

RULES FOR POP WARNER FOOTBALL

Division II

Division I

Unlimited

The same rules apply to all of these levels.

1. All games will start their offense at the 35-yard line.
2. The coin toss will determine who decides to have the ball on offense or defense.
3. There will be no kickoffs.
4. If a safety is scored, then the ball will be placed at the 35-yard line of the team who is entitled to the ball.
5. There will be no onside kick at any time in the game.
6. Punts and kick for extra points are permitted.
7. All NFHS rules are in effect.
8. Overtime rules are Kansas City from the 10-yard line. You will use the same end zone until there is a winner.
9. Point differential is 28-point running clock; it does not matter when the 28 point is met. The game will go to a running clock. If a team reduces the point differential below 28 points the running clock will continue until the end of the game. There is a 35-point maximum point differential. This is not for you as an official to worry about, your main concern is the 28 points and the coaches and field administrators will handle the 35-point differential.
10. If there is a spotter and/or Mandatory Play Reporter (MPR) that wants to delay the game at the start of the 4th quarter to make sure players have played then let them do their job, there is a play requirement at each level.
11. Be yourself but also take care of business on the sidelines, if there is a coach out of line then penalize. The same goes for Fridays as well as Pop Warner games. Know the rules of NFHS because there are Friday night coaches on the sidelines also. This will carry far onto what you do and are perceived on Friday nights games. (Bad attitude and no knowledge of the rules is what they expect on Friday). If you do not want to officiate these games then do not officiate these games, I only ask for the same respect because I pay you for a service also.
12. Last not but least if you are having fun then the coaches and kids will have fun. You will see these players and coaches as they play on in the high school ranks in subsequent years.
13. DO NOT DO NOT DO NOT be afraid of me or coaches, treat the same as on Fridays, if a question is asked, answer the question and be honest in your reply. I can take when I am wrong but usually I am not 😊. Do not over officiate if you cannot explain a call then do not call it.
14. Any questions please ask or send email to dwayne.johnson@mvpopwarner.com

Thanks

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