



2017 TURKEY BOWL RULES & Regulations!!



1. REGISTRATION

All teams must submit:

- A) Application/Team Registration Form
- B) \$250 entry fee per team
- C) An NYFO completed Roster Form with all coaches, managers, and players including: (Full Name, Date of Birth, Weight (**leave blank for weigh in**), and Jersey #)
- D) The signed (last page only) of this Rules and Registration form by November 3rd. However, the first 16 teams (with 4 teams in each Division) who sign up and pay in full will be accepted in The Youth Football State Championship "Turkey Bowl".

Player additions may and must be submitted by November 10th.

Any player whose name and number does not appear on the roster, who does not weigh-in prior to kickoff, or who does not have a birth certificate and report card/progress report from school is not eligible to play. It is the responsibility of the coach prior to the weigh-in, to identify to The Tournament Director any player's name on the official roster that is missing at weigh-in.

No refunds on money after November 1st unless the tournament is cancelled due to inclement weather for the entire weekend (partial schedule due to weather will not provide a partial rebate).

2. ELIGIBILITY RULES

- A) Each team must have a minimum of 15 players on the roster
- B) Each player must present two forms of identification:
 - 1) legal birth document and
 - 2) Report Card/ Progress Report

A legal birth document is a certificate of birth with an official state seal, school records, conference ID cards, court documents or another document that shows the date of birth. Birth certificates without official seals, school records or other documents need a notarized statement stating that the information is true and correct and signed by the parent or guardian. These documents do not relieve any of the liability of penalty for the community submitting these documents if they are later proven to be false or incorrect. Incorrect documents or false documents can lead to forfeiture of games, ban your team or community organization from future participation in our tournament, and the coach can be held liable for any injuries that occur due to the use of an over age player.

- C) Each Player must submit a Registration form accompanied by a liability waiver (attached)
- D) Players may only participate in (1) age/weight division and for (1) team.
- E) Each Player must check in and be weighed in the first day of the tournament. Players that don't check in and weigh on the First day are not eligible to participate the following day(s)
- F) Each Player must wear the same jersey number for each game. A player will be disqualified if he switches jersey numbers

3. AGE AND WEIGHT LIMITS

8U Division: Players must not be 9 years old on 8/1/2017.

Weight limit: 110 lbs. Unlimited weight on offensive and defensive line

10U Division: Players must not be 11 years old on 8/1/2017.

Weight limit: 135 lbs. Unlimited weight on offensive and defensive line

12U Division: Players must not be 13 years old on 8/1/2017.

Weight limit: 155 lbs. Unlimited weight on offensive and defensive line

14U Division: Players must not be 15 years old on 8/1/2017. Weight limit: No weight Restrictions

A. Unlimited Weight (Positions and Restrictions)

1) Unlimited Weight Players will be marked with colored tape on their helmet

2) Any Player caught removing their helmet tape will be ineligible for the remainder of the tournament.

3) Any unlimited weight player must play on the line of scrimmage.

Offense is limited to the 6 positions on offense line (center, guards-2, tackles-2, and a "covered up" ineligible Tight End). An unlimited weight player may not take a direct handoff or receive a pass. Defense is limited to 5 positions on the line only (NOTE; AN UNLIMITED WEIGHT PLAYER CANNOT BE LINED UP HEAD UP ON THE CENTER). All unlimited weight limits players must be in a 3 or 4 point stance at time ball is snapped on offense, defense, punt and punt return teams.

4) Unlimited weight players may play on the kickoff return team on the front line only and may not advance the ball. Unlimited weight players may play any position on the kickoff team. Unlimited players may punt the ball but may not advance the ball by running or receiving. If the ball is not kicked it must be downed. There are no fake punts with an unlimited weight player in the backfield

5) Any defensive player who recovers a fumble or intercepts a pass may advance the football.

6) If an unlimited weight player is playing off the line of scrimmage that team will receive a 15 yard penalty and loss of down.

B) Weigh In Procedures

1) Weigh-ins can be conducted in shorts and jersey.

2) Weigh in will occur approximately one hour and thirty minutes before your 1st game is scheduled to kick off.

3) Once a player is weighed in and makes the required weight, they will be given a wristband that must be worn all weekend. All players must have their wrist-band on to participate in the tournament. A player who participates in a game without their wristband on will be removed from game until their participation is validated.

4) Once initial weight is determined, no additional weigh-ins will be required. A visual check of each player will be traded prior to every game to ensure that all players are checked and present for each game. The coach or team mom must have all registration paperwork present and available at each game. (Birth certificates, & Player identification sheets) Any team that participates with an ineligible player will be disqualified from the tournament.

4. GAME DATES & LOCATION:

Turkey Bowl games will be played on Saturday and Sunday Nov 18 & 19. Games will

be played from 9 am to 10:10 pm on Saturday, and from 11:00 am to 8 pm on Sunday. Teams should be at the field and prepared to play 30 minutes before their scheduled game. Weather, HS Playoffs, etc may cause schedule to be changed.

Most teams will play two (2) games on Saturday and one (1) on Sunday. The top two teams in each division will play a championship game for 1st and 2nd place. The championship games will be based on the following: best record, head-to-head, opponent vs opponent, highest point differential, most points scored, least points allowed, random draw. Brackets will be designed to allow for a minimum of three (3) games for each team; however minimum games are subject to change based on number of teams entered.

The Turkey Bowl schedule will be available by Monday, November 13th and IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON SHORT NOTICE SO FLEXIBILITY IN SCHEDULING IS REQUIRED.

