

# 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.

### **POSTSEASON COMMITTEE**

1. The Postseason 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 Postseason 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.

### **POSTSEASON DIVISIONS**

1. The 8 highest ranked teams from each age level qualify for postseason.
2. Week 10 of games shall consist of a Championship game to decide 1st & 2nd place teams along with a game to decide which team earns 3rd place at each age level.
3. Teams are allowed to “opt out” of postseason and “bowl games” so long as their Area Director notifies the League by the Friday prior to Week 5 of games.

### **POSTSEASON POINTS & SEEDING**

1. Team records and postseason points will be recorded and published by the JFLOCI office.
2. Teams will be seeded by postseason 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 postseason point. (11 total postseason points)
7. Each win by a margin of 21 points or more, but less than 42 points, will receive 2 additional postseason points. (12 total postseason 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. Each win or bye by an opponent will be 1 point.
10. Each tie by an opponent will be 0.5 points.
11. If a game is cancelled after it has started (at least 2 quarters), postseason points shall be determined based on the score at the time of cancellation.
12. Games cancelled prior to the start of play shall be recorded as a tie for purposes of postseason point calculations.
13. Seeds will be given based on accumulated points.
14. In the event that 2 or more teams end up with the same number of accumulated points, the Postseason Committee will select the seeds as follows:
  1. Head-to-head play

2. Common opponents based on win-loss only, not by points scored.
  3. Coin-toss: If the two or more respective Area Directors are not present, they will be contacted to participate remotely.
15. In the event of a forfeit, the forfeiting team will receive 0 points and their opponent's points will be based on their score in the game at the time of the forfeit.

## **POST SEASON 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 postseason rounds.
4. Hosting Areas must have at least one turf field to be eligible for Championship games.
5. Round 1 of Postseason 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 Postseason will be 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. Round 2 Hosting Areas will keep 100% of concession profits.
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 JFLOCI will keep 100% of concession profits.
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.
10. The League may elect to raise the price of post-season gate fees for the purpose of covering credit card/non-cash transaction fees and systems if such method is offered.

## **ADDITIONAL POSTSEASON RULES**

### **OVERTIME RULES**

All age levels will utilize the standard IHSA tie breaker procedure for games ending in a tie score after regulation time has expired. This rule includes Bowls.

### **Unsportsmanlike Postseason Point Manipulation**

Any complaints of unsportsmanlike postseason points manipulation shall be submitted in writing by the Head Coach or Director and turned into the League office by 4pm Monday following the game. The offending team will have the option to respond to the complaint within 2 business days of the Area Director being notified. The JFLOCI Manager will forward the complaint and the response to the Infraction Committee on the same day

the response is received. The Infraction Committee will review the complaint and provide a ruling within 2 business days. Five (5) points will be deducted from the offending team's postseason points if the Infraction Committee rules that an unsportsmanlike postseason point manipulation took place.

**Definition:** when the team leading the game can take a knee to end the game but attempts to score it shall be considered unsportsmanlike conduct violating the unsportsmanlike postseason point manipulation rule. For example, if a team calls timeout with 30 seconds to play while ahead by 19 points to score more points, this would be considered unsportsmanlike manipulation, and the offending team would be deducted 5 postseason points.

## Appendix A – Revisions

### Changes Adopted 4-9-2026

- Added opponent-based bonus points to postseason scoring (wins/byes and ties).
- Revised game cancellation points to preserve points at the time of the cancellation.
- Established formal postseason seeding tiebreaker criteria (head-to-head, common opponents, coin toss).
- Revised forfeit scoring to preserve opponent's points at time of forfeit.