

NORTH-WEST YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

BY-LAWS AND PLAYING RULES

2010

(FINALIZED JULY 30th, 2010)

TABLE OF CONTENTS

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
I. ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSE	1
II. MEMBERS	1
III. NOTICE AND MEETINGS	2
IV. GOVERNING BODY	4
V. LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES AND OFFICERS	5
VI. COMMITTEES	7
VII. CONTRACTS. CHECKS. DEPOSITS AND FUNDS	8
VIII. LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP	9
IX. NEW LEAGUE MEMBERS	9
X. DUES, FEES AND FINES	10
XI. RULE OR BY-LAW CHANGES	11
XII. PLAYER/COACH RESIDENCY	11
XIII. GENERAL RULES OF OPERATION	13
XIV. FRANCHISE AND TEAM GAME RESPONSIBILITY	19
XV. QUALIFICATIONS FOR GAME ELIGIBILITY	22
XVI. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH DIVISION	25
XVII. EQUAL PLAY, EXCESS SCORE RULES AND VIOLATIONS	27
XVIII. EXCEPTIONS TO IHSA/NFHS PLAYING RULES	28
XIX. TIE BREAKERS	30
XX. RULES UNIQUE FOR EACH DIVISION OR LEVEL	31
XX1. NWFYFL REGISTERED FRANCHISE TEAM COLORS	34
XXII. OFFICIAL FORMS, MAPS AND DOCUMENTS (EXHIBITS)	34

BY-LAWS
OF
NORTH WEST YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE
In the State of Illinois

SECTION I
ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSE

- ARTICLE 1.1. **NAME AND COMPOSITION:** This organization shall be known as the North West Youth Football League (NWYFL). It is a general, not for profit, organization composed of various communities or local groups (Franchises). The founding Members of the NWYFL are the Franchises of Arlington Heights, Elk Grove Village, Mount Prospect, Palatine and Schaumburg.
- ARTICLE 1.2. **PRINCIPAL OFFICE:** The Board of Directors may designate any place as the principal office of the NWYFL, however, if no designation is made, the principal office shall be located at the registered address of the NWYFL League Administrator, and the mailing address shall be PO Box 1112, Palatine, IL 60078.
- ARTICLE 1.3. **PURPOSE:** The objective and purpose of the NWYFL is to provide organized football for grade school children in Northwest Suburban Illinois in a variety of divisions and levels based on age, weight and experience limitations.
- ARTICLE 1.4. **NWYFL BOUNDARIES:** The current boundaries of the NWYFL shall be the following: North Boundary – Illinois Route 173, South Boundary – Illinois Route 38 (Roosevelt Road)/I290, East Boundary – Illinois Route 137/Route 41, West Boundary – Illinois Rout 59 as designated in the NWYFL Boundaries Map (see Section XXII, Exhibit A of these by-laws), and may be expanded by a unanimous decision of the Board.
- ARTICLE 1.5. **FRANCHISE BOUNDARIES:** Each Franchise, in order to protect its own identity, will provide the NWYFL in writing with their Franchise boundaries (see the Franchise Boundaries Sample Letter in Section XXII, Exhibit B of these by-laws). These boundaries shall include the information as set forth by the Franchise in regards to school districts, park districts or town/city limits. Franchise boundaries approved by the Board shall be kept on file in the records of the NWYFL. Any changes to Franchise boundaries must be submitted in writing and approved by the Board. Any conflict of boundaries will be resolved at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

SECTION II
MEMBERS

- ARTICLE 2.1. **MEMBERS:** The NWYFL shall have one class of Members. Each Member Franchise will have one vote on any decision pending before the NWYFL

