regular League schedule. The procedures for accomplishing certification are discussed hereafter.

11.2.3 The Region Commissioner will review all registration materials for compliance, sign the compliance form submitted by the Association Director, and forward it to the League Secretary-Treasurer. This letter is to assure that the Association is compliant with all registration procedures to the best of the knowledge of the Region Commissioner. If however, an impropriety is discovered, discipline will be taken against the Association, Director, coach, team and player or players involved. Such discipline may include removal or suspension of anyone involved.

11.2.4 Any documentation requested by the League must be received by the League within 24 hours of the request or the player in question will be considered illegal, and subject to all WFFL disciplinary actions and penalties.

11.3.0 PRACTICE:

11.3.1 Practice will begin three (3) weeks prior to the first game of the season (as determined by the Executive Committee) No physical contact of any degree is permitted for the first (5) five days. This (5) five day period will be known as Conditioning & Fundamentals. All participants must have this conditioning period before they may participate in contact activities. During conditioning & fundamentals, no football equipment (other than a helmet) may be worn. Football equipment is meant as: shoulder pads and football pants with pads. Conditioning & fundamentals practice sessions will last no longer than 90 minutes total. **45 minutes of physical training (conditioning) and 45 minutes of fundamentals.** Only one practice session per day, with a maximum of (5) five days per week is allowed.

11.3.2 During all contact sessions, all players must wear full safety equipment as explained and required in the Bylaws. **After the first League game, Teams are allowed a maximum of 6 hours of practice per week, a maximum of 4 days to practice, and no practice may exceed 2 hours in any 24 hour period.** This allows a team to have Three (3) 2 hour practices or Four (4) 90 minute practices, at the team's discretion. However, Directors are responsible to enforce this provision and to prevent abuse of practice times and children. Contact practice will be no longer than the allotted 120 or 90 minutes including warm-up period. Getting the team together where a coach is present for any reason is considered a practice and must fall within the guidelines of these regulations. After the first League game, a maximum of Four (4) 90 minute practice sessions or Three (3) 120 minute practice sessions may be conducted during the week. Fewer or shorter practice sessions are allowed.

12.0.0 RESIDENCY

12.1.0 Association Boundaries: A player must play within the Association boundaries (referred to as the district), in which he/she resides. Districts are defined as outlined in Addendum A of these Bylaws and listed in Exhibit A of the terms of the License Agreement. When new Association boundaries are designated, all players residing in the new district are required to participate in the new district to which they are now residents.

12.1.2 A player is eligible to play in the Association in which the player resides as of the date the player is registered and placed on an official roster. The district of residence of a player is the area in which the custodial parent or legal guardian resides with the player or the area in which the player resides while in the custody, or under the supervision of a Utah state agency, or while under the supervision of a private or public agency which is duly authorized by the State to provide child placement services. A player whose custodial parent or legal guardian does not reside in Utah is considered to be a resident of the area in which the player lives if the requirement of UTAH CODE ANN. 53a-2-202 has been satisfied and a copy of the designation of guardianship issued by the school district is maintained with the players registration.

12.1.3 For purposes of these regulations residence requires two elements: (1) bodily presence at a domicile. (2) with the intention of remaining in that place more or less indefinitely. Moving into an area temporarily for the purpose of establishing residency for a player to play football does not satisfy those elements. Subject to the foregoing, unless the contrary is shown by competent evidence, the residence or domicile of a player will be determined in accordance with the following standards:

- (a) the residence of a player is normally that of the players mother, or if the mother is dead, that of the players father;
- (b) if both parents are dead, then the players residence is that of the duly appointed guardian;
- (c) if the parents are separated or divorced, except as provided in section 12.1.2, a players area of residence is the area of residence of the parent to whom custody is awarded and with whom the player resides and where the child is enrolled in school;
- (d) a player whose parent or guardian moves into a district to establish permanent residence is eligible to register in that district;
- (e) a player properly listed on an official roster will not become ineligible to play the remainder of the current football season merely because the parents or guardian subsequently remove their legal residence from the area unless the parents or guardian originally moved into the area as a pretext to gain residence for the player to play football for the district;
- (f) If the custody of a player has been granted to any person by court order or by foster placement made by a licensed child placement agency with a resident family in a district, the residency of the person to whom custody was awarded constitutes the residency of the player.

Any dispute regarding the residency of a player will be resolved by the Executive Board. All Executive Board decisions are final.

12.1.3 A player whose parents are divorced with joint physical custody, or legally separated at the time of registration, whose parents live in separate districts will be considered to reside with the parent who resides in the same area that the child attends school.

12.1.4 A player may complete the year in a district in which the player was eligible to register as of the date the player is placed on an official roster in the event the players residence changes during the season.

12.2.0 ILLEGAL PLAYERS:

Should a player inadvertently, but innocently register in a District or Association other than the area of residence, that player will be given the option of transferring to the District of residence and playing the remainder of the season. In the event that a player knowingly registers in an Association area other than the players District of residency without complying with the requirements of these Bylaws, upon discovery, that player shall be banned from participating on any team in the WFFL for the remainder of the season.

If a player, regardless of whether the original registration in the wrong District was inadvertent or intentional, attempts to cover up that players true residency by falsifying the players home address or

by providing other false or misleading information to either the WFFL or any Association of the WFFL, in addition to being ineligible to play for any WFFL team that year, the player shall also be banned from participation the year following. For purposes of the penalty set forth in this subsection, the conduct of a players parents or legal guardian shall be attributed and chargeable to the player.

Any coach who knowingly recruits players who do not satisfy the residency requirement for that coachs team, or who knowingly allows a player who does not meet the residency requirement to play or continue to play on the team will, upon detection, be ineligible to coach the remainder of that season and the following season in any capacity (Either as head coach or as an assistant). If the coach has attempted to cover up the residency deception by providing false or misleading information to any Association or WFFL official, the ban from coaching shall be extended by at least one additional year. In an extreme case, the ban may be a lifetime ban from coaching. If Association officials knowingly participate in concealing a residency violation, the Association may be subject to sanctions as determined by the Executive Board including, but not limited to, probation or suspension and the ineligibility of some or all of the Associations teams from participating in post season tournament play. In addition, the WFFL sanctions against any player (and his/her team) who does not reside in the District and has not satisfied the requirements of these Bylaws for play, shall include forfeiture of all games in which such ineligible player played and/or was a rostered player.

12.3.0 **NEW ASSOCIATION:** When a new Association comes into the League, all residents are required to participate in the Association to which they are now residents. **Only residents that have timely and properly registered with the new Association in which they are now residents, and should the Association fail to field a team in any respective Division, regardless of reason, will have the option of playing in another District as outlined in 12.4.0. Those residents that fail to properly and timely register will be deemed ineligible to play for any Association for the remainder of the year.**

12.4.0 **ONE SEASON TRANSFERS:** Transfers will not generally be given, however if the Association to which a player is a legal resident does not have a team, a one (1) season transfer may be given. A one (1) season transfer means that a player may play with a neighboring Association for one (1) season only, and must return to his/her resident Association the following season.

TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible for any transfer a participant must be legally signed up in his/her resident Association by the deadline date. All forms and fees must be on file with the resident Association or no transfer will be allowed.

12.4.1 **Financial Responsibility of the Transferring Association:** Transferring players does not alleviate the resident Association of financial responsibility. Any subsidiary cost to the host (neighboring) Association over and above the registration fee must be compensated for by the resident Association requesting the transfer. Association Directors will determine among themselves what these costs may be, prior to the transfer. These costs should be in writing and in invoice form for financial convenience between Associations.

12.4.2 The WFFL must approve all transfers; however no Association is required to accept a transfer. All financial or material costs between Associations must remain between them. The WFFL will not be involved in or held liable for any financial costs in regards to any dispute that may arise involving financial matters between Associations.

13.0.0 **COACHES REQUIREMENTS:**

13.1.0 A teams coaching staff is in complete charge of the team whenever it is together on the practice or playing field, traveling as a group to and from practice sessions and games, or together for any team function, such as a banquet. The coaching staff is under the direction of the head coach, other coaches are called assistant coaches. The following applies to all coaches:

13.1.1 **AGE RESTRICTIONS:** A head coach must be at least 21 years of age. A rostered adult representative (21 years or older) must be present for practices, games and functions. An assistant coach must be at least 18 years of age or a high school graduate. Teams are permitted to carry a coach-trainee, who must be a minimum of 16 years of age. However, a coach trainee cannot transport any players to or from practices or games, with or without written consent.

13.1.2 **RESIDENCY:** A coach may be recruited from anywhere, but his son/daughter(s) must play for the

Association within which the son/daughter(s) reside. (Refer to: all of 12.0.0).

- 13.1.3 **STAFFING:** A team may have a maximum of five (5) coaches and one (1) statistician for a total of six (6) rostered and I.D'd members of the coaching staff. The coaching personnel should be of unquestionable character with a profound interest in and knowledge of youth and the game of football. Any coach who has been suspended, decertified or placed on probation without reinstatement by any WFFL Association or other organized football organization in the previous season or in the last season in which he/she coached, shall not qualify to coach in the WFFL. Failure to disclose this information at the time of registration will disqualify the coach from participation in the WFFL indefinitely.
- 13.1.4 **CERTIFICATION:** All members of the coaching staff must be certified by the WFFL in the following areas: Coaches training that has been sanctioned by the Executive Board, first-aid training and a full criminal background check (BCI). A full B.C.I. check must be done for every coach. This one time check is good as long as the coach is coaching. If he/she stops coaching or moves out of the area, a new full check must be repeated upon his/her return. It is recommended that local checks are done yearly. (Refer to: 6.0.2 & 6.1.3).
- 13.1.5 **FIRST AID:** In the absence of a specialized, trained person affiliated with the team in the medical area (physician, paramedic, specially trained volunteer), one of the coaches must be the holder of a current red cross certificate in community CPR and first aid or its equivalent.
- 13.1.6 **POLICY:** Coaches do not make team or League policy. Rather, they carry it out; however, on the playing and practice fields, the coaching staff is in complete charge and shall not be interfered with, except in cases of rules violations and any other conduct deemed by higher authority to be contrary to the welfare of youth participants. The head coach has final responsibility for his/her actions, those of his/her assistant coaches, coach trainees, participants, parents and spectators.
- 13.1.7 **IDENTIFICATION:** All trained coaches will receive a picture ID card (see identification 4.3.3) that will be worn and visible at all football games. This card will acknowledge that the coaches have been trained and that they are indeed coaches for the WFFL. These cards will be furnished by the WFFL, and will be the sole property of the WFFL, however, badges will be retained by the Association Director at the end of the season and held in trust for the up coming year. Any coach ejected from a game will be asked to surrender their ID card to the field Director, or other WFFL official, and will need to meet with the Executive Board before he/she will be allowed to coach again. Failure to surrender the card to the proper authority will render the coach on probation with possible suspension for the remainder of the season. All teams will receive an ID card that will designate the statistician for their team. The statistician will need to wear this card at all games, to be allowed on the field.
- 13.2.0 **COACHING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**
- 13.2.1 Refrain from smoking in front of players during practice sessions or League games.
- 13.2.2 Refrain from profane or abusive language in the presence of the players.
- 13.2.3 Will not criticize players in front of spectators, but reserve constructive criticism for private, or in the presence of the team so all might benefit.
- 13.2.4 Accept decisions of officials on the field as being fair and called to the best ability of the officials.
- 13.2.5 Will not criticize the officials or the opposing team, its coaches or fans, by word of mouth or gesture.
- 13.2.6 Not to permit sweating down tactics so that a player will make the team weight. Sweating down is to include: (1) steam rooms, (2) steam cabinets, (3) rubber sweat suits or any method that is injurious to the health of the players.
- 13.2.7 Will not permit a player to re-enter any game after he/she is badly bruised or injured.
- 13.2.8 Abide by the doctors and emergency medical personnel decisions in all matters of a players health concerning injuries and ability to play.

- 13.2.9 Refrain from excessive sideline coaching such as leaving the bench or shouting instructions during the course of a game. Coaches, managers, players, statisticians or any other authorized bench personnel will not advance beyond the 25 yard line for any reason. They must stay in the team box. The team box is 2 yards outside the sideline and extends an additional 3 yards to the roped area or track and is 40 yards long (25 to 25 yard lines). That area, 5 yards wide and 120 yards long (except for the player box), will be at all times free of any personnel. Coaches and officials will strictly adhere to this rule.
- 13.3.0 Strive to make every football activity serve as a training ground for life.
- 13.3.1 All ejections, disqualifications and unsportsmanlike conduct will be handled in accordance with those guidelines as approved by the Utah High School Athletic Association (UHSA), excluding the appeals process which shall remain with the League. The player and coach infraction will be noted on the player participation form and the names will be red lined for any suspended games. The Director of the sponsoring Association, where the infraction occurred, will need to notify his/her Region Commissioner for appropriate follow up. Any decision may be appealed (4.2.3 & 16.0.0) to the Executive Board, (in writing) within 48 hours of the infraction.
- 13.3.2 **RUNNING UP THE SCORE:** Refrain from running up the score of a game at any time. A lopsided score is any game where there is a separation of 24 points or more between the teams. The term lopsided is used as a general guide in that most scores between balanced teams should not end in a spread of 24 points or more barring unusual circumstances. Coaches ahead by 24 points in any quarter are expected to Lay Off and not attempt to add any more points to their total, assuming the opposition does not score. This can be accomplished by playing the second string offense (including replacement of starting center and QB and the second string defense, or both. The head coach shall attempt to comply with the above rules, but refrain from initiating those plays that are a direct insult to the dignity of the weaker team, i.e. (1) running to the side line, (2) running backwards for a safety, (3) falling on the ball after the snap. Any infraction of this rule will be dealt with by the Executive Board, and could result in suspension or removal of any member of the coaching staff.
- 14.0.0 **DUTIES OF THE WEIGHT MASTERS:**
- 14.1.0 Weight masters will be selected by every Association Director. Those selected must be approved by the Executive Board of the WFFL. The weight master works in behalf of the League, not the individual Association. The weight master will conduct pre-game weigh-ins prior to every home game as spelled out in Bylaw 14.1.3. The weight master will make every effort to accommodate both teams by making the weigh-in as quick and smooth as possible. The weight masters decision is final and is not to be discussed with anyone other than the head coach. It is the responsibility of the weight master to forward any problems with overweight players to the Region Commissioner as soon as possible, so that follow up action can take place. Any player unable to make weight by game time will be instructed to remove his shoulder pads and helmet and place them under his teams bench. The player may stay on the sidelines with his team in his jersey. Every effort will be made not to embarrass or ostracize the player.
NOTE: No Director shall serve as an official weight master. A Director may act as a weight master only if the official weight master is absent.
- 14.1.1 The weight master will monitor the player during the game to ensure the player does not try to enter the game. If an over weight player enters the game, by the coachs orders or of his own accord, that team will forfeit, and the coach will be brought before the Executive Board for disciplinary action. The weight master will exercise the utmost diplomacy and maintain composure at all times as he/she is acting as a WFFL official.
- 14.1.2 The weight master will monitor the coach's badges. All coaches must report to the weight master and show his/her WFFL badge prior to the start of the game. The WFFL Badges must be visible during the game. Weight masters will also monitor the player participation forms during the game to be sure they are being kept properly.
- 14.1.3 Pre-game weight-ins will be taken by a designated weight master only. These weigh-ins will be conducted approximately thirty (30) minutes prior to game time. The home team will be weighed first. Weigh-ins may be witnessed by one coach of each team only. The weight masters decision is final and is not to be discussed with anyone except a League official. If the designated weight master is not

