

FOOTBALL BY-LAWS

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I. SPORT

Football

II. PREFACE

The football league shall operate within the constitution and by-laws of the Champlain Valley Athletic Conference and Section VII.

III. RULE BOOK

The National Federation of State High School Associations.

IV. TIME OF CONTEST

A. All Conference games played in the afternoon will start at 1:30 P.M. All Conference games played at night will start at 7:30 P.M. The Home team may set the starting time of homecoming games at 2:00 P.M. Games times on College Board Testing dates may be changed by mutual agreement of the Athletic Directors.

B. The Home team will determine the location of the game.

C. JV games will be played on the same day as the varsity, unless changed by mutual agreement of the Athletic Directors. Friday games will be played at 4:30 P.M. and Saturday games at 10:00 A.M.

D. Time changes due to Daylight Savings and any other changes are acceptable only by mutual agreement of the Athletic Directors.

V. OFFICIAL EQUIPMENT

A. Official game balls are determined by Section 7's agreement with NYSPHSAA for varsity contests. The field

markings and all other official equipment must conform to NFHS Rule Book guidelines.

VI. UNIFORMS

A. As stated in the NFHS Rule Book: Jerseys of opposing teams must be of contrasting colors. The Home team shall wear its dark color jersey and the Visiting team must wear its white jersey. The Visiting team is responsible for avoidance of similarity of colors. If there is doubt, the referee may request the Home team to change.

VII. ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION AT EACH LEVEL OF PLAY

A. Junior Varsity players are permitted to move between JV and Varsity teams throughout the season in accordance with eligibility rules.

VIII. HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Provide locker room facilities for the visiting teams.
- B. Provide security for the game site.
- C. Provide for scoring and reporting of the game results to the media.
- D. Be responsible for providing emergency medical care for the Varsity contests. For JV and Modified contests each school should attempt to provide medical care.
- E. Provide spotting area/coaches box for visiting teams.
(Strongly recommend a tower or similar structure)

IX. POSTPONEMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS

Extreme weather conditions, power failures, and/or any other extraordinary reason may dictate the postponement of a game. The Visiting team and the assigned officials must be informed four (4) hours prior to the game on the day of the game. A postponed game must be played by (inclusive of) the following Tuesday. If this is not possible, the game shall be rescheduled for the end of the season, if practical.

X. OFFICIALS

Officials will be assigned according to arrangements currently contracted under Section VII.

XI. TIE BREAKERS

All Varsity games played that end in a tie, will institute the NYSPHSAA tiebreaker system.

XII. DIVISIONS

No longer applies.

XIII. SCHEDULING

All league schedules and general schedule changes must be approved by the Council of Athletic Directors.

All schedule changes must be reported to the Football Chairperson and the Assignor of Officials.

All schools are required to participate in all scheduled regular season games to be eligible to advance to Postseason, Sectional and/or State Playoffs. For the purpose of defining "a regular season game," the week #8 crossover game will be considered a regular season game. If a school chooses, for whatever reason, not to participate in a regular season game, that school may forfeit their opportunity to be eligible to advance into postseason play for that season. If a school is not eligible to advance into the post season and does not play their week #8 scheduled game, they will then forfeit their opportunity to advance into the postseason the following year. Any game(s) not played will be reviewed by the respective Section and the Section 7-10 Football Committee.

Schools will have the option to schedule or not schedule a Week 8 opponent if there is not a crossover or playoff game scheduled.

XIV. PLAYOFFS

A. In the event of a tie for a place of finish, the head-to-head winner during the regular season match-up will be awarded the higher place of finish.

B. In the event of a tie involving more than two teams, the following criteria will be used to determine an order of finish:

i. The team allowing the fewest points in the 1st half of play **in league games** only will be awarded the higher place of finish. (Points scored against 1st half)

ii. If (i) results in a two-way tie, the head-to-head winner between the two remaining teams will be awarded the higher place of finish.

iii. The team allowing the fewest points in the 1st quarter of play will be awarded the higher place of finish. (Points scored against 1st **quarter**).

iv. If (iii) remains in a two-way tie, the head to head winner between the two remaining teams will be awarded the higher place of finish.

State Playoffs - In accordance with the NYSPHSAA State Football Tournament.

XV. LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

A. In the event of a tie for a place of finish, the head-to-head winner during the regular season match-up will be awarded the higher place of finish.

B. In the event of a tie involving more than two teams, the following criteria will be used to determine an order of finish:

- i. The team allowing the fewest points in the 1st half of play among the tied teams only will be awarded the higher place of finish. (Points scored against 1st half)
- ii. If (i) results in a two-way tie, the head-to-head winner between the two remaining teams will be awarded the higher place of finish.
- iii. The team allowing the fewest points in the 1st quarter of play will be awarded the higher place of finish. (Points scored against 1st Quarter).
- iv. If (iii) remains in a two-way tie, the head to head winner between the two remaining teams will be awarded the higher place of finish.

XVI. AWARDS

Refer to General By-Laws page 12.6.

XVII. ADDITIONAL

- A. A player may dress for more than one game in a weekend but may only play in one contest per weekend, Mondays included.
- B. Pep Bands and Cheerleaders.
 - i. If a visiting school wishes to bring a pep band, they must receive permission from the host school prior to the date of the game.
 - ii. Permission for pep bands at CVAC post-season games and playoffs must be granted permission by the Sport Chairperson and the neutral site school.
 - iii. Pep bands will not interfere with the normal play of the game. They may perform before the game, during time-outs and intermissions.
- C. Any pregame or half time ceremonies that would delay the game – the visiting team must be notified prior to the start of the game.

D. Scouting at all CVAC football games will be conducted behind the end zone and sideline barriers. No member of any coaching staff will be permitted to scout any closer than the specified areas at each game site. If no barriers are present, than no scouting coach shall be closer than 6 feet from the outer boundaries of the field.

XVIII. COACHES MEETINGS

Refer to General By-Laws page 12.7.

XIX. METHOD OF SELECTING CVAC ALL-STAR TEAMS

Football All Star process:

Positions:

Offense: QB (1), RB (2), TE (1), WR (2), OL (5) PK (1)

KR (1)

Defense: DL (4), ILB (2), OLB (2), CB (2), S (1), P (1)

Players of the Year: Offense, Defense and Lineman (1 each)

Coach of the Year (1)

Ray Holmes Sportsmanship Award (1)

Procedure:

1. During week 7 of the regular season, the Football Coordinator will send out the All-star Nomination form to the CVAC Head Coaches. The Nomination Form is required to be submitted by the end of week 9.
2. Upon receipt of the nominations, the Football Coordinator will compile the All-star Ballot.
3. During week 10, the Football Coordinator will send out the All-star Ballot to the CVAC Head Coaches. Head Coaches will verify their nominations for accuracy. Any corrections are reported back to the Football Coordinator.

4. At the Post-season Meeting the CVAC Head Coaches will vote on the All-stars. CVAC Head Coaches cannot vote on their own players.
5. Once voting is complete, the Football Coordinator, with the assistance of one of the Head Coaches, will tally the all-star votes at the meeting with all coaches present.
6. If necessary, any ties for a particular position will be broken by a re-vote.
7. The Football Coordinator will record the final results and provide a copy to each CVAC Head Coach, the CVAC Executive Secretary and the Section VII Director.
8. The Football Coordinator will send a copy of the All-star Team to the area media outlets.

XX. METHOD OF REVISING BY-LAWS

Refer to General By-Laws page 12.8.

XX. COACHES/OFFICIALS LISTING

Refer to the CVAC Section VII Football Handbook