SECTION III
NOTICE AND MEETINGS

- ARTICLE 3.1. WRITTEN NOTICE (NOTICE): Written Notice (NOTICE) or Printed Notice (NOTICE) shall be delivered by email, by fax, or by mail, to each Members' President and League Representatives as listed in the NWFYFL Member Directory (see Section VIII Article 8.2 of these by-laws). If mailed, such Notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited with the U.S. postal service in a sealed envelope to the address as it appears on the records of the NWFYFL Member Directory, with postage prepaid. If Notice be given by email or facsimile (FAX), such Notice shall be deemed to be delivered according to the recorded receipt of the message by the recipient's equipment.
- ARTICLE 3.2. ANNUAL MEETING: An annual meeting of the Members shall be held on the third Thursday in the month of January in each year, at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of appointing, electing and/or qualifying Directors, Officers, and League Reps (all to be known as NWFYFL Representatives) and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. If the day fixed for the annual meeting shall be a legal holiday in the State of Illinois, such meeting shall be held on the next Thursday. If the appointing, electing and/or qualifying of the NWFYFL Representatives shall not be held on the day designated in these by-laws for any annual meeting, or any adjournment of such annual meeting, the Board of Directors shall cause the appointing, electing and/or qualifying to be held at a special meeting of the Members as soon thereafter as is convenient. That the Board of Directors shall be appointed and qualified each year at the annual meeting.
- ARTICLE 3.3. REGULAR MEETING: The Board of Directors shall hold regular meetings at least once a month on such date and at such hour as may, from time be agreed upon without Notice other than this bylaw, immediately after, and at the same place, as the annual meeting of Members. The Board of Directors may provide, by resolution, the time and place, either within or outside the State of Illinois, for the holding of additional regular meetings of the Board without other Notice than such resolution.
- 3.3.1 The regular monthly meeting shall be held on the third (3rd) Thursday of each month except for the month of December. The meeting shall be held at 250 East Wood St., Palatine, IL 60067 unless changed by the Board and Notice sent to all Members at least two (2) days prior thereto. All matters on all levels of play shall be considered provided they are on the meeting agenda.
- 3.3.2 Regular Meetings from February thru July will begin at 7:30 p.m.
- 3.3.3 Regular Meetings from August thru November will begin at 8:00 p.m.
- 3.3.4 The NWFYFL will not hold a December meeting.
- 3.3.5 NWFYFL meetings are closed meetings and only individuals listed in the NWFYFL Member Directory may attend unless an individual has been invited by the Board.
- ARTICLE 3.4. SPECIAL MEETINGS: Special meetings of the Members may be called by a

majority of the Board of Directors. The Directors may fix any place, either within or outside the state, as the place for holding any special meeting of the Board called by them. Notice of any special meeting stating the, place, date and hour, shall be delivered to each Member, not less than two (2) days before the date of such meeting. The agenda or business to be transacted at the special meeting must also be specified in the Notice. Only matters on the agenda for the special meeting will be discussed. Any Director may waive Notice of any meeting. The attendance of a Director at any meeting will constitute a waiver of Notice of such meeting, except where a Director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

ARTICLE 3.5. PLACE OF MEETING: The Board of Directors may designate any place, either within or outside the State of Illinois, as the place for any annual meeting, regular meeting or for any special meeting called by the Board of Directors. If no designation is made, or if a special meeting be otherwise called, the place of the meeting shall be at 250 East Wood St., in Palatine, IL 60067. However, if ALL of the Members shall meet at any time and place, either within or outside the State of Illinois, and consent to the holding of a meeting, such meeting shall be valid without call or Notice, and at such meeting any transaction of business or action may be taken.

ARTICLE 3.6. NOTICE OF MEETINGS: Notice of meetings stating the place, day and hour of any meeting of Members, other than the customary annual and monthly meetings, shall be delivered to each Members that appears in the records of the NWFYFL, listed in the NWFYFL Member Directory, and not less than two (2) days before the date of such meeting, or in the case of a removal of one or more Directors, not less than twenty-one (21) days before the date of such meeting, by or at the direction of the Board of Directors, or the Members calling the meeting. In case of a special meeting or when required by statute or by these by-laws, the agenda, purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the Notice.