present approximately thirty (30) minutes prior to the beginning of the game, weigh-ins will be conducted by another WFFL official (Director, Commissioner etc.). A zero (0) balance scale must be used at all weigh-ins, each scale must have a visible certification stamp from WFFL, weights & measures or a NIST tractable certificate dated no earlier than April of the last season (calibration must be done every 2 years). The Head coach of each team will provide the weight master with a current player participation form. The weight master will use this form to certify players eligible for the game by weight. Weights are determined according to Bylaw 18.2.0. No delineation of weight will be accepted. The coach must present an official WFFL team player participation form at the weigh-in. This form must be completed prior to the weigh-in. Any player who has attempted and failed to make weight by game time will not be allowed to play in that game. Any player arriving late (after the start of the game) will be weighed in, at the discretion of the weight master up to and including half time. Players arriving after the half will be ineligible to play. X'd players must present their helmets to the weight master at time of weigh-in to verify status and visibility of X's. Players must play in the pads that they are wearing at the time of the weigh in. After making weight, a player may put on protective gear. Protective gear includes, but is not limited to: Rib protectors, neck roll, cowboy collar, arm pads etc., socks, sweat shirts and gloves are also considered legal to add after weigh in. Any player caught changing shoulder, pant pads or cleats after weigh in will be ejected from the game and suspended for the rest of the season.

Note: If a player must change equipment for some reason, he/she must report to the weight master and be re-weighed in the equipment he/she will be playing in, an opposing coach must also be present.

14.2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE: The League empowers the Executive Board to make decisions on classifications of players in special hardship cases. Appeal may be made for an administrative variance to the Association Director and Commissioner for approval of the Executive Board.

14.3.0 CAMPS/CLINICS: A WFFL football team may attend a camp or clinic if they so choose, providing the following conditions are met:

- a. Coach or other team affiliated personnel does not make it mandatory.
- b. Any camp or clinic is endorsed or sponsored by the WFFL.

Note: Attending a camp or clinic will not count as a practice against regular practice days and times, if the camp or clinic is approved by the WFFL.

Any University Clinic night is a NO practice Day for ALL Associations.

Any additional WFFL sponsored clinic or camps that are designated NO Practice Days by the League will appear on the Key dates distributed to the Association Directors and will be posted on the official League website.

For purposes of determining which Region a team belongs to, refer to 23.2.0 and find the Region in which your respective Association belongs. That will be the official Region designation regardless of where a team may be placed for scheduling purposes.

14.4.0 ENFORCEMENT POLICY

14.4.1 MINIMUM MANDATED PENALTIES: Minimum mandated penalties for specific offenses are required by the rules to assure that punishment for the most serious infractions will occur on a uniform basis.

14.4.2 ADULT OFFENSES:

Fighting, intimidation, or disrespect for authority shall be cause for ejection from a game. Any coach ejected from any game, for cause, shall be ineligible for participation in their next game. A second ejection during the same season shall be cause for removal from the team for the remainder of that season.

- a. Running-Up the Score: A finding of such shall result in probation at a minimum; suspension if the conduct is found to have been intentional; and dismissal in the case of a repetitive pattern (malice).
- b. Endangerment of Juveniles: Suspension for 1 year, to permanent suspension upon repeated offense.
- c. Teaching prohibited offensive & defensive techniques: Suspension for 1 year, to permanent suspension upon repeated offense.
- d. Fighting: Suspension for 1 year, to permanent suspension.
- e. Cheating: Suspension for 1 year, to permanent suspension upon second offense.
- f. Threats: Suspension for 1 year, to permanent suspension upon second offense.
- g. Lack of cooperation/obstruction: Suspension until compliance is achieved, with probation for the remaining season.
- h. Violation of mandatory play rule: 1st violation: probation; 2nd violation; suspension of the head coach

for 1 game. 3rd violation: suspension for the remainder of the season.

Note: A player denied his required number of plays will start the next game and receive double the number of mandatory plays in that game. The failure of a convicted coach to comply with this provision will be deemed a second or third violation.

l. Recruiting out of district or having illegal players on a team.

Having illegal players on a team will include holding practice with illegal players, attempting to play illegal players, falsifying a player participation form or residency to add illegal players, whether the illegal players have actually played in a game or not. These actions will constitute having illegal players on a team.

Penalty: A finding of such shall result in a minimum suspension of one year; the convicted coach will remain on probation the following year, and may not be a head coach while on probationary status.

k. Practicing on a designated NO practice night.

Penalty: Forfeiture of the next game played following the day the illegal practice occurred.

14.4.3 JUVENILE OFFENSES:

a. Fighting, intimidation, or disrespect for authority: This shall be cause for ejection from a game. Any player ejected from any game, for cause, shall be ineligible for participation in their next game. A second ejection during the same season shall be cause for removal from the team for the remainder of that season.

b. Registering out of your resident district: (refer to: 12.2.0) In the event that a player knowingly registers in a District other than the players area of residency without complying with the requirements of these Bylaws, upon discovery, that player shall be banned from participating on any team in the WFFL for the remainder of the season. If a player, regardless of whether the original registration in the wrong District was inadvertent or intentional, attempts to cover up that players true residency by falsifying the players home address or by providing other false or misleading information to either the WFFL or any Association Director of the WFFL, in addition to being ineligible to play for any WFFL team that year, the player shall also be banned from participation the year following.

c. Any player caught changing shoulder pads, pant pads or cleats after weigh in will be ejected from the game and suspended for the rest of the season. Safety equipment (neck roll, rib protectors, etc.) may be added after the weigh in. Socks, sweat shirts, gloves are also considered legal to add after weigh in. (See duties of the weight master: 14.1.3)

d. Dual Membership: Any player caught participating on another organized football team or listed on an official school roster will be subject to removal from the WFFL team. Upon investigation if it is determined that the coach or director new about the dual membership, the team will forfeit all games in which this player participated and/or was rostered player. (See 9.0.0)

14.4.4 ASSOCIATION OFFENSES:

a. Association on probation: Any Association on probation will not be allowed to serve on any WFFL committee. An Association on probation will lose voting privileges with regards to Bylaw and rule changes, as determined by the Executive Board.

b. Minimum weight compliance: Association will be placed on probation and player will be removed from the team.

