

Kenston Youth Travel Football Guidelines

I. RULES

- KCE youth football follows all rules as established by the WRYFL. A complete copy of the WRYFL rules can be found at <http://www.wryfl.com>
- Rules or guidelines not covered by the WRYFL or in this document are referred to the OHSAA as the governing body
- KCE rules and guidelines will also be followed where applicable
- As per rules from both KCE and WRYFL no child living outside of the Kenston school district is eligible to participate in Kenston youth football
- Children living in the Kenston school district and attending a private school outside of the Kenston area are eligible to participate in Kenston youth football
- Violation of any rules by either a participant or coach can or will be subject to disciplinary action by the KCE board

II. KCE YOUTH FOOTBALL BOARD

- The KCE youth football board, hereafter referred to as the board, shall consist of 7 members. The board shall be made up of a Director, a league liaison, two members in charge of the concession stand, a financial officer, an IT operations officer, and an at large member
- All board members shall be approved by the KCE board of directors, hereafter referred to as the KCE board
- Each board member shall be a renewable position with each term lasting for one year beginning in January, and ending in December
- The board shall meet to review any items pertaining to KCE youth travel football. Meetings are held periodically on an “as needed” basis
- The board shall be made up of volunteers with a vested interest in Kenston youth football. All board positions are non-paid, without health benefits
- The members of this board should be in good standing with the community and currently active in KCE youth football

III. COACHING

- All KCE youth football coaches must be approved by the KCE youth football board, and are subject to background checks by KCE
- All coaches are expected to maintain a positive, professional manner while coaching. Abusive language or excessive yelling will not be tolerated
- The head coach shall be determined by seniority. If seniority is not established, experience and skill level will be used as well as an interview by the board to determine the best candidate



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- Each head coach will be allowed to select his assistant coaches with the understanding that the board or KCE has final say on approval of the assistant coach. KCE may also choose to run a background check on any or all assistant coaches in Kenston youth football
- There is no limit to the number of assistant coaches a team may have in practice, however, during a game, there is a maximum of 6 coaches allowed on the field. Each coach must be identified by a badge which will be provided by the WRYFL. All coaches must be certified by attending a certification meeting
- As per WRYFL rules coaches are required to play each player a minimum of 10 plays per game. Although not a specific rule, Kenston youth football board recommends playing all players in both halves of all football games. Coaches in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary actions

IV. PRACTICE GUIDELINES

- As set forth by the WRYFL, practice will be no more than 4 times per week for no longer than 2 hours per session prior to the start of school
- As set forth by the WRYFL, practice during the school season will be no more than 3 times per week for no longer than 2 hours per session. Mighty Mites (2nd graders) will practice only two nights per week during the school year
- The amount of times a team practices during the week will not exceed the above maximum practice times, however at the discretion of the head coach, he/she may reduce the number of practice days or the length
- All practices will be at designated times and days. These times are 6 to 8 pm until daylight forces moving the starting time up to 5:30pm, ending at 7:30pm. Any variance from this must be approved by the board
- A non-contact or walk through practice may be held once a week during the school year (in addition to the 3 nights each week of practice in pads)

V. FEES AND EQUIPMENT

- Equipment provided by KCE youth football include a helmet with chin strap, shoulder pads, practice jersey and practice pants, game jersey and game pants, 2 thigh pads, 2 knee pads, 2 hip pads, and one tail pad. Equipment not provided but Strongly Recommended are a cup and cleats
- All equipment is property of KCE youth football and shall be returned to KCE at the end of the season. Failure to return equipment can result in a fine or denial of participation in other KCE events until the equipment has been returned and/or any fines paid to KCE



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- Equipment should be wiped clean prior to returning. Game pants and jerseys and practice pants and jerseys should be washed and folded neatly prior to returning
- All fees for KCE youth travel football include an administrative charge for KCE, cost of practice field rental, insurance, and equipment repair
- Any participant who elects to no longer participate may be eligible to receive all or part of their registration fees.
 - Participants who retire prior to the first game will be eligible to receive 100% of the registration fees
 - Participants who retire after the first game will receive 50% of the registration fees
 - Participants who retire after the second game or later, will not receive any return of the registration fees
 - Any participant who retires will not receive any registration fees until all equipment is returned in proper condition
- At the beginning of each season, each child will receive a mouth guard and t-shirt that is theirs to keep

VI. SCHOLARSHIPS

- Scholarships are available for those players who have athletic potential and are in financial hardship. Scholarships will be awarded by the KCE board on a case by case basis
- Multiple scholarships by one family are allowed and are subject to approval by KCE

VII. PLAYER PLACEMENT AND DRAFTS

- Every effort will be made by the board to place players on their previous team. If there is no change in the number of teams, every effort will be made to have the player follow the color/team the player started with in previous years. In an effort to keep the number of experienced players close to the same number on each team, some movement of players between teams may be necessary
- In years where there is no increase in the number of teams, every effort will be made to keep players on teams they have already played for and to distribute the new players to all the teams equally in an open draft
- As stated in WRYFL, each team shall have similar weight, experience, and age to keep the teams consistent as possible
- Any player or parent dissatisfied with the current team and/or coach may submit their complaint in writing to the board along with a request to be moved to another team. Any movement of players will be at the discretion of the board
- In years where expansion to additional team is necessary, all players will be subject to a redraft



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- Coaching staffs may be asked to split for the benefit of the Kenston youth football program
- Players may be asked to transfer to a new team

VIII. CONCESSIONS

- Concessions are a major part of the fund raising/ income generating part of KCE youth football. While it is a voluntary group, help from all of the parents is appreciated
 - Concession money shall pay for referee fees as well as clock operators and concession help and other football program expenditures
 - Concession stand volunteers shall keep all receipts of any item purchased or any payment to any individual for service
- Concession monies will be used to restock the concession supplies. Any excess money will be turned in to the KCE office for deposit into the football account
- Concession stand shall keep petty cash in the amount of \$750 at the end of the season for start up costs of the in the following year
- Concession volunteers must find a replacement volunteer to work their shift if they are unable to fulfill their obligation to work

IX. ELIGABILITY AND DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

- Players may become ineligible to play for several reasons
 - All players must attend at least 50% of practices during a given week to be eligible to play in a game for that week. If they do not attend at least ½ of the practices that week they will be ineligible for the game that week. Medically excused absences will not be counted as missing practice; only unexcused absences will be counted
 - Players may at the discretion of the head coach or KCE board, be disciplined for foul language, or unsportsmanlike conduct. This discipline can include game suspension
 - All disciplinary actions will be reviewed by the KCE football board and will be passed on to the KCE board if necessary
 - At the head coaches discretion he may elect to keep a player out of a game or a practice for the safety of the child or the safety of other children
- Coaches may become ineligible to coach for several reasons
 - Foul language or abusive tone directed at a player or players
 - Physical contact in a non-constructive, abusive way.
 - A: Actions taken by the board or KCE will be on a case by case basis and could range from a warning, to a single game suspension, to removal from coaching for the season or longer
 - B: Two warnings shall constitute a concern and be directed to the board for more action to be taken



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- Coaches receiving disciplinary action from the WRYFL shall be submitted to the KCE board for evaluation. WRYFL has its own rules committee to handle infractions and no other action may be necessary

X. COMPLAINTS/PROBLEMS

- All complaints are to be directed to the head coach of your child's team. The coach in turn will try to resolve the problem.
- If the head coach is unable to resolve the problem, the problem should be directed to the Kenston youth football board
- If the youth football board is unable to resolve the problem, the KCE board will be notified of the problem

