

MAC LEAGUE GUIDELINES



The Organization:

The name of this organization shall be Midwest Athletic Conference (MAC). The Conference was organized by member organizations in 2025.

The purpose of the Conference shall be to govern, coordinate and enforce the MAC guidelines for all organizational events among the participating organizations and their individual members.

Mission Statement:

Our mission is to build youth football and cheer programs that foster leadership, teamwork, and foundational development in young athletes- preparing them to thrive at the high school level and beyond,

UNITED BY THE GAME.

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SECTION 1: JOINING THE MAC

1. Membership Fees:

- a. League Fees: There are no fees for individual Clubs, only for individual players.
- b. Individual Player Fees: The fees will be \$30.00 per athlete. Each Club will ensure all fees are paid prior to the roster submission deadline.
- c. Late Fees: A \$100.00 late fee, per week, will be assessed on any Club not current. Exceptions must have prior approval from the MAC League Director.

2. Memberships: The following Clubs are current Members of the MAC League:

- a. Choctaw Youth Football & Cheer
- b. Community Christian
- c. Edmond Youth Football
- d. Mid-Del Youth Football
- e. Moore Lions Football & Cheer
- f. Mount St. Mary
- g. Norman Optimist Club
- h. OKC Patriots Football
- i. PCO Bucs
- j. Piedmont Youth Football
- k. Westmoore Junior Jags
- l. YGA Tigers Football & Cheer
- m. Yukon Youth Football & Cheer

3. Expectations:

- a. By joining the Midwest Athletic Conference (MAC), members acknowledge that it is a private organization. The MAC can deny membership or participation to anyone whose actions disrupt its activities or break its rules.

- b. Clubs seeking admission must ensure their members follow MAC League Rule & Guidelines.
- c. Upon admission to the MAC, each newly appointed club is required to complete a MAC League Membership form and submit their club bylaws.
 - i. Each year after admission, clubs must continue to submit a MAC League Membership Form and their club bylaws.
- d. MAC Clubs shall NOT have tackle football “teams or players” participate in any other conference or league. Participants shall only play for one team during a scheduled season and are NOT allowed to participate with another team within the course of that season.

4. Field Requirements:

- a. Each club must have a high-school regulation sized field (100 yds x 53 yds) unless it is approved by the MAC Director.
- b. Each field must have stadium seating available, unless approved by the MAC Director.
- c. If you are an independent team, not associated with a Club within the MAC league and do not have a home field, requirements will be addressed by the MAC Director.

5. Registration:

- a. All Clubs must register ALL participants (football, cheerleaders & coaches) using the MAC approved online database, *Sportsengine*.

- b. If you are an independent team, not associated with a Club, registration must be approved by the MAC Director.

SECTION 2: MAC RULES

1. Other Leagues:

- a. Athletes cannot participate in other clubs/leagues while playing for a Club associated with the MAC League.

2. Drafts:

- a. Team drafts will be Club regulated.
- b. Maximum team size is 30 athletes.
- c. Minimum team size 15 athletes for grades 3rd-6th.
- d. Minimum team size is 11 for Little Legends (grades K -2nd)

3. Jurisdictions:

- a. Jurisdictions are defined as the individual Clubs school district AND the related feeder schools.
- b. **Claiming:** Jurisdictions are to be claimed by each club per school district.
 - i. July 1, jurisdictions must be submitted via "MAC League Club Jurisdiction Form".
 - ii. Shared jurisdictions are identified when an area lacks a MAC League-affiliated club and is claimed by a MAC Club in the surrounding area.

- c. Releases:** Any athlete requesting to be released from their home club and wanting to join another MAC affiliated club, **MUST** submit an “Athlete Release Agreement” to their home club to be processed for approval.
 - i. All required release documentation **MUST** be signed and approved by the releasing club and the accepting club directors.
 - ii. The Athlete Release Agreement must be submitted by the releasing club Director to the MAC League NLT the Friday following July 4th.
- d. Disputes:** All jurisdiction disputes/clarification issues between requesting athlete and home club, will be resolved at the home club level.
 - i. If the dispute cannot be resolved at the home club level, then the MAC League Directors will make the final decision.

4. Rosters:

- a.** Must be finalized on Sportsengine NLT 11:59pm on August 1st.
- b.** Every Athlete included on the roster **MUST** be registered and paid in **FULL** on Sportsengine prior to rosters being finalized.

5. Coaches:

- a.** Must create an account and register on Sportsengine, as a Coach.
 - i. All certifications and background checks

must be completed PRIOR to the first day of practice.