14.4.5 STANDARDS OF CONDUCT: The standards of conduct in this section and the related penalties are designed to sustain a fair and creditable environment. There are a few individuals involved with any program for which the concept of fairness and honesty are foreign.

These guidelines apply to everyone involved in the WFFL, players, parents, spectators, and fans:

- a. It is forbidden for any WFFL affiliated adult to strike or manhandle a player or another individual.
- b. It is forbidden for any WFFL affiliated adult to propose, encourage or otherwise facilitate any participant to participate in any activity that is a violation of state or federal law.
- c. It is prohibited for any WFFL affiliated adult to allow an ineligible, uncertified or otherwise

disqualified individual to participate in League activities.

d. It is prohibited for any WFFL affiliated adult to verbally encourage any player to inflict physical harm to any other player or use language that is derogatory to other players or Associations.

Penalty: Immediate removal from the game with possible removal from the program permanently.

15.0.0 RECRUITING

15.1.0 LEGAL RECRUITING: Enticing the youth of our communities to participate in our football programs is essential to our goals. Youth tackle football provides a safe and regulated opportunity for our youth to realize athletic achievement. Recruiting efforts by coaches and administrators to introduce new youth to our program is supported.

15.1.1 ILLEGAL RECRUITING: Illegal recruiting is divisive and a serious threat to relationships between football Associations and the League itself. Illegal recruiting is defined as the act of an adult or juvenile to influence players to sign up out of his/her District. Associations who encourage illegal recruitment will be fined \$100.00 for each player so recruited, and will have their Association placed on probation, or suspended indefinitely and will lose eligibility to participate in post-season championship tournaments.

15.1.2 Allegations of illegal recruitment must be reported to the Region Commissioner. An investigative committee will be appointed to look into each allegation of recruiting violations.

16.0.0 APPEALS: All appeals must be sponsored by an Association Director or League officer. No appeals will be granted without a sponsoring Association Director of the area in question. Parents will take their complaints to their coach and then their Association Director. Only an Association Director or League officer may make an appeal to the Executive Board. Parent and coach input shall be exclusively represented by their respective Association Director's.

INTRODUCTION TO THE PLAYING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF 11-MAN TACKLE FOOTBALL

The playing Rules and Regulations contained herein are required to be enforced by each Association Director in the WFFL organization. All league administrative personnel, coaches, players and parents are subject to disciplinary action for violations of these WFFL playing Rules and Regulations at any time during a stated playing season.

18.0.0 STANDARDS OF THE GAME:

18.1.0 Ropes: The playing field will be roped off from end line to end_line on both sides at least 5 yards from the out-of-bounds lines. If the playing field is bordered by a track, as is the case in most high school fields, the rope requirement is waived. However, in either case, spectators will be restricted from crossing the rope or the inner edge of the track.

18.1.1 Benches should be provided for each playing team and they should be used.

18.1.2 The standard 100 yard or (360 ft. w/end zone) length, 53 yds. 1 ft. or (160 ft.) width field, will be used in all classifications. All fields will be properly marked and include yard markers. The bench area will be absolutely reserved for players of the participating teams and their coaches.

18.2.0 Team ages, weights and designations will be as follows:

CLASSIFICATION	AGE AS OF AUGUST 31 ST	MIN-MAX WEIGHT	"In Season Growth" & UNIFORM WT. ALLOWANCE	SEASON MAX WEIGHT (includes uniform)
Jr. Mites <i>No previous experience</i>	7-8 *9	40-85** 40-65	7 lbs. 7 lbs.	92 72
Mitey Mites	8-9 *10	90** 75	7 lbs. 7 lbs.	97 82
Jr. Pee Wee	9-10 *11	100** 80	8 lbs. 8 lbs.	108 88
Pee Wee	10-11 *12	115** 95	8 lbs. 8 lbs.	123 103
Jr. Midget	11-12 *13	130** 110	9 lbs. 9 lbs.	139 119
Midget (**** 8 th Grader Provision)	12-13 *14	150** 130 <u>(****8th grader provision</u> <u>x-man designation)</u>	9 lbs. 9 lbs.	159 139
Bantam	13,14-15	No minimum	***Unlimited	***Unlimited

* This provision in each division allows the so-called "older but lighter player to also qualify.

** Denotes unlimited weight under bylaw 18.1.5, the so-called X player

*** Denotes unlimited weight with no X player stipulation. This provision is for Jr. High age youth participating who do not qualify for or have the opportunity to play on a Jr. High School team.

**** For Midget Division only. Allows a player who will be in the eighth grade during the upcoming/current season of football, who is 14 years of age as of the date August 31st and who does not meet the designation of OBL, may be allowed to play as an X-Man. This is for the Midget Division only and if a Bantam Team has not been fielded in the respective Association.

18.2.1 The Jr. Mite division is for players with NO previous experience. One player with experience will change a Jr Mite team to a Mitey Mite team. A 7 yr. old can only play Mitey Mite if there is no Jr. Mite

team and he/she meets the weight requirements. (See 18.4.2)

a. Jr Mites will be allowed to have (1) coach for each team allowed on the field of play during the game. Coaches will be governed and directed by the officials during the game. If an official requests the coach to leave the field (i.e. inappropriate behavior, failure to follow instructions, delaying game due to coaching) the coach cannot be replaced by another coach. The coach shall remain a minimum of 10 yards behind the team or as directed by the officials. A regular game pace is encouraged.

NOTE: A Mitey Mite team should be fielded before a Jr. Mite team, when possible.

18.2.2 Any person that will be attending his/her sophomore (10th grade) year in high school during the current season will not be eligible to play in the WFFL.

18.3.1 No League player may participate or practice on any other team, at any time, while on a roster of the WFFL. Only those players who are on an official roster may compete in any WFFL game. This means that if a player is listed on any school football roster, he/she is not eligible to participate on a WFFL team. (Refer to: 9.0.0)

18.3.2 No teams will play or scrimmage a team which is not in the same age and weight classification. Teams who are found scrimmaging out of their weight and age classification will be subject to suspension or removal of all coaches involved.

OLDER BUT LIGHTER

18.4.1 Players must not have exceeded the maximum age in each classification as of August 31, of the current year. * Older but lighter - an older but lighter player must meet allowable certification weight ranges as outlined above. When an Association has more than one team in a Division, all older but lighter players must be divided equally.

