

Moore Youth Football Association

Rules and Regulations

COACHES' RULES

- All M.Y.F.A. coaches are voluntary positions, recruited from the player's parents. All interested parties must notify the Executive Board of their interest and have a general knowledge of the rules of football. All M.Y.F.A. head coaches must be Executive Board approved and willing to take full responsibility for the team's organization.
- The head coach may have a maximum of four (4) assistant coaches to assist in the team's function and are willing to assume the head coach position if for any reason he/she steps down or is removed.

M.Y.F.A. Coaches:

- Are required to have a current criminal background check as certified by the City of Moore Parks and Recreation Director in accordance with the lease agreement between the City of Moore and M.Y.F.A.
- Are required to participate in all league functions. This includes, but is not limited to pre-season tournaments, fund raisers, facility maintenance, special events and any other activities deemed league functions by the Board of Directors.
- Are required to know the rules of National Federation of High School football and to teach fair play and sportsmanship to their players through their good example and conduct while on the practice and/or game fields.
- A coach shall be suspended for improper actions committed that would be damaging to their team and/or the Association.
- A coach that has been ejected from a game will be ejected for that game and the next league game. M.Y.F.A. tournament games are considered league games and are governed by league rules. A coach refusing to leave the field/park after being ejected will cause his team to forfeit the game and will be required to address the Executive Board to explain his actions.
- Coaches are expected to take an active part in the clean up and general maintenance of their age group's fields.
- Are required to have a certified first aid kit at all practices and games. Failure to have a first aid kit will result in disciplinary actions executed by the Executive Board to include suspension and/or termination.
- Are responsible to see that every player on his/her team participates in a minimum of 10 downs/plays during the course of any game. This is influenced by practice participation and other disciplinary actions.
- All teams are required to participate in the Preseason Tournament/Round Robin.
- Fees are contained in Attachment B. League Fees. Preseason Tournament fund raising booths are available to all teams and the fee is included in the entry fee. Anyone other than the league teams wanting to have a Preseason Tournament booth, the fee is \$100, payable to the MYFA. Payment is due at set up time.
- Any disputes between coaches, parents, players or scheduling must be brought to the attention of the appropriate Football Director and/or Executive Board member.
- The use of profanity, alcohol, drugs or tobacco is strictly prohibited. A coach that is found under the influence of alcohol or drugs during a practice or game will be terminated pending further action of the Executive Board. The use of tobacco is prohibited and will cause suspension of a coach and/or official.

- Newly approved coaches will be placed in a 1 year probation period. During this probation period, the coach will be monitored for disciplinary action, team disputes, and general infractions taking place during league functions. During this probation period a coach may be removed from his position at the discretion of the Executive Board.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY RULES

- The Association will play by the following age groups: 5/6 year olds combined, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11/12 combined will be separate age groups.
- 12 year old exception rule: Player must be in the sixth grade and may not turn 13 prior to Dec 1st of football season and/or have a board approval.
- There are no weight restrictions in any age group. Players playing up will be limited to one (1) year and require written consent from parent/guardian.
- The cut-off date for all age groups is May 1, of the current year. A player's age as of April 30 is the age the player will play for that season.
- Grade Exception: A player that has a date of birth that exceeds the May 1 cut-off but is in the appropriate grade for the particular age group, may play in that age group given the player does not turn 2 years older prior to December 1st
- No player may be carried on two (2) rosters during the current season. Players are allowed, however, to be picked up for tournaments, to fill the number requirement with Executive Board approval.
- A MYFA player wishing to change teams must have Executive Board approval. A player may not change teams after the start of the Preseason Tournament, unless Executive Board approved. The football Coordinator, in conjunction with the Non-resident Placement Committee, will place all new players. Any player that played up the previous season may be placed on any roster in his/her age group, as would a new player without consideration of rankings.
- Any ineligible player discovered on a team's roster will not be protected by a "Grandfather Clause", just because he/she played in previous years - **they are still ineligible**. Once an ineligible player is discovered, **all games played will be forfeited**.
- Physical examinations are required for all players, and must be current, within the current year, prior to and/or prior to participating in an organized practice. **No Exceptions!**
- All Head Coaches must assure all paperwork for each player is complete, (PLAYERS CONTRACT, PLAYERS INFO SHEET, BIRTH CERTIFICATE, LEAGUE FEES, PHYSICAL, and CODE OF ETHICS) **Failure to do so will disqualify a player and/or team from playing**. All documents surrendered cannot be guaranteed returned, so legible copies are required - **not originals**.
- MYFA sign ups will be conducted on mooreyouthfootballleague.com, under the registration tab, Starting in the month of June. **All head coaches are required to register, monitor their on-line roster, and confirm with the Executive Board, by 10:00 a.m. on the day of the Round Robin.**
- When a player begins a season with MYFA, his/her eligibility extends through the end of that season, or until the player is released by existing coach. Eligibility starts the day the player is assigned to a team. Once a player starts with a team, he/she is expected to continue membership with that team. **ANY** and **ALL** changing of teams is governed by league rules, and must be qualified, submitted and approved by the Executive Board.

- Player placement guidelines, not absolute, of this league is as follows:
 1. Existing teams needing players will be given first consideration.
 2. Practice field location and convenience to parents to make practices.

PLAYER FEE RULES

- MYFA league fees are \$125.00 per player, \$225.00 for two (2) sibling players. City of Moore Residents may be eligible for Scholarships or hardships in coordination with Moore Parks and Recreation Director's office at the Moore Community Center. This program is directly in conjunction with the participation in the Moore Public School Lunch Programs. **This information is strictly confidential.**
- **No player and/or team will be allowed to play in any game unless their complete paperwork packet has been provided to the league. Any player and/or team found in violation of playing without all items being turned in will result in immediate termination of the head coach. No exceptions without Executive Board approval.**
- No player fee shall be returned, in whole or partial, after the start of the Preseason Tournament. Any player fee return request, after the start of the Preseason Tournament, must be presented in writing to the Treasurer for consideration.

MYFA Rules and Regulations as amended and approved for
the 2023 season