

# TUALATIN VALLEY YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE



**K-2 FLAG**  
**RULES OF PLAY**  
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### PREFACE

The intent of this program is to work with all the players in kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in developing the overall interest in football, while teaching in a fun atmosphere. The success of this program will rest largely with how coaches work together to establish the best flag program possible, spend time on player development with all players, and how coaches keep this fun. Our intent is for kids to fall in love with the game so they will want to continue in the future. Please take this into consideration when you are working with your team this year.

All general rules are contained in the TVYFL Tackle Rules of Play, as they pertain to membership, associations, players admittance, and other facets. Therefore, those will not be delineated in this document. Rather, this document will focus on providing the basic rule set for all flag contests within the TVYFL framework.

All players and parents will abide by the conduct outlined in the Association's Player & Parent Contracts. Failure to do so may result in removal from the game and/or league for the remainder of the season.

The members of the Tualatin Valley Youth Football League resolve that the following rules and regulations have been adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and ratified by a majority vote of the TVYFL Membership.

All Titles of the TVYFL may only be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and a majority vote of all members at a duly noticed meeting of the league. These Titles are binding on all members of the TVYFL and by committing to membership in the TVYFL, all members accept all bylaws, rules, regulations, and Titles as adopted without recourse.



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## TITLE 1: PLAYING FIELD

1. The playing field is forty (40) yards long x twenty (20) yards wide, allowing for four (4) fields to be created on a traditional 100-yard field at the same time.
2. Fields will be marked by cones and/or pylons. Place pylons or large cones at the endzone line, small cones every five (5) yards, and pylons or large cones at the halfway point (twenty (20) yard line).



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## TITLE 2: REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

1. All players are required to have the following equipment:
  - a. Team jersey or shirt of matching color
  - b. Mouth guard
  - c. Flag belt with two (2) flag system.
  - d. Cleats are optional but must adhere to the normal TVYFL rules on footwear (no metal cleats).



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## TITLE 3: GAME TIME RULES & REQUIREMENTS

BALL SIZE	TD	PAT (KICK)	PAT (RUN)	SAFETY	FG
PEE WEE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

  

QUARTERS	HALFTIME	BETWEEN GAMES	SPECIAL TEAMS	MAX SCORE DIFF	FORFIET
20 MINS	5 MINS	10 MINS	N/A	N/A	N/A

### 1 NO INTENTIONAL CONTACT IS ALLOWED AT ANY TIME

- a Blocking, shielding, pushing, shoving, etc. will result in an automatic 1<sup>st</sup> down when performed by a defensive player.
- b If intentional contact is done by an offensive player, such as stiff-arm, the play will be brought back to the original line of scrimmage with a corresponding loss of down.
- c Penalty for intentional contact:
  - i. 1<sup>st</sup> offense: Player will receive a warning and instruction on the issue
  - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense: The player will be disqualified for the remainder of the game and be required to sit on the bench.
  - iii. Further action may be pursued if a player consistently causes intentional contact.

### 2 Time Keeping:

- a All games are forty (40) minutes long. All games consist of two (2), twenty (20) minutes running clock halves. There is a five (5) minute halftime.
- b The clock does not stop for any reason. Therefore, the entire game will take forty-five (45) minutes.
- c There is a fifteen (15) minute warm-up period prior to the start of a game.
- d The "Official Time" will be kept by the home team for all games being played at that time, with a 5-minute warning before start time.

### 3 Score Keeping and Play Counting:

- a No score is kept and there are no standings.
- b There is no play counting required. However, equal play time for each child must be adhered to. Every child must have the opportunity to touch the ball at least once per game.

### 4 Referees:

- a The "Home" team is responsible for providing a volunteer "referee". Typically, the coaches just "referee" the games.
- b Focus will be on allowing a play to develop.

### 5 Fumbles:

- a There are no fumbles. All balls dropped to the ground result in the play being dead and the next play beginning.
- b Any dropped ball (fumble) past the line of scrimmage results in the ball being dead at the spot where the ball was dropped.