18.4.2 Minimum weight is as important as maximum weight as far as safety is concerned; therefore, players must be in accordance with age requirements, and also meet the weight standards for the classification. Directors will certify minimum weight at time of registration or prior to the first League game.

X-MEN

18.4.3 Players exceeding weight limits will be allowed to play as the so-called X men. Players who exceed maximum weight must wear a clearly marked X on both sides and back of the helmet and must play in a down line position, **including tight end**. A down line position is defined as center, guard, tackle or **tight end** and the player must be in a 3 or 4 point stance at the snap of the ball.
(Tight End: is defined as the traditional tight end position, no more than one yard from the tackle)

18.4.4 On defense, the X player is allowed to play outside shade of the tight end or outside shade of the tackle on the wide receiver side of the field.
On offense, the X player cannot play more than three down positions away from the center. They can be eligible receivers or ball handlers and they can advance a fumble or intercepted pass.

18.4.5 The X player can participate on special teams such as punt and punt receiving teams, however, the X player cannot participate on Free Kick, Kick-off or Kick-return special teams. Up to 5 X players are allowed on the field at one time.
NOTE: Teams are not required to have the same number of X players on the field at the same time.

18.4.6 Any X player caught removing the X from his/her helmet during a game in an attempt to play without an X designation, will be ejected from the game. The head coach may be ejected as well with possible suspension for the rest of the season.

18.4.7 No cast of any kind, hard, soft, plastic, wood or any other material. Soft splints may be worn, but must be approved by the head official. If approved, it must be padded and wrapped.

18.4.8 A person with a loss of limb may participate provided that the individual has a signed statement of approval from an examining physician and that the use of a prosthetic limb is no more dangerous to players than the corresponding human limb, and does not place an opponent at a disadvantage.

- 19.1.0 **TIMER:** The home team is responsible for providing competent timekeepers. Home team furnishes the clock which will be left on a table near mid-field. The visiting team is encouraged to provide an observer timekeeper who will be provided seating space at the timekeeper's table. If the clock is kept on the field, the officials shall notify the teams of time remaining at 4 minutes, 2 minutes, and after each play when under 1 minute.
- 19.1.1 **FIRST DOWN BALL MARKERS AND YARD MARKERS:** The home team is responsible for providing the 10 yard first down and ball markers. The chains will always be kept on the home side of the field. One (1) representative from the visiting team may assist in the operation. Yard markers shall also be provided by the home team.
- 19.1.2 The down marker will be set with a 1 or 2 to show the scorekeeper what the offense intends to do on PAT. The marker should be turned so that the marker is clearly visible to the scorekeeper.
- 19.2.1 **GENERAL BALL PLACEMENT:** On a 100 yard playing field, kick-off shall be from the forty (40) yard line of the kicking team. All other ball placements will be according to National Federation of State High School Associations Rules.
- 19.2.2 No kick-offs for the Jr. Mite divisions. The team who wins the toss will start play from their own 40 yard line. After a safety, in the Jr. Mite divisions only, the ball shall be put in play on the 40 yard line of the team just scored upon, and will be put in play by the team scoring the safety.
- 19.2.3 The point after touchdown (PAT) will be ran from the three yard line for one point or from the five yard line for two points. The offensive team will be required to notify the head official of their choice, once declared this cannot be changed, even after a penalty. If the point spread is greater than 24 points, no two point conversion will be allowed by the team ahead. No kicking of PAT will be allowed. No field goals are allowed.
- 19.3.0 **Emergency Medical:** Each Association shall be responsible for having a physician or other person trained in emergency first aid, present at every home game or have immediate access to trained emergency Medical.
- 19.4.0 **Filming or videotaping of a team's practices by any person other than a member authorized by the coaching staff of said team is prohibited. Scouting of a team's practice by any person is prohibited. Anyone violating this rule will cause the immediate investigation of the team involved with possible suspension of the head coach. Adults who are caught filming or taping another team's practice will cause the immediate suspension of their player for the remainder of the season.**
- 19.4.1 **Electronic communication devices:** No electronic communication devices can be used between coaches, players, spectators, etc. Electronic devices are to include, but not limited to: Headsets, walkie talkies, cell phones, etc.
- 19.5.0 **LENGTH OF QUARTERS AND HALFTIME:** Quarters will be 10 minutes for all classifications. The halftime will be 10 minutes, which will consist of 7 minutes instruction time and a mandatory 3 minute warm up. The high school timing rules shall apply during the last two (2) minutes of the 2nd half of every game, notwithstanding running clock games (see Rule 19.5.1).
- 19.5.1 **RUNNING CLOCK RULE:** The clock will run on change of possession and the referee will signal for any stopping and starting of the clock. During the second half of a game, should the margin of score between the two teams reach 24 points, a running clock rule will come into effect and stay in effect until the score margin is less than 24 points. The running clock rule is interpreted to mean that the clock will run continually during any quarter in the second half, except during time-outs and scores by the losing team. (Refer to: 13.3.2)
- 19.5.2 An injured player for whom the clock is stopped, or for whom the ready-for-play signal is delayed, shall be replaced for at least one play.
- 19.5.3 **OVERTIME PROCEDURE**
If at the end of the 4th quarter the teams have identical scores, the tie shall be resolved by the National Federation of State High School Associations tie breaker rule with the following exceptions: **Overtime**

will be administered from the ten (10) yard line and only 2 possessions per team will be allowed, after which the score will remain tied (during regular season games only).

- 19.6.0 GAME OFFICIALS: Game officials must be scheduled by the WFFL arbiter. Every effort will be made to provide a minimum of two qualified officials for every game. Three officials are recommended for Jr. Pee Wee age teams and up. Requests for officials must be made through the League Commissioners of officials. Association Directors should attempt to complete scheduled games, even if officials do not show up. If both coaches and the director agree to find or recruit 2 non-certified, but qualified people to officiate in this case, then the game can be played. BOTH COACHES MUST AGREE.
- 19.6.1 Game officials may declare a game forfeited should any team not be ready to play ten minutes after the official game time.
- 19.6.2 Officials have complete control of the game during regulation play. Field directors will not override the officials, except in the misinterpretation of League bylaws, including the tie breaker procedure. In such by-law discussion, the field director has ultimate responsibility for compliance.
- 19.6.3 A minimum of three game officials will be assigned for all playoff and bowl games.
- 20.0.0 GAME RULES: All games are played under the rules and regulations of the National Federation of State High School Associations and all of its affiliated state scholastic organizations, with the exception of specific league by-laws, rules, regulations, policies and procedures.
- 20.1.0 Fan/Spectator support items: See Addendum E.
- 21.0.0 SPECIFIC LEAGUE RULES:
- 21.0.1 The free substitution rule is always in effect.
- 21.0.2 Each player will be allowed to participate in all League games, unless prevented by a coach for disciplinary or health reasons. Under normal circumstances, each player must participate in a minimum of ten (10) plays per game. This can include special team plays, (kick-offs, extra points and punts). Should any of the required number of plays be missed, disciplinary action will be taken against the coach, the team, or the director,
*Note: Normal circumstances is defined to mean that the youth is:
- A. Properly registered
 - B. Following principles of training as outlined by the coach
 - C. Is not suffering from limiting injury or has sustained injury during the game that, in the opinion of the coach, should sideline a player
 - D. Attending practice and games
 - E. Under disciplinary request.
- 21.0.3 All must be noted on the player participation form accompanied by a player eligibility form presented to the official weight master prior to weigh-in.
- 21.0.4 A player eligibility form must accompany all players who will not be playing the minimum of 10 plays.(refer to 8.3.1.) Player eligibility forms must be filled out correctly, and signed by the Association Director or the player must receive the minimum plays required.
Note: Enforcement will be self regulated by each Association and all parents will receive written notification of this by-law.
Violation of this by-law will not result in forfeiture of games. Disciplinary action by the Executive Board will be based on each individual violation, if the Association fails to resolve the problem. (See Enforcement policies: 14.4.2.h).
- 21.1.0 Player Participation Form Requirements:
- a. Coaches must assign an assistant coach or statistician to fill out player participation forms for each game.
 - b. Every team must submit, to their director, the player participation form after each game.

