

Mid-State Youth Football League

Game Day Quick Reference Sheet For New Coaches

The following information is provided to help you in the performance of your game day duties. It contains both general expectations and specific procedures.

Weigh-In:

Weigh-in time for regular season games and playoff games is twenty (20) minutes before the scheduled game time. Weigh-in time never changes even if games are running behind schedule. **You must have your team at the Weigh-in station when due!** You should not be coming to the station! Coaches are responsible for getting their teams to the station. No announcement is required and no one is required to come remind you it is time to weigh-in your team.

Any player who fail to make weigh-in are not eligible to play until the third quarter. The player must be checked in with the opposing coach and complete weigh-in at halftime. Any late player that is not checked in at halftime is not eligible to play in the game. No one has the authority to alter the above rules and procedures. Any coach or administrator who attempt to circumvent the above rules and/or procedures will be subject to fines and ethics sanctions.

Failure to make weigh-in on time can result in a forfeit!!!

Game Day Roster:

The league's official Game Day Roster is the only roster acceptable at weigh-in. The host community is not required to provide rosters to visiting teams. **Once rosters are exchanged, no corrections may be made.** If a jersey number is incorrect that player will be ineligible for the entire game. No one has the authority to alter the above rules and procedures. Violation of the above rules will lead to fines and ethics sanctions.

Failure to use the proper roster will result in a forfeit!

Failure to have a roster at weigh-in will result in a forfeit!

We strongly suggest that once your roster is complete make multiple copies and distribute them to your team coaches so you will always have a roster available.

Disputed Calls:

Remember “Judgment calls” are exactly what the name implies. **These call are not subject to dispute.** You may dispute improper application of a rule. However you must follow the proper procedure to do so. The procedure is outlined below.

1. Call a “time out”.
2. Ask to speak with the referee (white hat).
3. Discuss the application of the rule.
4. If there is still doubt about the application of the rule, have the Field Director attend the conference. The Field Director will call the MSYFL Chief Official. He will make the final decision concerning the application of the rule.
5. If you are correct, your “time out” will be restored.
6. If You are wrong the “time out” will be charged.

NOTE: Before you dispute a rule, make sure you know the rule and its application as outlined in the MSYFL Rulebook and/or the Federation Rulebook.

Sideline, Fans, etc:

Head Coaches are responsible for their coaching staff and associated personnel, players, sideline and fans. A failure to control any of these will result in the proper MSYFL/Federations rules being applied. It will also result in fines and ethics sanctions.

We strongly suggest that you study both the MSYFL and National Federation Rulebooks. The MSYFL Rulebook can be downloaded for the league website: **www.leaguelineup.com/msyfl**

The National Federation Rulebook may be ordered online or possible purchased at the TSSAA office on Lebanon Road.

Post Game Procedures:

After a game is completed coaches are the lined their kids up at mid-field for a handshake and congratulations. Once this is done coaches should move their team and equipment off the playing field promptly so the next game may start.

Finally, remember to treat everyone (players, officials, coaches, etc) with respect. We are all part of the MSYFL family