



3rd Annual LA Knights Classic Youth Football Tournament Rules

ADMISSION

There will be an admission charge of \$5 on Saturday and \$7 on Sunday for ALL spectators. Each team will receive FIVE (5) wristbands for coaches with the registration packet, and these wristbands must be worn for the entire duration of the tournament (**no exception**). Any coach that does **NOT** have a wristband on will be required to purchase one at the door. **ALL** players that are participating in the tournament must arrive in uniform as this will serve as entry into the tournament. Any player, coach, or spectator caught aided others into the tournament facility without paying the door admission will cause their team to be disqualified from the tournament for the duration of the event.

TEAM CHECK-IN

ALL TEAMS MUST CHECK-IN ONE (1) HOUR PRIOR TO EVERY SCHEDULED GAME. An official roster must be submitted to the tournament official by MONDAY, DECEMBER 2 at 5:00 pm. THIS ROSTER WILL BE USED FOR THE DURATION OF THE TOURNAMENT AND THERE WILL BE NO ADD-ONS AFTER THE ROSTER IS SUBMITTED. ALL TEAMS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRIVING AT THE TOURNAMENT FACILITY AT LEAST ONE (1) HOUR PRIOR TO THEIR SCHEDULED GAME TIME. IN THE EVENT THAT GAME TIMES ARE RUNNING AHEAD, THE NEXT GAME WILL START BEFORE THE SCHEDULED GAME TIME. WE WILL NOT WAIT ON ANY TEAM TO ARRIVE!!!

TOURNAMENT AGE DIVISION RULES:

Ages are based on all player's age as of **August 1, 2019**

- **5 – 6 Age Division (D-Team)**
Players can be 7 years old and under, but must turn 7 on/or after August 1, 2019
- **7 – 8 Age Division (C-Team)**
Players can be 7 – 9 years old, but must turn 9 on/or after August 1, 2019
- **9 – 10 Age Division (B-Team)**
Players can be 9 – 11 years old, but must turn 11 on/or after August 1, 2019
- **11 – 12 Age Division (A-Team)**
Players can be 11 – 13 years old, but must turn 13 on/or after August 1, 2019

PROOF OF AGE

ALL TEAMS MUST BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ANY PLAYER'S ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR ORIGINAL STATE IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR EVERY TEAM CHECK-IN. PROOF OF AGE INCLUDES ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATES AND/OR ORIGINAL STATE IDENTIFICATION CARDS. NO PLAYER WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE WITHOUT PROOF OF AGE DOCUMENTS!!!



PLAYING RULES

Tournament will follow the current Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) football rules with the following modifications:

1. B, C and D-teams will play four (4) seven (7) minute quarters and will use the Wilson K2 size game ball or equivalent.
2. A-teams will play four (4) seven (7) minute quarters and will use the Wilson TDJ size game ball or equivalent.
3. **ONLY** five (5) coaches will be allowed on the sidelines during the game. No other parents, fans or players are allowed on the sidelines. **ONLY COACHES AND PLAYERS THAT ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE CURRENT GAME ARE ALLOWED ON THE SIDELINES.**
4. Extra points will be scored as follows: 1 point from the three (3) yard line and 2 points from the five (5) yard line.
5. Five (5) minute halftimes which can be used as warm-up time for the next scheduled teams (all times are subject to change if necessary).
6. Each team will have two (2) timeouts per half.
7. D-teams will not kick-off. Play begins at the thirty (30) yard line. **Defensive restriction: Offensive center must be uncovered (no player can line up over the center).** Gap protection on both sides of the center is allowed. Teams can NOT run a QB sneak or directly in this gap. The linebacker must line up 3-5 yards deep on the snap of the ball. All other age divisions will kick-off.
8. D & C-teams will be allowed to have two (2) coaches on the field. **Once the huddle is broken, NO instructions shall be given to players on offense or defense, and coaches must be ten (10) yards behind the deepest player offense and defense.** There are no punts in these age divisions. On fourth down, the offensive team will decide to play the down or punt. If the team elects to punt, the referee will move the ball down the field 30 yards from the spot of the ball on fourth down and there will be a thirty-five (35) second run off on the game clock. The ball will never go within the opponent's twenty (20) yard line on a punt.
9. B-teams have a no rush on punts, but the ball is live once it leaves the punter's foot. Teams must announce if they elect to punt the ball. A snap of at least five (5) yards is required and the kick takes place from the spot the ball is received or recovered by the punter. **No FAKES or TRICKS.**
10. In games where a team is ahead by twenty (20) points or more, the clock will continue to run without stopping on dead balls.
11. No player can participate on multiple teams in the same age division. Players are allowed to play up, but not down. If any player is found participating in the same age group on multiple teams, **ALL** games that player has participated in will result in a forfeit and that player and teams will be ejected from the duration of the tournament.
12. Team selection/placement will be done by lottery drawing.
13. All players participating in bracket play must have participated in team's pool game/games.
14. **Teams listed first, or on top of the bracket, are considered the home teams and are responsible for having three (3) adults working the chain crew. In the event the hosting team (LA Knights) is playing, they will be considered the home team and will provide the chain crew.**

Our intent is to provide a first class, competitive, and most importantly, fair event. We ask that **ALL** coaches and teams be honest and **ALL** coaches, players, and spectators remain respectful as your team will be held accountable. A concession stand will be available, so **NO OUTSIDE FOOD** will be allowed in the tournament facility, and **NO TAILGATING** will be allowed on tournament grounds. No team will be allowed to bring any type of musical devices into the tournament facility. Thanks for your participation and best of luck to you and your team!!!