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- c If it was dropped behind the original line of scrimmage, then the ball is placed on the original line of scrimmage with a corresponding loss of down.
  - d If it is a bad snap, the QB can just play on or ask for a new snapped ball without taking a loss of down.
- 6 Interceptions:
- a Kindergarten: The play is called dead, the offensive team keeps the ball at the line of scrimmage, but there is a loss of down.
  - b 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: The play is call dead, the ball is turned over to the intercepting team, and the ball is placed back at the forty (40) yard line.
- 7 Opening possession is determined by a coin toss. Second half possession goes to the team that lost the coin toss.
- 8 Teams must always play five (5) players.
- 9 Coaches:
- a One (1) offensive and one (1) defensive coach is allowed on the field.
  - b Coaches must be three (3) yards behind the deepest player (Running Back & Safety).
- 10 Spectators may set up no less than three (3) yards back from out of bounds lines.
- 11 There are only two (2) field passes per team allowed for a volunteer to take pictures at the turf fields and/or help manage the team.
- 12 Each team must give a best effort to start the play thirty (30) seconds after the time the ball is spotted. Start the next play as quickly as possible.
- 13 Dispute resolution:
- a Each coach is to have a copy of these rules at every game. If resolution is not reached after referencing the rulebook, the onsite Field Coordinator/Greeter must be contacted.
  - b Field Coordinator/Greeter may eject a parent or coach with good cause.
    - i. 1<sup>st</sup> ejection: Coach or parent is not allowed at the next game.
    - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> ejection: Coach or parent is removed from the league and not allowed at any future events.
  - c The Field Coordinator/Greeter has final say. No appeals will be considered by the league.



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### TITLE 4: OFFENSIVE ADJUSTMENTS

1. The offense will start their possession at the forty (40) yard line.
2. The offense has four (4) downs to get a 1<sup>st</sup> down by crossing the twenty (20) yard line. If the offense crosses the twenty (20) yard line, then that team has four (4) more downs to score a touchdown.
3. Only a maximum of eight (8) total plays are allowed in each offensive series.
4. If a player is downed behind the line of scrimmage, the ball is placed at the previous spot for the next play. There are no negative yardage plays. The ball will be placed at the original line of scrimmage.
5. All Center to Quarterback exchanges will be player to player via hiking the ball. If the ball is dropped on the snap, the play is dead. It remains the same down and the offense will try again.
6. Quarterbacks CANNOT run the ball. However, a QB can receive the ball if it has been handed off or passed to another player first.
7. No forward laterals or passes once the ball has passed the line of scrimmage.
8. Handoffs and tosses beyond the line of scrimmage are allowed if the ball is passed backwards.
9. Players may “spin” or “juke” with the ball, but they are not allowed to dive for yardage. Stiff Arms are not allowed by any player.
10. When beyond the line of scrimmage, the ball is spotted where the ball carrier’s feet are when the flag is pulled OR where the ball carrier is when the fumble occurs.
11. A player taking the ball from the QB behind the line of scrimmage can pass; however, the ten (10) yard blitzing rule no longer applies (see Defensive Adjustments).
12. Shovel passes are allowed if they are in a forward manner behind the line scrimmage.
13. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade level only, a single player may go in motion before the ball is snapped.





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## TITLE 5: DEFENSIVE ADJUSTMENTS

1. Blitzing is allowed one (1) time per set of downs.
2. Any defensive player that is going to blitz must line up ten (10) yards off the line of scrimmage. The remaining defensive players not blitzing must line up at least one (1) yard off the line of scrimmage.
3. The deepest defensive player must be no deeper than ten (10) yards off the line of scrimmage.
4. Defensive players must wait for a QB to have possession of the ball. Once possession is established, a three (3) second count will occur before defensive players can cross the line of scrimmage.
  - a. Note that when blitzing, the three (3) second count does not apply to the blitzing player, only that the Quarterback have possession of the ball.
5. After the ball carrier's flag is pulled, the player that pulled the flag must stop where they are and raise the flag in the air.