- b. Background checks will be processed on Sportsengine and approved by each club.
- c. Each coach will sign a coach's contract with MAC League.
 - i. Any violation of the coaches' contract may result in suspension or removal at the discretion of the MAC League directors.

6. Violations, Ejections, Appeals, Penalties:

- a. **Violations:** Violations can be defined as not following any or all MAC League guidelines.
 - i. ANY violation must be reported by the Club Director via the "MAC Violation Form" that can be found on macleagueok.com.
- b. **Ejections:** ANY ejection from a game must be reported to the MAC League Directors via the "MAC Game Day Ejection Form". The form will be filled out by the game-day White Hat Official via the "MAC Game-Day Ejection Form".

**ALL EJECTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO REVIEW
BY THE MAC LEAGUE DIRECTOR.
ADDITIONAL PENALTIES MAY APPLY.**

- i. ANY physical altercations will result in a SEASON suspension.
- ii. Any Coach ejected from a game will be suspended for the following game, as

well as the player associated with that particular Coach.

- iii. Any child ejected from a game will be suspended for the following game, as well as the Parent/Guardian of that child.
 - iv. Any spectator ejected from a game will be suspended for the following game, as well as the player associated with that spectator.
 - v. All ejections are subject to review by the MAC League Director
- c. **Appeals:** Any appeal can be submitted by the Club Director via the “MAC Appeals Form” and will be processed AFTER a \$100 fee is paid to the MAC League. The MAC League Directors will make the final appeals decision.

Section 3: Game Day

1. Gate Fees:

- a. \$10 per Spectator (13 years +)
- b. \$5 Military (with ID) & Senior Citizen (over 65)
- c. Free: Spectator 12 and younger and any Teacher or Coach with school badge.
- d. Free: MAC League Coach (with MAC badge) and any athlete in uniform.

2. Scale:

- a. Each club will provide one digital, game day scale.

3. Weather: Each Club will follow its own weather-related guidelines.

4. Conduct:

a. Any assault, verbal abuse, profanity or display of unsportsmanlike conduct by a coach, parent, spectator or club official will not be tolerated.

i. Violations will be dealt with accordingly. (See section 2)

b. Coaches: must sign the Coaches Contract on *Sportsengine*. (See Section 2, #6 above).

c. Parents: must sign the Parent Code of Conduct on *Sportsengine*. (See Section 2, #6 above)

Section 4: Post Season

1. Playoffs:

- a.** Will be scheduled by the MAC League following the end of the regular season.
- b.** Will consist of a GOLD and SILVER bracket for each age group.
- c.** Playoffs will be held at the higher seeded teams' stadium.

Section 5: MAC Operations

1. Directors:

- a. President:** The President of MAC will be the legal owner of Midwest Athletic Conference.

- b. League Directors:** One will be appointed by each club to represent the individual club's interests in league matters.
 - i. It is the duty of the directors to make all final decisions, process appeals, implement procedures and enforce any rules or violations.

2. Meetings:

- a.** A kick-off meeting will be held on the 2nd Sunday of March.
 - i. This meeting will be mandatory for each Club Director and/or representative to attend in-person.
- b.** For the months of June-November, a monthly meeting will be held on the 1st Sunday of each month to assess the progress of the season.
 - i. July, the meeting will be held on the 3rd Sunday, due to America's birthday.
 - ii. These monthly meetings will be held in person. There will be a zoom call-in option, as well.

Section 6: Leaving the MAC

1. Voluntary:

- a.** Any Club voluntarily wanting to leave the MAC League must notify the MAC League Director prior to March 1st of the year they are not wanting to participate.

2. Dismissal:

- a.** The MAC League Directors reserve the right to remove ANY Club that violates any Rules and/or Guidelines from the MAC League.
 - i.** If a club is removed from the MAC League, they will not be allowed to re-join the League for one full season.

Section 7: Legal

- 1. Arbitration:** Any dispute between you and/or individual members and the Midwest Athletic Conference (MAC) and its subsidiaries will be resolved through arbitration per American Arbitration Association rules. Arbitration decisions are binding and enforceable in any court. The arbitration award may include attorney's fees if state law permits and can be entered as a judgment in a court of proper jurisdiction.
 - a.** If Midwest Athletic Conference prevails in any litigation or arbitration brought arising from any dispute, then the MAC League shall be entitled to recover all costs, expenses and attorney's fees associated therewith.

