

Livingston County

Referee Rules for Community Youth Football

This must be handed to head referee at the beginning of each game

1. Any tackles at the neck or above are a 5-yard penalty and automatic first down
2. Any player with a number 60 or 70 cannot handle the ball at all
 - a. Exception recovering a fumble or intercepting pass, they can do this.... **but ball is immediately dead**
3. Any player with a 60 or 70 number cannot be on Kick off or Kick return.
4. Any player 60 or 70 on offense.... has to be covered by an end..... there cannot be any more than two of these players to the left and two of these players to the right of the center.... Must be in the free blocking zone....and can never line up in the backfield
5. Any defensive player can never line up over the center..... they must line up.... Head up over the guard and tackle.... The defensive player cannot be lined up in the a, b, c gap or O technique over the center. All 60's and 70's must be in the free blocking zone and on the line of scrimmage. Defensive players off the line, in the area of the offensive center must be one yard behind the defensive line
6. If a team does not have enough eligible players, they can give the ball to the opponent at the 35-yard line. Eligible players are non 60/70 numbers.
7. Punting:
 - a. Junior level must be in a tight formation and no rush. Once the ball is kicked then it is live.
 - b. Senior level must be in tight formation and unlike junior level you can rush the punter
8. Overtime rules:
 - a. First OT starts at the ten
 - b. Second OT starts at the five
 - c. Final overtime starts at the two
 - d. If still tied at the end of the OT....it is a tie game. There is no extra point attempted
9. Points for extra points after touchdowns:
 - a. Two for kick - **the kick is no rush** - and the kicker can retrieve ball on bad snap
 - b. One for run or pass
10. All offensive plays.... must have seven on the line
11. All offensive plays must be snapped in **twenty-five seconds** after the ball is declared live by referee
12. All line players must be in a 3-point stance. Linebacker s can line up with the center but must be **2 to 3 yards** behind the defensive line players; All Linebacker's must be lined up 3 yards off the line of Scrimmage
13. Horse collar no longer needs to be a tackle.....if the ball carriers knees buckle or back bends then it is a foul if the tackler had his hands inside the back of the jersey, the side. Or on the name plate
14. Zero tolerance for abuse towards officials