



MID-STATES TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS & SUPER SATURDAY



PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE PACKAGE AS IT CONTAINS INFORMATION THAT WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING RULES FOR YOUR DIVISION.

Park Rules

Molded cleats are required and limited to ½ inch rubber tip only. Removable cleats are permitted for all ages. Teams are permitted to use a maximum of ½ inch screw-in cleats. Park rules prohibit smoking (including e-cigarettes) within the football complex fences (smoking sections are available outside the east gates). Glass containers, aluminum cans, alcoholic beverages, pets, skateboards, scooters (motorized and non-motorized), roller blades, or any other wheeled vehicle not medically prescribed are also prohibited. A courtesy cart is available to take those who need help to their assigned fields. Please let the gate attendant know if you need help.

Gate Fee

Daily admission will be \$5 (ages 12 and over). A weekend pass can be purchased for \$8. At check-in, each coach will receive 6 field passes and 6 weekend passes for your coaches. **Field passes must be worn and visible by the coaches to be on the field, with a maximum of 6 coaches on the sideline.**

“Souper Bowl”

Non-perishable food items will be collected and counted at the time of team weigh-in. The team donating the most items (counted item by item) will be named the "Souper" Bowl Team of 2017. A team trophy will be awarded to the winners. All food collected will be donated to Harvesters.

Cheerleaders

Cheerleaders are encouraged to attend and cheer for their teams. KCFC cheer board members will be at the complex throughout the weekend awarding spirit awards to the most spirited cheer squads.

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Weigh-In and Division Requirements

Non-KCFC teams must weigh in all players on their roster prior to competing in their first game. Any players from outside the league added to an KCFC team for this event must weigh. KCFC teams with the same roster to be used in the 2017 regular season, even with adding other KCFC players, will be exempt from weigh-in. If required to weigh in, please arrive 90 minutes prior to your first game, line up your team in alphabetical order, and make sure players have proof of grade and birth certificate and helmet. The players can weigh in any attire they choose whether full uniform, partial uniform or stripped down to their shorts. We will have a private area to weigh any player who needs to strip down to weigh in.

This event is a “grade-based” competition ... divisions are established by grades. A player cannot exceed the oldest age listed below as of September 1, 2017, in that grade ... but he must first be in the appropriate grade to be eligible. Teams having players who exceed the age limitations for that grade or are in a higher grade may play up one grade.

Grade	Age	Maximum Ball Carrier
2nd	7-8 yrs	80 lbs
3rd	8-9 yrs	92 lbs
4th	9-10 yrs	105 lbs
5th	10-11 yrs	120 lbs
6th	11-12 yrs	135 lbs
7th	12-13 yrs	no limit
8th	13-14 yrs	no limit

This event allows for any weight to compete but does restrict the offensive ball carrying positions to the weights listed above. If a player exceeds the ball carrying weight they are restricted to playing the offensive line only while on offense, tight end to tight end, and will be identified by a sticker placed on their helmet. All restricted players are ineligible to receive a pass, take a handoff, or advance the ball in any fashion as a part of an offensive play. If a restricted player recovers a fumble or inadvertently receives a pass on offense, the play is dead at the point of ball control. There is no restriction to advancing the ball on the defensive team in any division. Any defensive player who legally takes possession of the ball can advance the ball through the end of the play. Restricted players may not return kicks or punts. If they recover a kick-off, the play is dead at the point of ball control and cannot be advanced. They can be the punter, but must kick once they have received the snap from the center. They cannot run the football as part of a diversion or fake punt.

PROCEDURE FOR WEIGHT CHALLENGE

The opposing coach must notify the referee prior to the end of the game of the intent to challenge a player's weight, by designating the player's number, the intent to challenge based upon weight, and the alleged conduct in violation of the rules. The referee shall promptly notify the player's head coach. A tournament committee member will be notified and shall report to the field. At the end of the game, the challenged player and a parent/guardian shall be escorted immediately to the equipment building for official weigh-in. The player, his parent/guardian(s), tournament committee member and an additional KCFC representative shall be entitled to be present. At the time of the challenge, the challenging coach must post \$25 cash for the cost of the challenge. If the challenge is successful, the \$25 shall be refunded.

DIVISION SPECIFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS

All games for this tournament are played under rules adopted by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). The following divisions have rules that vary from the standard and those are listed below:

2nd GRADE (7-8 YRS) AND 3RD GRADE (8-9 YRS)

Two coaches in 2nd grade division and one coach in 3rd grade division are allowed on the field during play. Each coach must be 10 yards back from the deepest player. This means when the ball is set, the line is set, and the quarterback is ready to begin his cadence. Once the quarterback is under center, or positioned for a shotgun snap, neither offensive nor defensive coaches may signal or verbalize instructions to their players. Violations may result in the Tournament Committee or the officials removing the coach from the field for the remainder of the game.

Extra points are two points for a successful run, pass or kick. All extra point plays are live running plays.

A punt is a declared play, and the ball is set 30 yards down the field not to be placed inside the opponent's 20-yard line. Once declared, the officials carry out the play. Ten seconds will be allowed for the referee to administer the punt.

The ball is placed at the receiving team's 25-yard line (on an 80-yard field) to simulate any kickoff.

Defensive Restrictions

- The defensive team may have a maximum of five players lined up within three yards of the line of scrimmage. Non-linemen may NOT blitz. The non-lineman may not cross the line of scrimmage until the ball moves outside the tight end. Penalty shall be 10 yards for violation of this rule.
- No defensive player shall line up over the center; however, a defensive player(s) may line up in the center-guard gaps.