Please check website www.CarolinaEliteFootball.com and www.PlayNYFO.com

5. GAME PLAY RULES & PROCEDURES:

If your team is late to the game: examples include traffic, overslept, ect, your team will be penalized a 15 yard unsportsmanlike conduct assessed on the opening kickoff. If there is more than a 15 minute delay then the opposing coach has the option of winning the game by forfeit.

A coin toss between coaches prior to each game will decide home team and visitor. Home team bench will be on the press box side of field.

A) All games will consist of four (4) equal ten (10) minute quarters.

B) Six (6) minute half time

C) A running clock will be utilized the entire game

D) TIMEOUTS- Each team will be given two (2) 30 second time-outs per each half for pool play games.

1) These timeouts do NOT stop the clock.

2) Timeouts cannot end the half or the game. Should the defense call a timeout that allows the official game clock to end. The offense can run one (1) final un-timed down.

E) During the Championship Games ONLY, Each team will be given two (2) 30 second time-outs per each half and the clock WILL STOP.

F) No sudden death rules for pool play games, these games will end in a tie. The Championship game will have a sudden death. Until there is a winner, each team will have four (4) downs to score from the ten (10) yard line and an attempt for a (1) or (two) point conversion. A coin flip will decide possession.

G) KICKOFFS- Ball will be kicked off from the 40 yard line for 10U, 12U, and 14U.

* 8U ball will be placed on 40 (opponent has 60 yards to score)

H) PUNTS- Regular Rules apply for 12U and 14U

* 8U A team may declare a verbal punt. The ball will then be moved 25 yards. However, the ball may not be moved inside the receiving team's 20 yard line.

*10U A team may declare that they are going to punt. When this occurs, all players on both teams with the exception of the Snapper, Punter and Receivers shall take a knee. The punter will kick the ball and the defensive team will take over from where the receiver possesses the ball. (not where it is first touched).

Teams may have two receivers to catch the punt.

6. SCORING:

Touchdowns are six (6) points. Extra points are one (1) point if scored by running or passing

from the three (3) yard line, or two (2) points from the five (5) yard line. Coaches must immediately signal to the official if they are going for one (1) or two (2) points.

7. EQUIPMENT:

Each team is responsible for providing:

- A) Approved Footballs
 - 8U Spalding J5PW, Wilson K2 or equivalent
 - 10U Spalding J5J, Wilson TDJ or equivalent
 - 12U Spalding J5J, Wilson TDJ or equivalent
 - 14U Wilson TDS or equivalent
- B) Player equipment
- C) First aid equipment
- D) Kicking tee
- E) Water coolers/bottles
- F) All Teams must wear matching jerseys
- G) Players must be properly equipped including mouth pieces and rubber cleats
- H) No jewelry or any other non-playing essential arm bands, leg bands, head bands, etc
- I) Radio Headsets are allowed on sideline for coaches only

8. FIELDS:

All games are played on regulation size fields. Please note we do not reduce the size of the playing fields for the younger teams.

9. OFFICIALS:

Paid officials will be employed for each game. No team will be able to protest an official's call or judgment. Any other protests will be decided by The Turkey Bowl Director and decision will be final.

10. SIDELINE ETIQUETTE:

Only six (6) coaches, two (2) managers and your chain gang (3) are allowed on the sideline and the coaches and managers must be listed on the team's roster, prior to first game. (Please have a designated chain gang for your team)

All coaches, managers and players must remain between the 25 yard line markers.

Foul language used by players and/or coaches will result in 1st offense warning. A 2nd offense results in an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.

*Press, parents, spectators and the like must remain in the stadium area and off the sidelines.

11. SPORTSMANSHIP:

Any coach ejected from a game by The Turkey Bowl Director or an Official will not be able to participate in any remaining tournament activities.

Any player ejected from a game by an Official will not be allowed to play in the remainder of that game and for one quarter of the next game.

Any parent ejected from the stadium will not be allowed to return to the stadium for remainder of the tournament.

A coach or parent will not be allowed to film another team that you will be playing; however, you may go watch and take notes. Any coach OR parent doing this will be dismissed from the tournament.

No fighting. If you/your team fights you/your team will be automatically disqualified for the remainder of the tournament. You/your team will not be allowed to participate in any future Carolina Elite Football Tournaments, and you could possibly face legal charges. Disorderly conduct will not be tolerated. You will be removed from the premises and /or arrested by local police.

12. FORFEITS:

No refunds will be given to the teams, sponsors, or spectators for any team forfeiting. Turkey Bowl Director will make all attempts to get each team the allotted three (3) games.

13. AWARDS:

A "Youth Football State Championship" trophy will be awarded to the head coach of the 1st place teams in each division.

14. ADMISSION:

Adults \$6 a day or \$10 for weekend pass * Children 13 and under \$4 day or \$7 for weekend pass and (3 and under are free).

*All Players, up to Six (6) coaches (including coaches, team mom, and managers), and all cheerleaders in team uniform will be admitted in the stadium at no additional cost from the entry fee. They must be listed on the Team Roster Form

No outside food or beverages are allowed inside the Stadium. No coolers will be allowed in the Stadium except for the players and cheerleaders. Alcohol usage in the Stadium or parking lot is not allowed. Anyone expected of drinking alcohol, will be asked to leave. Concessions will be available in the stadium.

Families (with passes) may leave the premises between games or during games by the judgment of the gate personnel. Teenagers/children will not be allowed to run in and out of the gates

I acknowledge that I have read and understood the above rules of the Turkey Bowl and that I have provided and discussed these rules with my coaching staff, players and parents.

Team Name _____

League Name _____

Age Group _____

Head Coach Signature

Head Coach – Print Name

DATE: _____