



COEUR D'ALENE JR TACKLE FOOTBALL OPERATING/POLICY & PROCEDURES

TEAMS

A. Number Of Players On A Team

Number of players per team will be a function of available finances and interest in involving as many players as possible in game play. The suggested number of players per team is (18-25) at the start of the season.

B. Team Registration

Teams will not be considered eligible for league play until the CDA Jr Tackle Football Board has received and approved the team registration package which will include the following:

1. Parent and Player Applications
2. Physical Examinations
3. Proof of Residence
4. Proof of age and grade – This requirement waived if the child's age has been verified in a previous year.

No player may participate in any practice or game until a full packet has been given to their coach.

C. Insurance

Insurance will be purchased by the league. The premium will be paid by the players and will be included in the registration fee. Injuries resulting in a claim for hospitalization, doctor, or medicine must be reported to the CDA Jr Tackle Football Board immediately by parents and coaches.

D. Team Equipment

All Players will be required to be dressed in full protective equipment for all practices involving 'body to body' contact and all games. The team uniform jersey will not be worn during practice.

E. Player Equipment

Each player is required to purchase their own (white) practice/game pants and pant pads and practice jersey.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

A. Player Application

Each player will complete a player application provided by the league and will obtain their parent's or guardian's permission to play football as signified by the signatures required on the application. All new players to CDA Jr Tackle will be required to provide proof of residence.

B. Physical Examination

Each player will obtain a statement from a physician which states the player is physically fit to participate in football. Any new player will be required to provide a physical prior to playing. Physicals are good for 2 years.

B. Fees

Each player must pay a fee established by the league prior to receiving a uniform to be eligible to play on a team.

C. Scholarships

Scholarships are available and must be written requests presented and approved by the CDA Jr Tackle Board

D. Refunds

\$20.00 will be deducted from the registration fee paid to cover cost of insurance and administration costs. Refunds will be addressed by the CDA Jr Tackle Board on a case by case basis. No refunds will be granted after the 1st game has been played.

E. Player

CDA Jr Tackle participation is limited to fifth, sixth, seventh and eight graders. A player is limited to one year eligibility at each grade level and no more than 4 years of eligibility. (The Fitz League has separate Operating Policies & Procedures)

GAME AND FIELD RULES

A. Game Rules

Games rules will be in accordance with Idaho State High School rules except for the following special rules:

1. The unlimited substitution rule will always be in effect. Each player must play the equivalent of one quarter of the game. Ten (10) plays with Special Teams equals one quarter.
2. Time limit for each quarter of play will be (10) ten minutes for 5th - 8th grade.
3. Spectators must stay behind “fenced off” markers during all games.
4. Official game ball will be the intermediate size ball for 7th and 8th grade and junior size ball for 5th and 6th grade.
5. Board Member(s) may call a game forfeit if a team arrives later than ten minutes after the scheduled game time.
6. 5th - 8th grade teams will have the opportunity to play for extra points after a touchdown. The team may choose to run-in or kick the extra points. There will be 2 points for kicking and 1 point for running in. No rushing kicker in 5th grade.
7. Mercy Rule – Running clock in the 2nd half when team is ahead by 21 points

B. Field Rules

The following special field rules apply:

1. Field length will be a standard 100 yard field.
2. The Junior Tackle Association will provide down markers, clock/scoreboard, and game officials.
3. The Junior Tackle Association will be responsible for all football field maintenance.

GAMES AND PRACTICE SCHEDULE

A. Practices

Practices shall not begin prior to team registration. No practices will be held on Sunday. A player must have at least 10 days of practices in prior to the 1st game they participate in. A player must have 3 days of practices in before they can practice in full pads.

B. League Games

League games will be scheduled by the Coeur d'Alene Jr. Tackle Association. Schedules will be established to conclude the football program by November 1st.

C. Non-League and Exhibition Games

All non-league and exhibition games must be approved by the Junior Tackle Football Board prior to accepting or scheduling invitations to participate.

COACHES

A. Selection of Coaches

Coaches must meet the Junior Tackle Football Association's coaching criteria. Coaches will be selected by the Board of Directors and shall be volunteers working for the Junior Tackle Association. Coaches must re-apply each year they wish to coach.

B. Mandatory Rule

Each Coach will comply with each of the following rules:

1. Refrain from profane and abusive language and unsportsmanlike conduct in the presence of players or spectators.
2. Accept game official's decisions on the field as being fair and unbiased. Game Official's decisions are final.
3. Refrain from intentionally 'running up' a score against any opponent.
4. Attend coaching clinic(s) provided by the CDA Jr Tackle organization

C. Suggested Practices

Refer to Coaches Handbook

GAME OFFICIALS

A. Assignment

Game Officials will be assigned by the North Idaho Referee Association.

EQUIPMENT

A. Helmet

The helmet is to be of a high quality material and must have as a minimum the following: Adequate head suspension, face guard and chin strap. Helmets must be NOC SEA approved. Any helmets not provided by the Junior Tackle Association must be approved prior to use. NO ALTERATIONS OR 'QUICK FIXES' WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL.

B. Shoes

Shoes will be provided by the player. No exposed metal on shoes.

C. Shoulder Pads

Shoulder pads are provided by CDA Jr. Tackle organization.

D. Hip Pads and Tail Pads

Hip pads/Tail pads are provided by player.

E. Thigh Pads

Thigh pads are provided by player.

F. Knee Pads

Knee pads are provided by players.

G. Pants

Pants must be white and may be either one piece or shell construction. One piece pants must have removable pads.

H. Jerseys

Game jerseys will be provided by CDA Jr Tackle. Any exceptions must be approved by the CDA Jr Tackle Board. Numbers on the back of the jersey must be eight inches in height. Game jerseys will be worn in games only. Players must provide their own practice jerseys.

I. Mouth Piece

Every player must use a mouth piece during all contact drills and games. Mouth pieces will be provided by the League.

AWARDS

A. Championship Awards

The league championship team in each grade level will receive a championship football trophy from the Coeur d'Alene Jr. Tackle organization at the completion of the season.

Criteria for Championship: Losses are 1 point and ties are ½ point. Lowest points are league champs. There can be co-champions.

DIVIDING TEAMS

Teams will be divided into geographic areas or districts: Lake City North, Central and South and Coeur d'Alene North, Central and South. These sections can be divided any year as the Board sees fit. The sections will remain small to help compensate for an overflow in another area. These areas were chosen not to be used as specific borders but as a starting point to build teams. After players are divided by area, the Board will draw players nearest to each area until each team has equal numbers. Players will stay with their teams for the following years in Jr. Tackle. Late registrations will be on the team closest to the area they live in. If in following years a team is short players, new players will be assigned as determined by the CDA Jr Tackle Board.