

TOURNAMENT RULES AND INFORMATION

All seeding will take place at the Coaches meeting on November 26, 2009 at 7:30pm. 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 weigh-in during the tournament. It will be on Friday, November 27, 2009 starting at 7:00am. You may bring your team to weigh-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 does not make weight, he/she may re-weigh after your team has played your first game. This is to keep players from making themselves sick. We want all players to play, that is why they are here but we also want them to be safe.

5,6, 7,8,and9, 10 Year Olds – This age group is allowed one coach on the field with the team, one on offense and one on 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 flag for a 15 yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty. Keep in mind that we will be enforcing the 30 second clock.

Coaches and Players Passes – Each player as he gets weighed 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 and will be checked off the roster when they enter. Then they will proceed to the weigh-in station to get weighed and 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 (1) day pass to all fields, or a discounted three (3) day pass to all games

ELIGIBLE RECIEVERS – *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.*

Warm-up Area - The NPR field will have 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. Parents are not allowed on the sidelines between the 2 fields. 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. Do not remove or go on the other side of these ropes for any reason.

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 both fields. We will have food and drink items for you to choose from and prices are very low. No food or coolers are allowed at either 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 are smoke free campuses. 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.

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 teams will get their trophies at the championship game on Sunday. A team trophy will be given to the Champion in each division. We will be giving an offensive and defensive MVP trophy to each team in the championship games on Sunday.

Conduct – We ask that all coaches, players, and parents govern themselves accordingly. Fighting, cursing, and vulgar language will not be accepted. Anyone fighting or trying to start a fight will be escorted off the field by the Police Department.

Sportsmanship – Although this is a competitive tournament we all must show the utmost respect and sportsmanship to each other. Any violation of this policy you and/or your coaches and team will be asked to leave the tournament. This refers to all participating coaches, players, and fans.

Tie-Breaker – Will be determined by overall record. If there is still a tie it will be determined by fewest **defensive** points allowed. In the event there is still a tie they teams will play a Texas Tie Breaker Saturday night after the regular scheduled games have ended.

Championship Sunday – The Championship games will be 10 minute quarters with a ten minute halftime. Games will start at 9:00am with the 13,14,15 year old game first.
11:00am 7-8 year old game , 1:30 9-10 year old game, 3:30 11,12 year old game.