ARTICLE 3.7. QUORUM: A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board, but, if less than a majority of the Directors are present at said meeting, the Directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

ARTICLE 3.8. MANNER OF ACTING: The act of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or by these by-laws. A majority decision by the Board of Directors will have the same legitimacy and authority as if approved and consented to by the entire Board. For all decisions brought before the Board, the Directors on the Board with a conflict of interest in the decision, must step aside for that decision. A simple majority of the remaining Directors must vote on the decision. In the event the governing Board is comprised of an even number of Member Franchises and a decision requiring a majority vote can not be reached due to a tie vote, the bylaw or rule will remain or may be revised and resubmitted until a majority vote is reached.

ARTICLE 3.9. PROXIES: At any meeting of the Members, a Member entitled to vote, may not vote by proxy.

SECTION IV
GOVERNING BODY

- ARTICLE 4.1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOARD): The Board of Directors (Board) shall consist of Directors in a total number equal to the number of Members in good standing with the Nwyfl. The President of each Member Franchise or the person acting in the manner and with the authority incident to the office of president (President) of each Franchise shall be a Director on the Board of Directors and shall be entitled to vote on any decision pending before the Nwyfl. A League Representative (League Rep) on file with the league in the Nwyfl Member Directory may represent the interests of their Member Franchise on the Board of Directors in the absence of their designated Director and be entitled to vote in his/her place.
- ARTICLE 4.2. GENERAL POWERS: The Board of Directors shall in general; manage, supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Nwyfl. All decisions and interpretations to include, but not limited to, by-laws, by-law changes, policies, policy changes, disciplinary action etc., shall be the exclusive right of the Board. Upon any such interpretation or change, all Members will be given Notice by the Board within seven (7) days of the change
- ARTICLE 4.3. RESTRICTED POWERS: At no time shall any Nwyfl Representative use their power or status as a means of influence with referees and game officials while coaching. They may never try to illicit favorable decisions for their Franchise while acting as a coach, field commissioner or spectator. They must act at all times in a sportsmanlike and professional manner while representing the Nwyfl.
- ARTICLE 4.4. LEAGUE ADMINISTRATOR: The Board of Directors shall appoint a League Administrator to preside at meetings of the Members and/or of the Board of Directors. In general, the League Administrator shall implement the decisions of the Board of Directors, assure compliance to the league by-laws, supervise the business and affairs, and perform other such duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time. Shall be custodian of Nwyfl files, records and such as required per Section VII, Article 7.5 of these by-laws or as may be required by law. Shall keep the Nwyfl Member Directory (see Section VIII Article 8.2), which shall be furnished to the League Administrator by each Member on the Nwyfl Member Directory Form (see Section XXII, Exhibit C of these by-laws), along with a register of all Nwyfl Officers and Committee Members on the proper Nwyfl Officers and Committee Member Directory form (see Section XXII, Exhibit D of these bylaws). League Administrator may sign contracts or other instruments that the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution of such instrument shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors or by these by-laws or by statute to some other Director, Officer or agent of the Nwyfl. League Administrator serves at the discretion of the Board. League Administrator cannot appoint himself to any Officer position
- ARTICLE 4.5. NUMBER, TENURE AND QUALIFICATIONS: The Directors shall be appointed and qualified at each annual meeting of Members, and each Director shall hold office until the next annual meeting of Members and until his or her successor shall have been appointed and qualified. Directors must be the President of a Member Franchise

or the person acting in the manner and with the authority incident to the office of president of a Member Franchise (President).

ARTICLE 4.6. VACANCIES: Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors shall be filled by the Member Franchise creating the vacancy. A Director appointed to fill a vacancy shall be appointed for the un-expired portion of the term of his or her predecessor in office. Any Directorship to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of Directors shall be filled at the annual meeting or at a special meeting of Members called for that purpose.

ARTICLE 4.7. COMPENSATION: Directors, Officers, and League Reps shall not receive any compensation for services rendered to the Nwyfl as Nwyfl Representatives or otherwise. Nothing in these by-laws shall be construed to preclude any Nwyfl Representatives from serving the Nwyfl in any other capacity and receiving compensation for such service; and Nwyfl Representatives as such shall not receive any stated salaries for their services. An Nwyfl Representative may be indemnified for expenses and costs, actually and necessarily incurred in connection with any claim asserted against that Nwyfl Representative, by action in court or otherwise, by reason of his or her being or having been such Nwyfl Representative, except in relation to matters as to which he or she shall have been guilty of negligence or misconduct in respect to the matter in which indemnity is sought.

