

SECTION 7 – FOOTBALL COACH RULES

General

1. The Football Competition Committee shall preside over football related matters.
2. All coaches must agree to abide by these By-laws by signing the Coach Code of Ethics.
3. All Head Coaches shall be certified by USA Football in the Level I Tackle Certification no later than the first preseason practice. All Assistant Coaches shall be certified by USA Football in the Level I Tackle Certification no later than the first game.
4. All Head Coaches must attend a preseason meeting as determined by the League Football Director.
5. All Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches will be responsible for the proper condition and operation of their players' equipment on at all times, as defined by the current edition of the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations (NFHS) Rule Book.
6. The Head Coach is responsible for completing the Serious Incident Report form and submitting to the League Rep within 2 days of any injury to a player that prevents the player from continuing to participate in a game, scrimmage, or practice.

Coaching Rules

1. Only the following persons shall be allowed in the coaches' box during a League game:
 - a. Coaches listed on the official team roster.
 - b. A League Representative.
 - c. Up to two (2) water personnel.
 - d. A first aid person.
2. All Coaches and Team Representatives shall be identified by matching Team colors (i.e. shirts, hats) worn properly. Each team shall be uniformly matched.
3. Cell phone use is prohibited during the game, including halftime.

Suspension

1. Coaches receiving a bench (sideline) penalty during the season: The Associations are responsible for the behavior of their coaches and adherence to the Coaches' Code of Conduct. If Associations fail to take appropriate action, the League reserves the right to impose fines and suspensions as follows:
 - a. First violation shall result in an Association receiving a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) fine.
 - b. Second violation shall result in an Association receiving a two hundred dollar (\$200.00) fine and the coach being suspended for two (2) weeks from the date of violation.

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- c. Third violation shall result in an Association receiving a three hundred dollar (\$300.00) fine and the coach being suspended for twelve (12) months from the date of violation.
2. Coaches receiving an ejection during the game:
 - a. First violation shall result in the coach being suspended for one (1) week from the date of violation.
 - b. Second violation shall result in the coach being suspended for the remainder of the season.

For the suspension period, the coach shall not be involved in practice the week preceding the suspended game, allowed on the sideline during the suspended game, or act in the capacity as a coach during the suspended period. Suspension times are not affected by cancellations or postponements caused by special circumstances including inclement weather. Violation of these procedures shall be considered a second violation of the ejection rules.

Scouting Rules

1. Scouting will only be allowed at scheduled League games. All scouts must be identifiable by wearing the Association / Team logo or identification and check in with Home Teams' League Representative. Scouts may only use pen/pencil and paper or electronic notes for recording information.
2. Scouting will NOT be allowed at practice sessions or controlled scrimmages.
3. A rostered player from one Association may not attend another Association's practices without the written approval of the Association in which the player intends to visit. Failure to comply will result in 2 week suspension for first offense and 1 year suspension for second offense.
4. Scouting will NOT be allowed from the announcer's / press box.
5. Disciplinary Actions for violations of Scouting Rules:
 - a. First offense shall result in the forfeiture of the potentially affected game.
 - b. Second offense shall result in a four hundred dollar (\$400.00) fine in addition to forfeiting the potentially affected game and removal from playoff contention.
 - c. Third offense shall result in the Head Coach being dismissed from the League.

Filming Rules

1. Filming of games by an Association member, in which his/her team is playing, is permissible.
2. Filming of a game by anyone other than members of the two (2) Associations involved in said game is prohibited, unless one of the participating Associations has engaged an

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outside photographer to film the game or any portion thereof, to include the use of camera phones.

3. There shall be no swapping or giving of film between Associations for any reason unless the Chairman and League Football Director have given approval.
4. Disciplinary Actions for violations of Filming Rules:
 - a. First violation shall result in a one (1) week suspension of the Head Coach of the filming Association for the potentially affected game as well as forfeiture of the potentially affected game.
 - b. Second violation there will be a suspension of one (1) year of the head coach as well as forfeiture of the potentially affected game and removal from playoff contention.