

## **PLAYOFF RULES**

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Must be in good standing with the JFLOCI.
2. All financial responsibilities from prior season must be paid in full.
3. Each Area must sell the specified amount per player (on average) from the prior season.
4. 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 the first week following the last validation date and separate each team into either Division A or Division AA. At this meeting, the committee will confirm level brackets, select host locations based on field availability and facility needs, and select secondary locations in the event they are needed.
4. 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.
5. Adjustments to Division A or AA team assignments may be adjusted following the final validation before week 3 of games if needed.

### **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 larger Areas and Division A consisting of the smaller Areas.
2. Divisions will be determined by listing all Areas from highest to lowest in total number of tackle participants for the season.
3. 8 teams from each age level qualify for playoffs. If there are 2 divisions because of more than 16 teams at an age level, there will be 8 teams from each division qualifying for playoffs.

### **PLAYOFF POINTS & SEEDING**

1. Team records and playoff points will be recorded and displayed in 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 "Indy 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. Round 1 of playoffs will be free entry. Hosting Areas will keep 100% of concession profits.
5. 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.
6. 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. Hosting Areas will keep 50% of concession profits and submit 50% to the JFLOCI Office. (Option to submit 25% of overall sales in lieu of 50% profits to make accounting easier.)
7. Championships 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. Hosting Areas will keep 50% of concession profits and submit 50% to the JFLOCI Office. (Option to submit 25% of overall sales in lieu of 50% profits to make accounting easier.)

### **ADDITIONAL PLAYOFF RULES**

#### **LEVELS 8Y, 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 closest to the goal line 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.