SECTION V

LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES AND OFFICERS

ARTICLE 5.1. LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES (LEAGUE REPS): In absence of a Members' Director or in the event of inability to act, the Members' League Representative (League Rep) shall perform the duties of the Members' Director, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions on the Members' Director. League Reps may perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 5.2. OFFICERS: The Board of Directors, in accordance with the provisions of this Section, may elect or appoint Officers; a Secretary, a Treasurer and such other Officers, including one or more Assistant Secretaries, and one or more Assistant Treasurers, as it shall deem desirable; such Officers to have the authority, and to perform the duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. The same person may hold two or more offices provided that no Officer shall execute, acknowledge, or verify any instrument in more than one capacity if the instrument is required by law or by these by-laws to be executed, acknowledged, or verified by two or more Officers or Directors.

ARTICLE 5.3. APPOINTMENT, ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE: The Officers of the Nwyfl shall be elected or appointed annually by the Board of Directors at the regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors. If the election or appointment of Officers shall not be held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as is convenient. New offices may be created and filled at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Each Officer shall hold office until his or her successor shall

have been elected or appointed and qualified. All offices can be successive if appointed by Board. All Officers are limited to a one (1) year term that may be extended.

- ARTICLE 5.4. REMOVAL: Any Officers elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever, in its judgment, the best interests of the Nwyfl would be served thereby.
- ARTICLE 5.5. VACANCIES: A vacancy in any office due to death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise; may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.
- ARTICLE 5.6. TREASURER: The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds of the Nwyfl; receive and give receipts for money due and payable to the Nwyfl from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in the name of the Nwyfl in such banks as shall be selected by the Board of Directors, and, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors. An annual budget will be prepared and submitted to the Board for review by the regular monthly March meeting. All disbursements of two thousand dollars (\$2000) or more require at least two (2) bids when possible and written approval on the proper Nwyfl Purchase Request form, (see Section XXII, Exhibit E of these bylaws) by two (2) Directors, not including a Director from the same Franchise as a person whose signature will be on the disbursement. The Treasurer must submit a monthly financial report to the Board of Directors including a list of any disbursements. All invoices must be available for Board review.
- ARTICLE 5.7. SECRETARY: The Secretary shall keep the roll and minutes of the meetings of the Members and of the Board of Directors in one or more books provided for that purpose; and give Notices in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws or as required by law, and in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors. Minutes of each meeting shall be distributed to all Members within thirty (30) days of said meeting.
- ARTICLE 5.8. ASSISTANT TREASURERS AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES: The assistant Treasurers and assistant Secretaries in general, shall perform such duties as shall be assigned to them by the Treasurer or the Secretary or by the Board of Directors.

SECTION VI

COMMITTEES

- ARTICLE 6.1. COMMITTEES: The Board of Directors, by resolution adopted by a majority of the Directors in office, may designate committees, each of which will consist of two or more representatives appointed by the Board, which committees, to the extent provided in the resolution, shall have and shall exercise the authority of the Board of Directors. The designation of such committees and the delegation of authority to them shall not operate to relieve the Board of Directors, or any individual Director, of any responsibility imposed by law or these by-laws.

6.1.1 A committee designated by the Board may perform the functions of any Officer and the functions of any two or more Officers may be performed by a single committee, including the functions of both Treasurer and Secretary.

ARTICLE 6.2. TERM OF OFFICE: Each committee member shall continue as such until the next annual meeting of the Board of Directors and until a successor is appointed, unless the committee shall be dissolved prior to these events, or unless such committee member shall be removed or cease to qualify for membership in such committee.

