

JFLOCI



**JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE
OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS**

8U - 14U

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QUALIFICATIONS

1. Must be in good standing with the JFLOCI.
2. All financial responsibilities from prior season must be paid in full.
3. The Executive Board has the authority to suspend any Area from competition for any reason deemed necessary.

PLAYOFF COMMITTEE

1. The playoff committee will consist of at least 1 member of the Executive Board to be the chairperson.
2. There will be up to 5 additional members selected from the pool of Area Directors in good standing.
3. The playoff committee will meet on Monday evening following week 7 of games and seed the teams, also confirming host locations. This will be the meeting that opponents are selected for week 8 games.

PLAYOFF DIVISIONS

1. If a level has more than 16 teams, the playing level will be separated into 2 playoff divisions: Division AA consisting of the 8 highest ranked teams and Division A consisting of the next 8 ranked teams.
2. 8 teams from each age level qualify for playoffs. If there are 2 divisions because of 16 or more teams at an age level, the top 16 teams will qualify for playoffs.
3. Teams are allowed to “opt out” of playoffs and “bowl games” so long as their Area Director notifies the League by the Friday prior to Week 5 of games.

PLAYOFF POINTS & SEEDING

1. Team records and playoff points will be recorded and published by the JFLOCI office.
2. Teams will be seeded by playoff points earned.
3. Each win will be 10 points.
4. Each tie will be 5 points.
5. Teams traveling to a location such as the “College Trip” for a yearly scrimmage game (unless a full, regularly scheduled game with League officials is played) OR teams that have a regular season bye week will receive a win, which is 10 points. No additional points.
6. Each win by a margin of 11 points or more, but less than 21 points, will receive 1 additional playoff point. (11 total playoff points)
7. Each win by a margin of 21 points or more, but less than 42 points, will receive 2 additional playoff points. (12 total playoff points)
8. Each win by a margin of 42 points or more will receive 10 points for the win, no additional points, and the head coach will be automatically ejected the moment the margin reaches 42 points or more. All ejection and suspension rules apply.
9. In the case of any game that is cancelled after started, a complete game will be declared after the completion of 2 quarters. Anything less is not a complete game and must be completed at a later date or it will be considered a cancelled game.
10. In the case of a game that is cancelled for any reason and not rescheduled, each team will receive a total of 10 points.
11. Seeds will be given based on accumulated points.
12. In the event that 2 or more teams end up with the same number of accumulated points, the Playoff Committee will select the seeds.

PLAYOFF HOSTING

1. Hosting Areas must be in good standing with the JFLOCI.
2. Hosting Areas must have adequate restroom and concession facilities.
3. Hosting Areas must submit field availability form for playoff rounds.
4. Hosting Areas must have at least one turf field to be eligible for Championship games.
5. Round 1 of playoffs will be free entry. Hosting Areas will keep 100% of concession profits.
6. Areas hosting Round 2 and the Championships will need to have a secured method of charging a gate entry fee. Either a fence or similar barrier must be in place for these rounds.
7. Round 2 of playoffs will be a \$2.00 gate entry fee for adults ages 15 and up (free for coaches with a valid badge or anyone under the age of 15) that must be turned into the JFLOCI Office. Round 2 Hosting Areas will submit 25% of overall concessions sales to the JFLOCI Office.
8. Championship Games require a \$5.00 gate entry fee for adults ages 15 and up (free for coaches with a valid badge or anyone under the age of 15) that must be turned into the JFLOCI Office. Since the JFLOCI coordinates all Championship concessions through an outside vendor, the Hosting Areas will receive 25% of the concessions profits from the JFLOCI.
9. A school that allows their stadium to be used for Championship games will receive a \$1,000.00 donation from the JFLOCI to be used by the football program. Any fees or charges imposed by the school shall be deducted from this donation.

ADDITIONAL PLAYOFF RULES

LEVELS 8U, 9U, 10U, & 11U OVERTIME RULES *(No overtime during regular season)*

1. In the case of a tie at the end of regulation, each team will receive 4 plays starting at the 50 yard line.
2. First possession decided by a coin flip called by the visiting/lower seeded team.
3. If the first team scores, the game is over and they win. If not, the location achieved at the end of their last play is marked and the second team begins possession at the 50 yard line.
4. If the second team advances past the point achieved by the first team, they win at that time and do not need to complete their 4 plays.
5. In the case of a turnover, the spot of the turnover is marked as the spot achieved.
6. If this does not achieve a winner, the same process is repeated until a winner is decided.

Unsportsmanlike Playoff Point Manipulation

Any complaints of unsportsmanlike playoff point manipulation shall be submitted in writing by the Head Coach only and turned in to the League office by 4 pm Monday following the game. The offending team will have option to respond to the complaint within 2 business days of the Area Director being notified. The complaints and responses will be held at the office until the playoff committee seeding meeting. At that time the playoff committee will review complaints and have the authority to remove any additional playoff points earned by the offending team.

For example, if a team calls time out with 30 seconds to play while ahead by 19 points in order to score more points, this would be considered unsportsmanlike manipulation and the offending team would lose any additional playoff points.