- c. Player participation forms must be made available at any time to league officers for review. Coaches who do not fill out and maintain player participation forms, giving a copy to their director weekly as required will be subject to disciplinary action.
- d. Player participation form must be filled out correctly, by the first week of play, for the weight master in order for the team to weigh in. If the player participation form is not filled out properly and signed by the Director, the opposing team will be awarded, eight (8) points at the start of the game. Filled out correctly means: Typed, dated, signed by the Association Director, and containing all pertinent information such as: birth date, weight, etc. Codes and jersey numbers may be filled in by hand. No player name or information may be filled in by hand or the form is Not filled out correctly and eight (8) points will be awarded to the opposing team. (Refer to: 8.1.0)

21.1.1 DISCIPLINE/PLAYER ELIGIBILITY FORM: The Association Director is responsible for the enforcement of the rules and regulations of the League within his/her District. For any player being disciplined, Directors must be notified before game time, and a signed eligibility form must accompany the player participation form at weigh in. The Player Eligibility Form must accompany any player who is on discipline, injured or sick. (8.3.1 & 21.1.0) A player who is marked injured must not receive any plays in the game. Players who are marked as disciplined, sick or other, may play at the coach's discretion, but are not required to receive the minimum number of plays.

21.1.2 PROTESTS: Protests will be handled by the rules committee and the Executive Board. Protests on matters involving the judgment of an official will not be considered. Protests on matters applicable will be forwarded in writing from the coach within 24 hours along with a \$50.00 filing fee to the Director, and if necessary to the Region Commissioner, then a member of the Executive Committee, in that order.

21.1.3 Any player or team competing under the auspices of the WFFL, or any member of the League participating in any capacity may, upon a majority vote of the Executive Board, after or without a hearing, be suspended for any period of time as determined by the Board if they or their parents or fans are found to have committed any of the following acts:

1. Committing an unsportsmanlike act.
2. Striking any coach, assistant coach, manager, official, or spectator.
3. Using profane language or abusive language, whether on the field of play or as a spectator.

22.0.0 TEAM AND LEAGUE REQUIREMENTS:

22.1.0 TEAM COMPOSITION: All teams will be divided when the total number of players registered reaches 36 per team. This includes previously divided teams. Teams will be divided in the following way:

A: A member of the Executive Board must be present when teams are divided.

B: Each coach will be allowed to protect up to 6 players and only coach's and asst. coach's and statistician's children may be protected. The Association Director will randomly draw a name to determine who will choose first (i.e. flip of coin, draw names, etc.). Once the draft order has been determined, the draft selections will take place in an ascending/descending order.

(Example: Two Teams: 1, 2-2, 1; 1, 2-2, 1; Three Teams: 1, 2, 3-3, 2, 1; 1, 2, 3-3, 2, 1; Four Teams: 1, 2, 3, 4-4, 3, 2, 1; 1, 2, 3, 4-4, 3, 2, 1;).

C: The Association director will determine how many older but lighter and X-players will be allowed on each team. These players must be divided equally between the teams.

D: Each team will choose from all available players for rounds one through four. All protected players must be chosen in rounds five through ten. After the tenth round, all protected players become eligible to be drafted.

E. Teams will choose one player for each round. Siblings must draft together, unless otherwise noted by the parent. Siblings count as two picks and the team choosing siblings will be skipped in the next round. If there were 3 siblings they would count as 3 picks, etc

- F. Any players signing up late must be made available to the team who should receive the next pick.
 - G. The team that would receive the next pick would be: the next in draft order or next because of the loss of a player, or next because of the necessity to keep the balance of Older but lighter and X-players.
- Note: Teams must be organized and split as equally as possible. X'd players and Older but lighter players must be divided equally.
- 22.2.0 GAME SCHEDULING: The home team Director will notify the opposing team Director of any changes to the approved schedule, as provided by the League officials, not later than Wednesday night prior to that Saturdays game. This is by approval of the League President and arbiter only.
 - 22.2.1 Each Association will be provided a complete schedule of League games no later than three days prior to the first League game.
 - 22.2.2 All teams must honor their entire schedule or be subject to expulsion from the League. In the event a schedule is not honored, the facts of the matter will be presented to the President, and then the Executive Board, and the standing of the team will be decided by a majority vote.
 - 22.2.3 All classifications are permitted to play pre-season practice games.
 - 22.2.4 BUSINESS MANAGER: Each team may appoint a business manager and as many assistants as necessary to aid the coaching staff with such matters as; transportation for team, newspaper or other news coverage, team fund-raising, and other arrangements, etc.
 - 22.3.0 EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS:
 - 22.3.1 All teams must be fully equipped with a complete line of high quality safety equipment for every child taking part in any practice or contact session, scrimmage, or game. All equipment shall be professionally manufactured and not altered to decrease protection. The following equipment items are mandatory in all divisions:
 - 22.3.2 HELMET AND FACE MASK REQUIREMENTS: The WFFL is complying with the National Federation of State High School Association rules that all head gear (helmet and face mask) will have passed the NOCSAE test of approval for safety and bear the official seal thereof. Also, each helmet must have a properly affixed warning sticker. Face masks shall be made of material designed to be non-breakable with rounded edges, and those constructed of metal shall have the surface covered with resilient material designed to prevent chipping, burrs or abrasiveness which would endanger players. The helmet shall be secured by a properly fastened chin strap. Only clear face shields are allowed and all face shields that are tinted are prohibited.
 - 22.3.3 SHOULDER PADS: Shoulder pads will be of a cantilever type of corrugated molded fiber or plastic material, and for sanitary reasons, will be padded with a coated washable finish. Adjustable elastic underarm straps will be attached for snug fit.
 - 22.3.4 HIP PADS: Hip, kidney and tail bone pads will be a molded corrugated fiber or plastic material covered on the inside with shock-absorbing material.
 - 22.3.5 THIGH PADS: Thigh pads shall have any hard surface covered with material such as closed-cell vinyl foam which has a minimum compression resistance of 4-8 pounds for 25 percent compression or other material with equivalent specifications and is at least 1/4 inch thick on the outside surface and at least 3/8 inch thick on the inside surface and the overlap of the edge.
 - 22.3.6 KNEE PADS: Knee pads worn over the knee and under the pants and at least 1/2 inch thick or 3/8 inch if made of an approved shock absorbing material.
 - 22.3.7 JERSEYS: Game jerseys for all divisions and ages will consist of quality material and comply with assigned Association colors as designated by the League. (refer to addendum D), first color listed is the primary (body) color. It is required that not smaller than 6 inch front numbers and not less than 8 inch back numbers be used.