ARTICLE 6.3. CHAIR: One member of each committee may be appointed by the Board to chair the committee. If not appointed by the Board, one member of each committee shall be elected by its members to chair the committee.

ARTICLE 6.4. VACANCIES: Vacancies in the membership of any committee may be filled by appointments made in the same manner as provided in the case of the original appointments.

ARTICLE 6.5. QUORUM: Unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the Board of Directors designating a committee, a majority of the whole committee shall constitute a quorum and the act of a majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the committee.

ARTICLE 6.6. RULES: Each committee may adopt rules for its own government not inconsistent with these by-laws or with rules adopted by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 6.7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POWERS: An Executive Committee appointed by a majority of the Board of Directors will from time to time act on behalf of the entire Board on matters deemed important by the Board. A majority decision by the Executive Committee will have the same legitimacy and authority as if approved and consented to by the entire Board.

SECTION VII

CONTRACTS. CHECKS. DEPOSITS AND FUNDS

ARTICLE 7.1. CONTRACTS: The Board of Directors may authorize any Officer or Officers or agent or agents of the NWYFL, in addition to the Officers so authorized by these by-laws, to enter into any contract or to execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the NWYFL, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

ARTICLE 7.2. CHECKS, DRAFTS OR ORDERS FOR PAYMENT: All checks, drafts or orders for payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the NWYFL shall be signed by such Director or Directors, Officer or Officers or Agent or Agents of the NWYFL whose signatures are on file with the NWYFL bank of record, and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such determination by the Board of Directors, such instruments shall be signed by the Treasurer or an assistant Treasurer and countersigned by an authorized Director or Directors of the NWYFL. All

disbursements of two thousand dollars (\$2000) or more require two (2) signatures and must be signed by the Treasurer or an Assistant Treasurer and countersigned by an authorized Director or Directors of the NWYFL. Authorized Directors are those Directors whose signatures are on file with the NWYFL bank of record, but may NOT be from the same Franchise as the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer.

ARTICLE 7.3. DEPOSITS: All funds of the NWYFL shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the NWYFL in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

ARTICLE 7.4. GIFTS: The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the NWYFL any contribution, gift, bequest or devise for the general purposes or for any special purposes, of the NWYFL.

ARTICLE 7.5. BOOKS AND RECORDS: The NWYFL shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its Members, Board of Directors, League Reps and committees having any of the authority of the Board of Directors. All registers, books, files, records and such shall be kept at the principal office of the NWYFL and all books and records of the NWYFL may be inspected by any Member, or his or her agent or attorney, for any proper purpose at any reasonable time upon reasonable Notice.

ARTICLE 7.6. INSURANCE: The NWYFL will carry and maintain D&O Insurance with a minimum limit of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) covering officers and directors named in the NWYFL Membership Directory and General Liability Insurance with a minimum limit of one million dollars (\$1,000,000). The NWYFL does not provide any medical coverage and as such all Board Members, Officers, Directors, Committee Members, Franchises, Coaches, Players and Referees of the NWYFL must provide for their own medical coverage.

SECTION VIII

LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE 8.1. Only Members in good standing may vote upon any matter before the NWYFL and/or propose any by-law or rule changes. To be a Member in good standing, each Member Franchise must comply with all provisions of the NWYFL by-laws, rules and policies, attend a minimum of eight (8) of the regularly scheduled league meetings during the year and may not miss two (2) consecutive meetings of the regularly scheduled league meetings. All Members must render any dues, fees or fines as is required. Failure to do so can result in league expulsion, provided that thirty (30) days written Notice is given and there is a majority vote of the Board.

ARTICLE 8.2. Each Member must provide the NWYFL in writing, using the proper NWYFL Member Directory Form (see Section XXII, Exhibit C of these by-laws), at the regularly scheduled February meeting, with their President and two (2) League Representatives in order of their voting rights. It shall include names, addresses, phone numbers and a twenty-four (24) hour seven (7) days a week email address and fax number and a twenty-four (24) hour seven (7) days a week phone number which

has an answering machine available. Each Member must provide the NWYFL at the regularly scheduled March meeting, with two (2) copies of their current by-laws and policies. A certificate of insurance with the NWYFL named as additional insured must be submitted by the regularly scheduled August meeting. Any changes made to the aforementioned Section must be submitted at the next regularly scheduled league meeting.

