

# 3 - 4 PEE WEE FUN FLAG FOOTBALL RULES

*This game is for those little athletes that love to play football just like their dad, older brothers or sisters or just want to get in the game! The rules are very minimal as we don't want to make it too complicated for the little ones.*

Players can wear tennis shoes, or rubber cleats. NO Metal cleats. Jerseys must be tucked into pants or shorts. No clothing should be in the way of any players flag. Players flags must be clipped around waist. There is NO tackling.

## THE BALL:

The ball will be a small size Nerf type material. Offense has the choice to play with their own team ball. Teams will receive 2 foot-balls from the league, HOWEVER these are not the balls that need to be used.

**SCORING:** Touchdown = 6 points

Extra Point = 1 (from the 5 yard line)

NOTE: At this age there are NO Safety points.

**There will be NO over time for games that end in a tie.**

## THE GAME:

Games are played 5 on 5 or 4 on 4 depending on the size of the teams.

A Coin toss will determine first possession. Visiting Team calls the toss.

Games are played in 2 (two) - 20 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime.

Each team is allowed two 60 second time outs per half.

Players can be substituted on any dead ball or time out.

The offense takes possession of the ball at its 5 yard line and has 3 plays to cross mid field for a first down. If they cross midfield they will have 3 more plays to score a touchdown. If the offense fails to cross midfield after three plays the ball changes possession and the new offense starts its drive from its 5 yard line. The same applies, if offense fails to score a touchdown after the 3 plays, then the ball changes possession and the new offense takes over from its 5 yard line.

Teams should line up at least 3 feet away from each other. At this age, players should not be on top of each other.

Huddles should be kept to a maximum of 45 seconds.

**Snapping the ball:** The center can snap the ball the traditional way or sideways to the quarterback. The quarterback MUST either pass the ball or handoff the ball to another offensive player. Quarterback CANNOT run with the ball.

Defense CANNOT rush the quarterback or cross the line of scrimmage till the ball leaves the quarterbacks hands. If Defense crosses the line of scrimmage before the ball is passed or handed off, then Offense can replay down.

Quarterback has 8 seconds to pass or handoff the ball. If the ball is dropped on the snap that will be considered a dead ball and loss of down.

The ball does NOT have to cross the line of scrimmage. The quarterback can pass the ball overhand, underhand or shovel pass, but the pass MUST be FORWARD!

Interceptions are allowed. NO BLOCKING!

There are no loss of yard penalties.

## NO BLOCKING OR TACKLING:

Any player that is intentionally blocking or tackling will receive ONE warning. If the player continues to tackle or Block, the official will have the child removed from the game for a minimum of 5 minutes. If the same child comes back into the game and tackles or blocks again, they will be sat out for the half.

### **HOLDING:**

We know kids at this age try to grab for anything they can. We encourage the coaches to teach the kids to go for the flags. Officials will try to warn the kids about pulling on shirts or shorts. Although there is no real penalty for holding, if a child is "holding" onto another player it could result in a tackle and the child may get suspended on the tackling rule.

**DEAD BALLS:** When a player's flag has been pulled.

- If a player's knee hits the ground.
- If the ball touches the ground.
- A the ball carrier steps out of bounds.

Teams do not change sides after the first 20 minutes, but possession of the ball changes to the team that did not have possession at the beginning of the game.

Three (3) coaches are allowed to be on the field to help direct and coach the kids. Coaches are not allowed to get in the way of the plays.

All players **MUST** have their shirts tucked into their pants or shorts.

All players must play half the game regardless of their skill level. The only time a child may not play half the game is if they have been penalized/disciplined for tackling or blocking.

Players are required to wear mouth pieces.

**FLAG BELTS:** Coaches can cut the belts down to the size of the players so no excess belt is hanging down. We don't want the kids to confuse the long belt as a flag, so please try to cut the belts to size.

***Remember, this game is for the kids to learn the extreme basics and to be kept FUN! The main objective is to teach them how to catch and throw the ball. Mistakes will be made by these little players and expectations should not be too high. The kids just want to play and have fun and that is what Thunder Alley Football & Kids Zone Youth Sports is all about!***

**OFFICIALS:** Just like any sport at any level, the officials may not be perfect and will make mistakes from time to time. The officials used at the games are contracted from an outside company. They are assigned to their fields at the beginning of game day and will stay on that field throughout the day. No coach or team may request to have a different official or to switch fields.

### **SPORTSMANSHIP / ROUGHING / TRASH TALKING**

Foul play and trash talking will **NOT BE TOLERATED** from any player, parent, coach or spectator. All games are meant to be fun for the kids and teach them the fundamentals of the game. Anyone who is caught being offensive will be given **ONE** warning. If the person continues to be offensive, the game will be stopped and that person will be asked to leave the fields! This rule applies to **ALL** parents, coaches, players and spectators. **Parents can NOT appeal the officials decision of an ejection. If a parent, player, coach or spectator is asked to leave the field they must do so immediately.** Continuing foul play, offensive or belligerent acts at the games or practices will result in the player, parent, coach or spectator being suspended from the league. Thunder Alley Flag Football and Kids Zone Youth Sports has **NO Tolerance** for such behavior.

### **SUSPENSION, GAME FORFEITS AND REMOVAL FROM THE LEAGUE**

All parents that registered their child have acknowledged and accepted the Parent Code of Conduct. If any of the rules are broken it can result in the immediate suspension of the parent and/or child from the league without warning. Any parents, child or spectators caught attempting to flyer or solicit their business during any of Thunder Alley's games/events will be immediately removed from the league and asked to leave the fields. If they choose to return to the fields, their team will forfeit all games including the tournament.

### **PARKING**

There are designated parking areas at all games. If any parent or spectator parks in any **NO** Parking zones, they can expect to get a ticket. Please be considerate and park only in the designated parking.