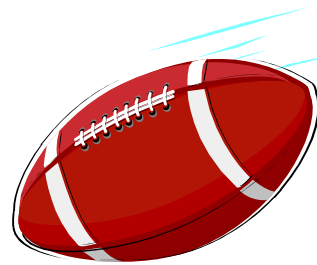


# 2008 NKFL LEAGUE RULES



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***The NKFL (Northeast Kansas Football League) organization strongly believes in sportsmanship and developing young athletes for future challenges in athletics and in life. Any coach whose actions are detrimental to these beliefs can and will be suspended or permanently removed from his coaching duties. Remember, as a coach, you are not only responsible for your behavior but also for the behavior of your assistant coaches, players, parents and spectators. All spectators are to stay in designated areas at all times during the game.***

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**KSHSAA Rules governing football will apply. Rule books can be purchased at the KSHSAA office. The following rules pertain to NKFL football and each division therein.**

## **WEIGHT**

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Division</b>	<b>UP to 75 pounds</b>
<b>Mitey Mites 3rd Graders</b>	<b>Up to 90 pounds</b>
<b>4th Grade Division</b>	<b>Up to 105 pounds</b>
<b>5th Grade Division</b>	<b>Up to 120 pounds</b>
<b>6th Grade Division</b>	<b>Up to 130 pounds</b>
<b>With equipment, add (8) pounds.</b>	

- 1) Players will be weighed in BEFORE THE FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON. That weigh-in will serve as the player's recorded weight for the entire season. If a player does not make weight the first time he will be allowed to re-weigh one more time to make weight. NO EXCEPTIONS! Only borderline players need to weigh in.**
- 2) Players over the weight established for each division will have a marking on the back of his helmet**
- 3) Players over the weight established for each division MAY NOT advance the ball for the offense or be in the backfield, but MAY advance the ball for the defense**
- 4) All screw on cleats must have rubber tip. No metal tips will be allowed in NKFL play.**

## **EJECTIONS**

1) Unsportsmanlike penalties are always assessed to the head coach. A first unsportsmanlike penalty will be a warning. A second unsportsmanlike penalty **WILL RESULT IN EJECTION OF THE HEAD COACH WITHOUT EXCEPTION.** Any coach ejected from a game will be suspended for the next league game. Any players that are ejected during any game will be suspended for the next game. Any coaches or players ejected more than once during the season will be reviewed by the league and will determine the penalty to be enforced.

## **COACHES**

1) There will be a limit of four (4) coaches per team on the sideline during games. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.** The penalty for violation will be a fifteen (15) yard unsportsmanlike penalty. As stated above, a second unsportsmanlike penalty **WILL RESULT IN EJECTION OF THE HEAD COACH.**

## **PRACTICE AND CONDITIONING**

All players are required 10 hours of conditioning without pads. No players can be in pads until August 1, 2008 **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**PENALTY EJECTION OF HEAD COACH FOR THE FIRST 3 LEAGUE GAMES.**

## **SCORING For all grades**

Points:	Touchdown	6 points
	Field Goal	3 points
Extra Points:	Run	1 point
	Pass	2 points
	Kick	2 points

## **AWARDS**

Awards for League play will be as follows:

1st Place

2nd Place

## **PROTESTS**

Protests will be a \$50.00 cash fee at the time of the protest. If the team wins the protest they will receive their money back. Protest will need to be made to the White hat doing the game or the League Commissioner at the time of the protest (**NO EXCEPTIONS**). Only 1 protest per game will be allowed. No protests will be allowed after the game is over.

## **POST-SEASON PLAY**

All teams will get in the league tournament or be given a Bowl game at the end of the season.

Teams for any post-season play will be seeded in the following manner:

1. Season record
2. Head to Head
3. Defensive points allowed
4. Coin Toss

#### Ball Size

- 1) Pee Wee ball or K-2 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, mitey mites and 4<sup>th</sup> grade.
- 2) 5<sup>th</sup> K-2 or Jr. ball
- 3) 6th grade Junior size ball or TDJ

#### Game Time and Rules

1) Games will consist of four (4) 8-minute quarters with 8-10 minute half-times. Three time-outs lasting one minute each are allowed to each team each half. Two coaches may be on the field during time-outs. One of these coaches will serve as water provider.

2) If any team is ahead by 32 points by at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter the clock will run continuously during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. The clock will run continuously until the spread is under 32 points. The clock will stop on all kick-offs, extra point attempts and injuries.