ARTICLE 8.3. Each Member must have the latest copy of their Franchise by-laws and policies on file with the NWYFL and a Section or Article in their Franchise by-laws that states they will follow and abide by the by-laws, policies and decisions of the NWYFL. Each Franchise is to make sure that all of their board members and head coaches have a copy of the league by-laws, policies and any special playing provisions. These are to reviewed carefully to ensure good understanding of procedures by all Members.

ARTICLE 8.4. Each Member must submit detailed maps showing their playing field locations along with the address of the playing field locations by the regularly scheduled July meeting.

ARTICLE 8.5. Each Member must render all fees and dues on or before their due date.

SECTION IX

NEW LEAGUE MEMBERS

ARTICLE 9.1. In order to be considered for acceptance into the NWYFL any petitioning Franchise must submit the following to the NWYFL League Administrator:

9.1.1 A two hundred dollar (\$200.00) non-refundable application fee due immediately upon petitioning the NWYFL for membership

9.1.2 A simple written history of their Franchise

9.1.3 Two (2) copies of their Franchise by-laws and policies

9.1.4 A listing of their Franchise Board of Directors including names, addresses and phone numbers.

9.1.5 Their boundaries, which shall include the information as set by the petitioning Franchise in regards to school districts, park districts or town/city limits.

9.1.2 A detailed map showing the location of playing fields and the address of the park where the playing fields are located.

ARTICLE 9.2. Any new Franchise petitioning to join the NWYFL must be sponsored by one (1) of the five (5) founding Franchises.

ARTICLE 9.3. New Members shall be accepted into the NWYFL by a unanimous vote of the Board. Any new Member accepted into the NWYFL will have immediate equal voting rights and may submit by-law or rule changes. The NWYFL has the right, by a majority vote, to suspend or dismiss any new Member within their first year of league membership. No refunds will be given for any deposits, dues or fees paid.

ARTICLE 9.4. Upon acceptance as a new Member into the NWFYFL, an initial team fee deposit of eight hundred dollars (\$1000.00) is due and any or all other assessed fees are also due.

SECTION X

DUES, FEES & FINES

ARTICLE 10.1. The NWFYFL will collect yearly dues for each team entered by a Franchise. The amount per team will be determined at the March meeting based on the NWFYFL current year budget, the number of franchise members and the estimated number of teams. A minimum team fee deposit of **twelve hundred dollars (\$1200)** for the forthcoming season is due by the regularly scheduled February league meeting. This deposit is non-refundable. Each Franchise will notify the NWFYFL of the number of teams they will have in each division by the second Tuesday in August. The balance of the yearly dues owed by each franchise is payable at the August meeting. Members whose fees, dues or charges are not paid at this time, will have their voting rights suspended.

ARTICLE 10.2. **Each Franchise must pay an estimated one half of the estimated referee fees for their regular season games at the regularly scheduled August meeting. The balance of the referee fees for regular season games will be due on or before the regularly scheduled September meeting. Referee fees for all bowl games must be paid by the November meeting.** Invoices will be sent by the Treasurer or the League Administrator by September tenth (10th) and November tenth (10th).

ARTICLE 10.3. All fines imposed by the Board are due in the hands of the Treasurer or the League Administrator within seventy-two (72) hours of the notification of the fines.

SECTION XI

RULE OR BYLAW CHANGES

ARTICLE 11.1. The NWFYFL will only allow written rule or bylaw change proposals, submitted on the proper NWFYFL Proposed By-Laws and Playing Rules Change Form (see Section XXII, Exhibit F of these by-laws), each year during the February meeting. Copies of these written proposals shall be in the hands of the League Administrator or Secretary two (2) days prior to the February meeting. Discussions will be held concerning these proposals during the February and March meetings, and after discussion, the Franchise having submitted the original rule change proposal will be allowed to amend their proposal if they so desire. Voting on all final rule change proposals will take place during the April meeting.

