

3rd and 4th grade Boosters Football – Game format

The spirit of the game is the same as the scrimmages. Success on both sides of the ball, Cooperation, and good sportsmanship are to be the focus of these games. Everyone (players, parents, coaches and refs) should leave feeling good and having had fun. We are all Raiders at the end of the day.

Time: Running time, only stop for injury

Quarter: 18 minutes

Halftime: 5 minutes

Total time: 77 minutes

Score = 7 points (no extra point try's)

Possession starts at 30 yard line

Possession Time: Each team has 9 minutes to score – This is an Exact cutoff. When the 9 minutes runs out, if the ball has not been snapped the play ends and possession changes. With no downs this can seem harsh, but the only fair way to do it is to have it be a hard cutoff in time.

At the end of 9 minutes OR if a team scores a touchdown, possession will switch and again start at the 30 yard line. A new 9 minute clock will be started immediately. So your transition to offense and defense is on the clock.

The End of a quarter will not change possession, but will be announced to the coaches so they are aware of the change.

Fumbles: The defense cannot advance a fumble, if the offence can pick the ball back up and advance it they can. If the defense recovers the ball the ball is spotted back at the spot of the fumble.

Interception cannot be advanced. If the ball is intercepted the play is whistled dead and the ball is placed back at the original line of scrimmage.

No Kick or Punt or Extra Points

Penalties: Penalties should be called if an advantage is gained, example being off sides where the off sides players get the jump into the back field and makes the play. Penalties should always be looked at as a teaching situation. Coaches and Referee's should educate the offending player. **Penalties** should also be called on things that are dangerous, with an explanation to the offending player.

Facemask: Any blatant facemask will be called and the offending player removed from the game for 1 play. If this is a chronic issue with a player they will be removed for the rest of the game. Safety **MUST** be the main focus in this type of situation.

Referee: There may be only 1 ref provided per game, they cannot possibly see all fouls. They are there to whistle the stoppage of play, spot the ball, and keep time. They will call penalties but this will be minimal. The focus is learning and education. They will correct and explain things to players.

NO ARGUING WITH THE REF WILL BE TOLLERATED! They are volunteering their time to enhance the game experience for the players. Any coaches or parents that are out of line will be asked to leave.