

1.1 Tournament Information and Schedule

- . 1.1.1 The tournament is scheduled to begin Saturday 8/20/16 and conclude on Sunday 8/21/16.
- . 1.1.2 The brackets/age groups are:
 - § 6 and under
 - § 8 and under
 - § 10 and under
 - § 12 and under
 - § 14 and under
- . 1.1.3 The age of players will be determined by their age as of August 1st of the current year (ex: if a player turns 9 on or before August 1, 2016, then he will play for the 9 year old team; however, if a player turns 9 on August 2, 2015, then he will (**be eligible**) play on the 8 year old team).
- . 1.1.4 There are no weight restrictions.
- . 1.1.5 A maximum 8 teams per bracket is allowed.
- . 1.1.6 A maximum 35 players per team is allowed.
- . 1.1.7 All teams are guaranteed two (2) games. Schedules will be made available as soon as practical.
- . 1.1.8 Awards will be given for Top 2 places in each bracket.
- . 1.1.9 There is no gate fee for the tournament.
- . 1.1.10 Coolers are only allowed when teams are playing on the field. A concession stand will be open.

1.2 Tournament Registration Information

- . 1.2.1 The registration deadline is August 15th. **NO REFUNDS once registered.**
- . 1.2.2 The tournament fee is \$200 per team. Fees must be paid in advance and by cashier check, money order, or PayPal by August 15th.
- . 1.2.3 All team rosters must be turned into the tournament director (richmondbulldogsfootball@gmail.com) no later than 8/18/16. No player can be added after this date. Team roster and player waiver form to be emailed once registration form and payment received.

1.3 Player Certification and Registration

- . 1.3.1 All rostered players must have a government-issued picture ID. Any player who does not provide proof of age records for certification will be ineligible to play. NO EXCEPTIONS to this Rule.
- . 1.3.2 Any violations of falsifying age will result in immediate disqualification from the tournament and no refund will be given.
- . 1.3.3 Players will be certified 1 hour before the first game. Each player will be given a certification band that must be worn for the duration of the tournament for each game.

1.4 Coaching and Staff

- . 1.4.1 The Team's Head Coach will be responsible for his/her team, players, parents, and fans. The assistant coaching staff is also under the direction of the Head Coach.
- . 1.4.2 Head Coaches and Assistant coaches (maximum of four (4)) must be at least 18 years of age and follow rules established by the Event Staff.
- . 1.4.3 Only the Head Coach will be allowed to converse with field officials during game play.
- . 1.4.4 Four (4) assistant coaches and (1) team mom are allowed on the sideline during the game. The team may also have a medical staff member.

1.5 Game Playing Rules and Procedures

- . 1.5.1 All games will follow N.F.H.S. rules with the exceptions of those rules listed herein. STEEL CLEATS ARE NOT PERMITTED.
- . 1.5.2 Games will consist of two (2) twenty minute (20) halves with a running clock except the last two minutes of each half (stand regulation time in effect). There will be a 5 minute half-time. Clock stops on all scores and timeouts. A 30-second play clock will be in effect for all games.
- . 1.5.3 Two (2) 60 second time outs per half. Only one (1) coach and one (1) non-adult water person may be on the field and approach the huddle.
- . 1.5.4 Game Officials will keep the clock. A minimum of (3) three officials will be assigned to each game.
- . 1.5.5 All teams are required to be at their designated playing field at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled kickoff time. The coin flip will take

place on the sideline 15 minutes prior to game play. Teams will immediately begin play after completion of the earlier game. THERE IS NO GAME GRACE PERIOD.

- . 1.5.6 Only the Tournament Director can cancel a game due to inclement weather.
- . 1.5.7 If a team walks off the field for any reason during play they will lose by forfeiture.
- . 1.5.8 Teams will render a hand shake to the opposing team players at the end of the game to show good sportsmanship.
- . 1.5.9 At no time will a coach, assistant coach or any player challenge the call of a referee. If they do challenge they will get ONE warning from the referee. If they continue to challenge they will be immediately disqualified from the tournament and will be removed from the field of play. If they heckle or . cause any problems off the field, the team will be immediately disqualified from the tournament. The game is for kids to have fun and enjoy the game.

1.6 Scoring Values

- . • €Touchdowns = 6 points
- . • €Point after attempt (kick) =2 points (if goal posts are available)
- . • €Point after attempt (run) = 1 point
- . • €Point after attempt (pass) = 2 point
- . • €Safety = 2 points
- . • €Field Goal = 3 points

1.7 Balls

1.7.1 Each team shall provide their own playing ball.

- €6U & 8U will use the K-2 football or its equivalent.
- €10U & 12U will use the Junior TDJ or its equivalent
- € 14U will use the Youth TDY or its equivalent

- €No Rubber Balls will be allowed.

1.8 Tie Ball Games

- . 1.8.1 At the end of regulation play if there is a tie, each team will have an offensive series with the ball placed on the 10-yard line. The team with the highest score after each team has had a scoring attempt will be declared the winner. If neither team scores, the teams will have a coin flip and enter sudden death where the first team to score wins.
- . 1.8.2 If the defense intercepts the ball or recovers a fumble, the series of downs is over.
- . 1.8.3 Tie Breakers are as follows: 1. Record 2. Head 2 Head 3. Defense Points Against

1.9 Game Protest

- . 1.9.1 All protests will be brought to the Tournament Director and /or designated staff that will be present throughout the tournament.
- . 1.9.2 The Tournament Director will give a final decision on the protest. At no time will a coach challenge the Tournament Director decision or they risk ejection from the tournament.

1.10 Conduct of Players, Coaches and Spectators

- . 1.10.1 If a player or coach is ejected from a game they will not coach or play for the remainder of the tournament and will not be allowed on the field for the rest of the tournament. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- . 1.10.2 Profanity from either coaches or players will not be tolerated. Violators will be IMMEDIATELY EJECTED FROM THE TOURNAMENT.
- . 1.10.3 Any Player/Coach fighting will result in automatic EJECTION from the tournament.
- . 1.10.4 Excessive heckling by any spectator will result in their removal. No spectators are allowed on the field of play.
- . 1.10.5 We are an alcohol and drug free tournament venue. Any use of these substances is strictly prohibited. Violators will be immediately removed from the tournament indefinitely and the proper authorities will be

contacted.

- . 1.10.6 Tobacco including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, chewing tobacco, etc. use is **PROHIBITED** on or near the field/Sideline. This includes the use of vapor cigarettes also known as “e-cigarettes”.

*****NOTE*****

If anyone is caught cheating or intentionally breaking any of these rules, it will result in an immediate disqualification. If this happens, the guilty party will not receive a refund and the Coaches, Team(s), Parents, and any affiliates will be asked to leave and/or will be escorted out by the police. By entering the tournament, you acknowledge and agree to all rules that have been set herein.