

## TOURNAMENT RULES AND INFORMATION

All seeding will take place at the Coaches meeting on November 23rd, 2011 at 7:00pm. There will be a number at the back of your booklet that is your seed for the tournament.

**Weigh-in** – There will be only 1 check-in during the tournament. It will be on Friday, November 25, 2011 starting at 7:00am. You may bring your team to check-in at any time before your game begins. However, your team must be at the field half-time of the game before yours. If a player is not present, he/she may re-checkin after your team has played your first game.

**5-6, And 7-8, -** These teams can have one Coach on the field on offense and defense. Once the huddle is broken, the coach CANNOT TALK to the players or instruct from the field. If this occurs, the team may receive a warning, but it could result in a 15 yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty. Please keep in mind we will be enforcing the 30 second clock.

**Punts/Kick offs-** 5-6 year old all kicks are live. You may **choose** to give up your fourth down to advance the ball 20 yards instead of punting, or you may punt.

**Extra Points-** This has been an issue in the past. The extra point for Friday and Saturday because there are not goal posts on all fields will be as follows- You will get Two (2) points for a pass in extra point, and One (1) point for a run in extra point.

**Championship Extra Points..\*On Sunday games only\*, Jr Fly, One(1) point for the run, two (2) points for the pass**

**FLyweights-7-8 year olds and Mighty Mights-9-10 year olds, a kick will be worth Two (2) points and a run or a pass will be worth One (1) point.**

**Junior Varsity-11-12 old and Varsity 13-14 years old, a pass or a run will be worth Two (2) points, and a kick will be worth One (1) point.**

*ELIGIBLE RECEIVERS – All receivers must wear a white wristband or white tape on both wrists. We do not use a number system to determine who is eligible. Max 6*

**Coaches and Players Passes** – Each player as he gets checked in will get an arm band. All players must keep this band on during the entire tournament. Each team will receive 5 additional bands for their coaching staff. All teams must meet at the gate together to enter. You must present your roster at this time. Each player will give their name and number, DOB, and will be checked off the roster. Then they will proceed to the next

station to get banded. If the band breaks, the player and his coach must find a staff member of the tournament to get a new band. All staff members will be wearing a special staff shirt. Any player that is found playing without a band will be disqualified from playing. If a band breaks during a game, make sure to get a new band directly after the game. (You must have your picture book and broken band to get a new band) All age groups will have a different color band to avoid any changing of teams. These bands will allow you in the games without having to pay at the gates. Please do not give these bands to your team parents.

*Parents* – All parents must pay the admission to enter the fields. The admission will be a \$7.00 (1) day pass to all fields, or a discounted \$15.00/3 day pass, to all games including the championship game.

*Warm-up Area* - There may be limited warm-up areas. Please be courteous to the other teams to allow everyone to warm-up properly and not get in the way of any of the games.

*Late for a Game* – If your team is late for your game, we will wait 10 minutes from the scheduled start time of the game. If you show up during the allotted time, your team will be given a warning. If your team is late again you will have to forfeit the current game you are late for. Please make sure your team is at the field at least 1 hour prior to your game to make sure we do not fall behind schedule.

*Sidelines* - Your team is responsible for keeping the sidelines clean during and after your game. Make sure you clean up after yourselves throughout the weekend. Please be courteous to the other team. Only people with field passes will be allowed on the field. The fields will have ropes to keep spectators at a safe distance from the field. Please keep your parent on the other side of the ropes..

*Do You Need Help* – There will be several people at each field that you will be able to ask for help if necessary. They will be wearing a t-shirt with STAFF on the back.

*Concession Stands* – We will have concession at the fields. We will have food and drink items for you to choose from and prices are very low. No outside food or coolers are allowed at any field at any time. (exception – team coolers which will be checked at the gate)

*HELP PLEASE!!!!* We will be asking for help with the chain crew. This is one of the best seats in the house. Please inform your parents that we will need some help throughout the day. We are trying to have our own people working for the most part, but any help is appreciated.

*Smoking* – All Pasco County Schools/Parks are smoke free. Smoking is Not Permitted in the field area or in the bleachers. There will be a designated smoking area at both fields. Please make sure to use the butt buckets/cans provided. This will help us to be able to use the field again next year.

*Conduct* – We ask that all coaches, players, and parents govern themselves accordingly. Fighting, cursing, and vulgar language will not be accepted and will be cause for disqualification/ejection from the field/game/tournament. Anyone fighting or trying to start a fight will be escorted off the field by the Sheriff's Department.

*Sportsmanship* – **Sportsmanship**- Although this is a competitive tournament, we must all show the utmost respect and sportsmanship to each other. Any violation of this policy you and /or your coaches, team will be asked to leave the tournament. This refers to all participating coaches, players, and fans. **\*\*\* It will be up to the tournament staff to determine if a player can return to play after he/she is ejected from a game for fighting. If the player is re-instated to play, he/she must sit out the following game in which he was ejected.**

*Tie-Breaker* – **Tie-Breaker**- We will use over all records to determine a tie breaker. In the event that there is still a tie, we will have a shoot out from the 10 yard line Saturday night after the regular scheduled games are completed. If there are multiple teams with the same record, the place setting will be based on the least amount of point scored against a team. Example- If team "A" has 7 point against them, team "B" has 14 points against them, and team "C" has 21 points against them. Then team "A" would advance to the championship. Teams "B" and "C" would have a shoot out from the 10 yard line to see who advances to the championship. If there are Four (4) teams with the same record, then the same tie- breaker will apply. Least points against seeding each team 1-

4. Then seed 1 will play seed 4, and seed 2 will play seed 3. The Two winners advance to the championship on Sunday.

*Trophies* – All players will receive an award for playing in our tournament. Any team that does not make the championship games will get their awards after their last game of the tournament.

First and Second place players will get their trophies at the championship game on Sunday. We will be giving an offensive and defensive MVP trophy to a player from each team in the championship games on Sunday. Also, a 1st and 2nd place team trophy will be presented to the Champions and runner up in each division.