NOTE: A sponsor or commemorative patch is allowed on the left shoulder of the jersey. The patch may not exceed 4 inches by 4 inches. An American flag patch is allowed but is not to exceed 2 by 3 inches. Neither the flag or patch can interfere with the visibility of the jersey number.

- 22.3.7a All teams must have their players in matching uniforms when on the field of play. Players of the same team shall not participate during the same down while wearing identical numbers. Should it become necessary that jerseys be changed during the game for any reason, the changing of the jerseys, if approved by officials, will be made known to the opposing manager or head coach. If a jersey color conflict exists, it will be the home teams responsibility to change jerseys. Should an Association be in violation of Addendum D, they will change in all conflict situations whether home team or not.
- 22.3.8 TEAM COLORS: Selection of, or changes in, established colors must be approved in advance by the Executive Board. All teams will have a contrasting jersey for home games. (Rule: 22.3.7a)
- 22.3.9 PANTS: Pants may be of either a shell or one-piece construction, natural or colored. One-piece pants must have removable pads.
- 22.4.1 TEETH PROTECTORS: Each player will be fitted with a durable, well made teeth and mouth protector. Each player is required to have it in place in their mouth in all games, contact drills, practices and scrimmages. It is recommended that the teeth protector be fitted to the individual by impressing his/her teeth into the tooth and mouth protector itself. All teeth protectors shall be a colored material and all clear and white protectors are prohibited.
- 22.4.2 ATHLETIC SUPPORTERS: Each player must wear a good quality athletic supporter during practices, games, etc.
- 22.4.3 SHOES: Official footwear for all divisions is a molded rubber-cleated shoe, sneaker, or shoe with detachable cleats that are non-metal.
- 22.4.4 OPTIONAL ITEMS: Optional equipment such as stockings, jackets, etc. may be worn at the discretion of the Association Director. However, it is recommended that every team be prepared with some sort of foul weather gear.
- 22.4.5 It will be the home teams responsibility to furnish a satisfactory League approved ball, if both teams do not have an approved ball of their own for use while on the offensive. In the event each team wants to use their own ball, the visiting team shall provide the designated ball-runner for both teams.
- 22.4.6 BALL: The approved footballs for the League are as follows:
 Mite Divisions: The Wilson K2 or its equivalent
 Pee Wee Divisions: The Wilson TDJ or its equivalent
 Midget Divisions: The Wilson TDY or its equivalent
 Bantam Division: The Wilson TD or its equivalent
 All divisions will be allowed to use a leather or composite ball. The balls shall be of good quality leather or other approved material and may be a specific make if so desired by the Executive Board.
 Any questions regarding ball approval shall be brought to the Executive Board for final approval.
- 23.1.0 DIRECTORS HATS AND SHIRTS: It is necessary for the Directors to wear identifying clothing so that they can be recognized at games, therefore, all Directors will wear identifying hats and shirts, when finances are sufficient. Directors badges may also be worn.
- 23.2.0 WFFL CHAMPIONSHIPS: The WFFL will be composed of Regions established by geographical location of teams. The Regions will be designated as follows:

<u>Region # 1</u>	<u>Region # 2</u>	<u>Region # 3</u>	<u>Region # 4</u>
Farmington	Clinton	Ogden Valley	Sky View
Kaysville	Roy	Plain City	Logan
Layton	Wash. Terrace	No. Ogden	Mtn. Crest
Clearfield	So. Ogden	Ogden	Brigham City
Syracuse	Morgan	Ben Lomond	Bear River
West Point	No. Summit	West Haven	
- 23.2.1 It may be necessary from time to time to shift a team from one Region to another to hold Regions to a

maximum number of teams, or to balance large variances in number of teams across Regions. This determination will be made by the Executive Board after League registration and shall not effect rule 14.3.0.

23.2.2 All Divisions: The team compiling the best win-loss record for Region games will be declared the Region champion, will enter the playoffs as the # 1 seed from that Region in each Division and will receive a first round bye. If two teams have identical records, the # 1 seed will go to the winner of the head to head competition. If there is no head to head game, a playoff format will be determined by the Executive Board. If three or more teams have the same record, and head to head competition is also tied, a playoff format will be determined by the Executive Board. If two or more teams are tied for the # 2 and #3 seed, the same format as mentioned above will be used. **Three** teams from each Region, in each Division will advance to the Mini-Bowl playoff, except for the Bantam Division which will have an eight (8) team playoff. Changes in this format, based on ties or anomalies, will be decided on by the Executive Board.

Note: Only Region games count toward playoff competition. Non-region games have no impact. No team will be eliminated from the play-off because of a bye or fewer Region games in a schedule.

23.2.3 Each year the League will conduct a post season Mini-bowl to showcase the best two teams in each Division, except the Jr. Mites. All members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Board will be expected to participate in some capacity.

23.2.4 MINI BOWL PLAYOFF PROCEDURES: The Mini-Bowl playoffs will proceed as per the brackets outlined in Addendum B. The first round of games will be played at the site of the highest rated seed. In the second and third rounds, teams will play on a neutral site chosen by the Executive Board. All second and third round games will be played on 4 neutral sites with Division games played at the same time when possible. Home team will be established by highest seed, if both teams are seeded the same, then it will be determined by the North/South rotation as indicated in Addendum B. The Mini Bowl championship game for each division will be held at a pre-determined site. League officials will establish this site and administer the game. A gate admission charge will be imposed to offset bowl game expenses.

23.2.5 Mini Bowl playoff brackets: See Addendum B

23.2.6 During playoff games, the home teams have financial responsibility for payment of official's fees. This is for games played on a home site. For post-season games played on neutral sites, officials will be paid by the League.

23.3.1 AWARDS: The Bowl champions and runner-up teams will be awarded individual trophies/plaques from the League. Other awards may be given at the discretion of the individual Association Directors.

23.3.2 SOCIAL FUNCTIONS: The League approves sponsorship of pep clubs, award banquets, parent participation, game concessions, or other activities which build and aid the League or teams in a constructive way.

23.4.1 POSTING OF BY-LAWS: All members, defined elsewhere herein, should keep the League Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures current at all times. Any changes issued should be posted immediately.

24.0.0 CLOSING ARTICLE: Any infraction of the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures outlined in this manual will be cause for forfeiture of game or games, or probation and suspension of players, coaches, or directors.

24.0.1 Clarification of any part of this manual will be furnished upon request to the executive committee in writing. The committees decision will be final and binding.