The maximum penalty on a major infraction shall be 10 yards on an 80-yard field.

4th GRADE (9-10 YEARS)

One coach on the field, regulated as stated above for 3rd grade.

To punt, the kicking team must declare a punt, take the snap, retreat a minimum 5 yards and kick; there is no live rush. Play becomes live once the ball is kicked; no player may cross the line of scrimmage prior to the ball being kicked. Player exceeding the ball carrying weight may not return punts but can field them as a fair catch only. There can be no quick kicks; the punt must be declared and must be kicked within the tackles.

The ball is placed at the 25-yard line on an 80-yard field and the 30-yard line on a 100-yard field to simulate any kickoff.

A minimum of 8 defensive players must be within 5 yards of the line of scrimmage at the time of the punt.

Extra points are two points for a successful run, pass or kick. All extra point plays are live running plays.

5TH GRADE (10-11 YEARS) AND ABOVE

No coaches are allowed on the field during any 5th through 8th grade games.

Extra points for 5th and 6th grades are two points for a successful run, pass or kick. For 7th and 8th grades, extra points will be one point for a successful run or pass, and two points for a successful kick.

Other than the extra points, NFHS rules apply to these divisions.

TARGETING/SPEARING

If a penalty is assessed against any player for targeting or spearing, then the offending player shall be removed from the game for the remainder of the current half. If a second targeting or spearing penalty is assessed against the same player in the same game, then the offending player will be removed for the remainder of the current game and will be suspended from participating in the following game.

DOWN MARKER/CHAINS

The home team shall be responsible for providing two volunteers to run the chains, and the visiting team shall be responsible for providing one volunteer to run the chains. Members of the chain crew may not communicate to players or coaches during the game or at half-time, may not cheer as spectators, and may not discuss with the officials calls or rulings made by the officials during the game.

GAME CLOCK

All games will be 40 minutes in length – four, 10-minute quarters. Half-time will be 10 minutes, which will include a 3-minute warm-up period prior to the start of the second half.

GAME BALLS

Game balls shall be Youth/Intermediate size for grades 7 and 8; Junior size for grades 4 through 6, and Pee Wee size for grades 2 and 3. Each ball shall be presented to the game officials and opposing coach prior to the game. The home team shall be responsible for supplying an appropriate game ball. However, the visiting team may choose to utilize their own game ball when on offense.

MINIMUM PLAY RULE

The KCFC minimum play rule DOES NOT apply during this event.

SIDELINES

Only uniformed players and six (6) coaches may be on the sidelines during the game. All spectators, including photographers, must stay outside the fence line or white line surrounding the field.

Photographers may be assigned one of the six (6) coaches passes and be on the sidelines so long as they are not interfering with the play of the game.

OVERTIME PROCEDURE

Tie games will be decided based on NFHS overtime procedures. Beginning with the third overtime possession in grades 7 and 8, each team is required to go for a two-point conversion (i.e., must kick).

TIE BREAKER PROCEDURE FOR ROUND-ROBIN FORMATS

If at the end of all games, a round-robin bracket has two or more teams tied by record, the following procedure will be used to determine which team advances to the next round.

First Criteria – fewest points allowed in all games total, then head-to-head competition if only two teams remained tied.

Second Criteria – most points scored in all games total, then head-to-head competition if only two teams remained tied.

Third Criteria – coin toss between all parties tied. If three teams are tied, each head coach will flip a coin and the odd result advances. If all three are the same result, there will be a re-flip until the winner is determined. All coins must be the same, for example: three quarters. If two teams are tied, one coin will be flipped, one time to determine the team that advances. A drawing will be held to determine the team that calls the coin toss. Two pieces of paper will be placed in a hat, one with an X and one without. The team that draws the paper marked with the X will call the toss.

AWARDS

Super Saturday

- All players receive a participation medal.

Mid-States Tournament of Champions

- Champion and Runner-Up teams receive individual and team trophies (maximum 25 per team).
- All other players receive a participation medal.
- MVP is awarded to a member of each team in the championship game, to be selected by the opposing team.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Each head coach is responsible for the actions of their assistant coaches, players and fans. If the coach on the field in 2nd through 4th grade is flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct while on the field as a coach, he is no longer allowed to coach from the field for the remainder of the game. There is a “no tolerance” rule for unsportsmanlike conduct. Any flagrant unsportsmanlike act may result in an expulsion from the event and Heritage Park at any time. Coaches, fans and players who are ejected are suspended from further participation, and are not allowed re-entry into the park. There are no appeals.

If you have a clarification concerning a call made by an official, you may, in a civil manner ask the referee for clarification of the rule applied by the official. You can only question rule interpretations, not judgment calls. Once the official has explained their position, if further clarification is necessary, you may ask for a member of the special events committee and the Official-in-Charge (OIC) to come to your field and settle the matter. Each field is equipped with a radio at the scoreboard to facilitate this procedure. All decisions by the committee and OIC are final and not subject to appeal.

The goal of the committee is to provide each team with a competitive environment for enjoying the game of football. We will not tolerate any actions deemed inappropriate, such as foul language, verbal abuse, physical abuse, or actions demeaning the intent of youth sports. We want to provide a safe and fun environment for enjoying the game and participating in it.