ARTICLE 11.2. Shall any Franchise feel the urgency to propose any rule or by-law change in the interim, they must notify the League Administrator in writing at least seven (7) days prior to the next regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The Board will vote to determine if the proposal shall be implemented and the by-laws changed immediately.

SECTION XII
PLAYER AND COACH RESIDENCY

- ARTICLE 12.1. The boundaries for each Franchise are on record with the Nwyfl. Primary criteria for these boundaries shall be the address of the players. Whatever town the player resides in shall be the Franchise that the player plays for. Players shall not be recruited from outside of Franchise boundaries. Any players residing in areas that do not participate in the Nwyfl shall be exempt from the address criteria listed above.
- ARTICLE 12.2. If a player residing within the boundaries of a Franchise wishes to participate in another Franchises program, the procedure will be as follows:
- 12.2.1 The player parents shall be notified verbally or in writing by the Franchise President or an appointed Nwyfl Representative that the town where the player resides has a football program available in the Nwyfl and that the player should participate in that program.
 - 12.2.2 If, after notification, the player still wishes to participate in another Franchises program, the Franchise President must complete the proper Nwyfl Player Residency Waiver Form (see Section XXII, Exhibit G of these by-laws), have the form signed by a parent of the player and mail, fax or email the form to the President of the other Franchise involved.
 - 12.2.3 A copy of the Nwyfl Player Residency Waiver Form shall also be sent to the Nwyfl League Administrator or Secretary. This form shall be mailed, emailed or faxed in order to be received by the completed roster date (see Section XV Article 15.1 of these by-laws), or within one week if a player enrolls after the initial roster date. Shall a violation of this rule occur, that player cannot participate in the Nwyfl game scheduled for Week one (1) or any other games until the proper paperwork is completed.
 - 12.2.4 There shall be no more than fourteen (14) players registered with any Nwyfl Franchise from any of the other combined Nwyfl Franchises. There shall be no more than two (2) players per team who are registered on the proper Nwyfl Player Residency Waiver Form as other Franchise players. Residency is based on the home address of the player. Any exception to this rule must have the written approval of the pertinent Franchise Presidents’.
- ARTICLE 12.3. The President of a Franchise receiving registration(s) from player(s) living within the boundaries of another Franchise shall make every attempt to get that player(s) to participate in their own program. It is recommended by the Nwyfl that a phone call accompany the proper form to the President of the Franchise in which the players resides to eliminate any possible misunderstanding of the intent of that Franchise. This Notice will also serve as additional time to the President of the Franchise in which the player resides to notify the player in question.
- ARTICLE 12.4. All players and coaches must permanently reside within the Nwyfl boundaries as stated in Section I, Article 1.4 of these by-laws.

12.4.1 All coaches must reside within their Franchise boundaries or reside outside all existing NWYFL franchise boundaries. Any exception to this rule must have the written approval of the pertinent Franchise Presidents and majority approval of the NWYFL Board. A roster of all head coaches, on the official NWYFL Head Coaches Roster Form as supplied by the NWYFL, must be completed electronically and submitted to the NWYFL League Administrator or a designated committee one (1) week prior to the first weeks games, including any byes, for all divisions and levels.

ARTICLE 12.5. Recruiting will not be allowed in any other Franchises boundaries. Definitions of recruiting that will not be tolerated include:

12.5.1 Advertising of any franchise's registration dates within the boundaries of another franchise.

12.5.2 Gifts of any kind to a player(s)

12.5.3 Promises of guaranteed playing time to a player(s)

12.5.4 Phone calls, cold calling or pursuit outside the Franchise boundary to recruit a player(s) within the boundaries of another Franchise of the NWYFL.

12.5.5 It is the general intent that the spirit of the above is to prevent any recruiting of any player(s). The intent to violate the above rules will be construed as a direct violation and will be subject to the following penalty(s):

A. 1st Violation – two hundred-fifty dollar (\$250.00) fine and a one (1) year probation period to the individual Franchise involved.