ADDENDUM A

The following is a list of Districts.

1. BEN LOMOND: Everything North of the Ogden River (including North Side of River) in the Ogden city boundaries.
2. NORTH OGDEN: All of North Ogden and Pleasant View city boundaries.
3. OGDEN VALLEY: All of Eden, Liberty, Greenhill Co. Estates, Evergreen & Sunridge Estates, Idlewild Townsite, Hermitage, Wildwood and Huntsville city boundaries, including Ogden Canyon to the mouth of Ogden Canyon
4. OGDEN: Everything South of the Ogden River (including South Side of River) in the Ogden city boundaries.
5. SOUTH OGDEN: All of South Ogden City, Uintah, Uintah Highland and South Weber city boundaries.
6. WASHINGTON TERRACE: All of Washington Terrace and Riverdale city boundaries.
7. BEAR RIVER: All of Plymouth, Deweyville, Fielding, Elwood, Garland, Beaver Dam, Tremonton, Thatcher, Bothwell, Portage, Riverside, Collinston, Penrose, Snowville, Park Valley, Grouse Creek and Howell city boundaries, including Malad and Stone Idaho.
8. BRIGHAM CITY: All of Bear River City, Honeyville, Corinne, Brigham City, Mantua, Perry, and Willard city boundaries.
9. LOGAN: All of Logan City boundaries.
10. MOUNTAIN CREST: All the Petersborough, Mendon, Wellsville, College Ward, Young Ward, Mt. Sterling, Hyrum, Avon, Paradise, Millville, Nibley, Providence and River Heights city boundaries.
11. SKY VIEW: All of North Logan, Hyde Park, Smithfield, Almalga, Richmond, Cove, Lewiston, Cornish, Clarkston, Trenton, Newton, Cache Junction and Benson city boundaries, including Franklin County, Idaho.
12. CLEARFIELD: All of Clearfield city and H.A.F.B. base housing boundaries.
13. FARMINGTON: All of Farmington city boundaries and South.
14. KAYSVILLE: All of Kaysville and Fruit Heights city boundaries.
15. LAYTON: All of Layton city boundaries.
16. WEST POINT: All of West Point city boundaries.
17. MORGAN: All of Morgan County boundaries: (Morgan, Como Springs, Littleton, Milton, Stoddard, Richville, Porterville, Whites Crossing, Taggart, Croydon, Devils Slide, Mountain Green, Peterson, Enterprise).
18. NORTH SUMMIT: All of North Summit County boundaries; Henefer, Echo, Coalville, Hoytsville and Upton city boundaries.
19. PLAIN CITY: All of Plain City, Farr West, Marriott/Slaterville, Warren, West Warren, and Harrisville city boundaries. Parts of West Weber South until the North side of 12th Street.
20. ROY: All of Roy City and the part of Hooper City boundaries East of 5100 W., including the East side of that Boundary.

21. CLINTON: All of Clinton and Sunset city boundaries.
22. SYRACUSE: All of Syracuse city boundaries.
23. WEST HAVEN All of West Haven and Taylor city boundaries. Parts of West Weber North until the South Side of 12th St. All of Hooper City boundaries except East of 5100 W., including the East side of that boundary (includes unincorporated Hooper/Davis County).

ADDENDUM B

Mini Bowl Playoff Brackets:

HOME ADVANTAGE

2006

R-4 # 2
R-3 # 3

R-1 #1

R-1 # 2
R-2 # 3

R-3 #1

R-4 # 3
R-3 # 2

R-2 #1

R-1 # 3
R-2 # 2

R-4 #1

NORTH

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R-4 # 2
R-2 # 3

R-3 #1

R-1 # 2
R-3 # 3

R-2 #1

R-4 # 3
R-2 # 2

R-1 #1

R-1 # 3
R-3 # 2

R-4 #1

SOUTH

2008

R-4 # 2
R-1 # 3

R-2 #1

R-3 # 2
R-2 # 3

R-1 #1

R-4 # 3
R-1 # 2

R-3 #1

NORTH

R-3 # 3
R-2 # 2

R-4 #1

Note: The above 3-year rotation will repeat, every third year.

ADDENDUM C

The following is a list of associations in order of furthest North to South:

NORTH

- Sky View
- Logan
- Bear River
- Mt. Crest
- Brigham
- No. Ogden
- Ogden Valley
- Plain City
- Ben Lomond
- Ogden
- West Haven
- Roy
- Wash. Terrace
- So. Ogden
- North Summit
- Morgan
- Clinton
- West Point
- Clearfield
- Syracuse
- Layton
- Kaysville
- Farmington

SOUTH

ADDENDUM D

Association Colors 2004

<u>Association</u>	<u>Colors (Jerseys/Pants)</u>
Bear River	Red and White
Ben Lomond	White and Blue with Red Trim
Brigham City	Purple and White
Clearfield	Green with Vegas Gold
Clinton	Royal Blue and White with Green trim
Farmington	Black and Gold
Kaysville	White with Vegas Gold and Brown
Layton	Silver with Navy Blue Numbers and White
Logan	White with Crimson numbers and Gold trim
Morgan	Maroon and White
Mt. Crest	Navy and Orange
No. Summit	Vegas Gold and Purple
No. Ogden	Red and Black
Ogden Valley	Black and Red
Ogden	White and Orange with Black Trim
Plain City	Royal Blue and Silver with Maroon numbers
Roy	Black and White with Gold numbers
Sky View	Royal Blue with Golden Rod numbers
So. Ogden	Red and White
Syracuse	Vegas Gold and Black
Wash. Terrace	Navy Blue with Gold pants and numbers
West Haven	Maroon and Black
West Point	White with Black numbers and Red trim

ADDENDUM E

In the chart below, only those items marked Yes will be allowed as fan/spectator support items at all WFFL sponsored events.

Sportsmanlike vocal cheering and support from team bench area is encouraged. Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated by any individual attending a WFFL sponsored event. Offending individuals will be removed.

ITEM	ALLOWED	STIPULATIONS
Balloons	YES	Must be kept off the playing field. May decorate the perimeter.
Banners	YES	Must be positive and welcoming to both teams. No unsportsmanlike comments or designs.
Corporate Sponsor Signs	YES	
Hand held signs of any size	YES	Must be positive and welcoming to both teams. No unsportsmanlike comments or designs
Confetti/Shredded paper	NO	
Laser light/pointer	NO	
Miniature sports balls thrown to fans	YES	Must be kept off the playing field.
Megaphones (non-electric)	YES	Non-electric, hand held.
Artificial noise makers, (horns, cowbells, bells, buzzers, clickers)	YES	Small air horns are acceptable. Large air horns are not permitted.
Whistles	NO	
Shirts on fans	YES	
Paper banners for team to run through	YES	Must be positive and welcoming to both teams. No unsportsmanlike comments or designs
Pom Poms, shakers, spirit towels	YES	
Recorded music over PA system	YES	With approval of the home field Director. Music must be free of obscene language.
Large Air horns/Sirens	NO	
Cannons/muskets	NO	

* Copies should be handed out to all spectators