

2023 FOOTBALL PLAYOFF & CHAMPIONSHIP PROCEDURES

Event Information: All info for the playoffs will be posted daily on the region website, including any changes will be shown. Please check daily for these changes.

Event Time Schedule: The Region will be responsible for preparing all event time schedules.

Teams must have (2) sets of jerseys and carry both home and away jerseys to all games. The Region Site Coordinator will determine Jersey colors, when a conflict occurs Jersey must have National Pop Warner patch. Home teams will be Dark Visitor's will be white.

At championships both teams must bring both home and away jerseys that will be used in Florida so they can be certified by the Eastern Region and pictures will be taken. This is to make sure those jerseys are used in Florida.

All Players will be Certified by picture and date of birth. An absentee form must be produced for any player not playing in each game. A member of the Playoff Committee shall coordinate Player Certification. A secured Private facility is necessary. One coach will be permitted to observe his team's Certification, however, said coach will have no say in any matters during the Certification. Teams should be at the field for their 1st game Player Certification at least 2 hours prior to scheduled game time. For other games they must be there 1 1/2 hours before.

Game Footballs: Each team shall have available at least (2) game footballs (new or used) (leather, composite, or rubber) for all games except for the Finals, within the specifications as provided in the Rule Book, page 36 Rule 12 Game Ball S1. The Game Footballs (Leather, Rubber or Composite) for the Finals will be provided by the National Sponsor Under Wilson these will be only footballs used for these games.

Roster Certification: All players in the regional playoffs must provide at a time and place arranged by the RMT the following:

- 1) An original birth certificate or state/government issued copy/regional stamped copy. The case of question, the RMT or their designee may request the original before said participant is eligible. (Must have all originals at the finals or stamped regional copy)
- 2) A recent individual participant photo
- 3) The player's physical report.
- 4) Every Coach MUST have their USA Football Certification Certificate in the book (Your book should be giving to RMT or person running field as soon as you arrive)

INJURY PROCEDURES

If any participant is injured and removed from the game or facility, said participant must have a doctor. Note to return to participate with the team. In addition, if the absentee form has him listed as injured in a prior week the participant must also provide a doctor's note before being allowed to continue to play with the team.

No participant shall be eligible without this proof and if proof cannot be provided said participant will be removed from the roster for the remainder of the season. Teams shall always carry this information with them to all events. Failure to provide any of the above info shall result in said player to be deemed ineligible for the scheduled game.

Home Teams: The Home teams are pre-determined and will be the bottom team in the schematic. Home teams will use the bench area on the same side as the Press Box.

Directions to Fields: These will be available online on the Regional Website and updated daily to show all game locations.

Game Admission: The Host can charge a max charge is \$6 for adults (18 and over) only. This charge must be posted prior to the entrance of the facility.

Game Conduct: Any player or coach ejected either during, or after the game will be penalized by being suspended from all further games the team is involved in for the remainder of the playoffs. The Region Director shall reserve the right for the player to continue. They may also face other sanctions from the Region, National or the Conference they represent.

Overtime: The National Overtime 10-yard procedure rule will be used throughout the Regional Playoffs.

League Officials: All League(s) that have a team in the Regional Playoff and/or Finals must have their President/Commissioner or an appointed designee present at the site of the game(s). Failure of a League Official attending the game will force the cancellation of the game and the other team will move on.

Entrance Fees: Teams shall pay a one-time entrance fee to compete in the Regional Championships. Leagues/Conference will be responsible for paying all fees prior to the start of the Play Offs.

Mandatory Play Rule: Kickoffs, extra points, and free kicks will not count. Page 36 Rule 10: Mandatory Play Rule will be enforced.

Each team shall have their own MPR monitors (1 for each sideline). The Playoff Committee during the game will monitor these people. The word of the monitor will be final. No coach shall dispute his or her count. The Playoff Committee at the end of the 1st half and again during the 3rd quarter will check on the progress of each team. At the beginning of the 4th quarter, they will also intervene as to who needs to go in the game.

Sideline Personnel: Each team is allowed only their rostered coaches to be in the team box. Additional team personnel may be on the sidelines but NOT in the team box. The total number is not to exceed 10 people.

Chain Crews: The Playoff Committee shall have sole discretion as to the volunteers working the chains. The chains will be on the side of the field of the team supplying the volunteers. In the Championship games, the officials' crew will handle them.

Championship Patches: Each player & coach of the Championship football teams shall receive (2) Region Championship patch for their efforts. These patches shall be worn on the Game Jersey's that the team will be wearing in the National Championships. This is in addition to the National Pop Warner logo patch. The patch shall then be given to the players after that game.

Travel Sponsorships: Each Championship Football team from the Regionals that qualifies for the Nationals shall receive a stipend as decided by the Regional Budget for use as reimbursement for travel for the National Championships in Orlando Florida.

PROHIBITED ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Airhorns
- Glass bottles
- Cycles
- Drones
- Firearms/weapons of any kind
- Fireworks
- Illegal drugs
- Laser Pointers
- Costume masks
- Pets (except service animals)
- Poles longer than 12"
- Signs with indecent or derogatory comments/images, political statements, and commercial references
- Skates
- Skateboards
- Unauthorized solicitation, handbills, giveaways, or sampling