3) All players are to play at least 8 plays per game and only 2 of the 8 are to be special team plays. Players who do not show up to practice during the week of the game will not apply to this rule due to it being a safety issue.

4) The home team will occupy the inside field and are to supply personnel to run the chain gang. The home team will also supply the game ball, or each team MAY use their own regulation ball.

5) In any game with two teams in the same color of jersey, the visitors will wear practice jerseys.

6) The visiting team is to supply a person to serve as ball boy.

7) Spectators and parents ARE TO REMAIN 20 FEET FROM THE SIDELINES AT ALL TIMES. Coaches whose parents do not follow this 20-foot rule can have a fifteen-yard penalty assessed against them. (See EJECTIONS above) This pertains to all stats keepers and photographers unless approved by league. NO EXCEPTIONS!

8) All players must have a *completed physical form* and signed *emergency care consent on file* with the League and *all fees must be paid* by the first game or that player will be declared ineligible to play. That player will not

be allowed to participate in NKFL activities until the matter(s) is/are resolved.

9) For any extra point or field goal, only the platform can be used for the kick, not a kicking tee.

10) Players can only be on one league roster unless they pay league fees for both teams. **NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE WILL BE ALLOWED.**

11) Any player wearing a tinted visor will need to have a doctors form.

12) The NKFL will approve all Head and Asst coaches.

## **DIVISION-SPECIFIC RULES**

### ***2<sup>ND</sup> Grade and MITEY MITES***

1) Players weighing over 75 lbs for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 90 pounds for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade must be down linemen on offense. The down linemen must be in a 3- or 4-point stance. . There are to be no more than 7 defensive linemen.

2) Blitzing of the quarterback will **NOT BE ALLOWED**. Linebackers must be 4 yards off the line of scrimmage.

3) The kicking team has the option on punts to kick or take the ball 35 yards from scrimmage. Any punt inside the fifty (50) yard line will be half the distance to the goal. Kick-offs will start on the 20 yard line to start the first and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and after each score unless teams agree on before the game they want to kick off. If teams agree they are going to kick or non kick they will have to do it the whole game.

4) Rushing the punter or kicker is not allowed. There must be an announcement if a punt or kick is to be made.

5) Penalties: Holding	5 yards
Clipping	10 yards
Face mask	15 yards
Unsportsmanlike conduct	15 yards
All other penalties stay the same.	

6) Scores will be kept for league standings and post season tournament.

7) Coaches may be on the field during plays, but must be outside the hash marks after they leave the huddle. First offense will be a warning the next one will result in a 15 yard penalty. This rule will apply to all coaches in all divisions who are on the field.

8) No nose guard will be allowed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade division.

9) In the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade division only there can be 2 coaches on the field for each team during play.

### ***--4TH GRADE DIVISION***

- 1) There are to be no more than 7 defensive linemen.
- 2) Players weighing more than 105 pounds must be down linemen on offense. They must be in a 3- or 4-point stance.
- 3) Rushing the punter or kicker is not allowed. There must be an announcement if a punt or kick is to be made.
- 4) Coaches may be on the field during plays. The League strongly recommends that coaches' field time be reduced as the season progresses. Hopefully, by the last game of the season, no coaches will have to be on the field of play during the game.
- 5) League standings will be kept for post-season tournament play.

### ***--5TH GRADE DIVISION***

- 1) Players weighing more than 120 pounds must be a down linemen and be in a 3- or 4-point stance on offense only.
- 2) No rushing of the punter or kicker is allowed.
- 3) KSHSAA rules governing football will apply.(With the exceptions to the NKFL scoring rules.)

### ***--6TH GRADE DIVISION***

- 1) Players weighing more than 130 pounds may not advance the ball for the offense.
- 2) KSHSAA rules governing football will apply.(With the exceptions to the NKFL scoring rules.)
- 3) All kicks will be live kicks

#### **General Rules**

- 1 All adults will be required to pay a \$2.00 admission fee to all home and away games that are NKFL league games.All league tournament and Bowl games admission fees will \$2.00 per adult 12 and under free.
- 2 No pets are allowed inside the complex
- 3 No outside food or drinks will be allowed inside the gates except water.
- 4 Weather information and rainout information please check the Website @ [www.isportzone.com](http://www.isportzone.com)

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