B. 2nd Violation within the same season - review by the Board with the possibility of a.) suspension of individuals, b.) five-hundred dollar (\$500.00) fine, 3.) suspension of Franchise and d.) five-hundred (\$500.00) fine and suspension of Franchise.

ARTICLE 12.6. The President of the Franchise that the player resides in, has seven (7) days after receipt of notification that said player has registered with another Franchise, to dispute that registration. Such dispute must be taken up with the Board. If no such dispute has been received by the League Administrator or Secretary within the seven (7) days, the issue will not be considered.

ARTICLE 12.7. Any disputed registration will be reviewed by the Board and a ruling will be rendered. All such rulings will be final.

ARTICLE 12.8. Any charge of a violation to the above rules will be subject to review by the Board. A fifty dollar (\$50.00) protest fee must accompany each incident or charge.

SECTION XIII
GENERAL RULES OF OPERATION

- ARTICLE 13.1. The NWFYFL is made up of **six (6)** Divisions based on age and weight parameters; Blue, Green, **Orange**, Red, Junior Varsity (JV), and Varsity. Within each Division there are two (2) levels of competition; Big Ten and Pac Ten. Within each division or level, teams may be divided into conferences.
- ARTICLE 13.2. All Franchises participating in the NWFYFL must place at least one (1) team at each BIG TEN level in each division unless exempted by a majority decision of the board. A Franchise may be required to field a second BIG TEN team within a division based on the number of players they have in the division, compared to the average number of players the other Franchises have within the same division. Each Franchise will submit an estimated number of players in each division at the NWFYFL July meeting. A majority decision of the board will then determine if an additional BIG TEN team will be required of any Franchise within a division. Prior to the second Tuesday in August, a Franchise may appeal the decision of the board if the actual number of players they have in a division is significantly different from the number of players they estimated at the July meeting or if the number of players is closer to that of other franchises within the same division that will only be fielding one (1) BIG TEN team. Any team from the same Franchise not designated as a BIG TEN team within the same division will be designated as a PAC TEN team. If a Franchise only fields one team in a given division, that team will be considered the BIG TEN team unless they have received an exemption from the NWFYFL by a majority decision of the board. Any Franchise having multiple teams at any BIG TEN or PAC TEN level, must conduct a fair and equal draft in an attempt to balance each teams' skill level.
- 13.2.1 The BIG TEN will be considered the more competitive level. At this level there will be no excess score rule or equal play rules with the exception of the Blue Big Ten and Green Big Ten levels. Coaches are still encouraged to play all players at all levels on an equal play basis.
- 13.2.2 The PAC TEN will be considered the developmental level. At this level there is an excess score rule and an equal play rule. Coaches shall play all players on an equal play basis.
- ARTICLE 13.3. The Board or a designated committee will schedule all games, including bowl, playoff, and championship games. If, because of scheduling, a Franchise is scheduled to have two of its teams compete against each other at the same level in a regularly scheduled league game, that game must be played like any other league game and it must be officiated by league officials.
- ARTICLE 13.4. The Board or a designated committee will schedule all officials for all regular and post-season games, including bowl, playoff, and championship games. If the Board or a designated committee chooses to outsource or contract this function to a sport officials' service, that service organization will be responsible for scheduling all officials for all regular and post-season games.

- ARTICLE 13.5. If two (2) Franchises are scheduled to play a regular season game at the fields of a non participating Franchise, the two (2) Franchises of the teams involved in the game will split the cost of the officials. The home team will be designated by the scheduling committee. The home team will be responsible to supply a game ball, chain crews and game announcers if used.
- ARTICLE 13.6. For all bowl games, the host Franchise is responsible for any field costs, including scoreboard workers. The two (2) Franchises of the teams involved in a bowl game will split the cost of the officials. The home team will be the higher seeded team as determined by the rules in Article 13.19 for Big 10 teams or Article 13.20 for Pac 10 team. The home team will be responsible to supply a game ball, chain crews and game announcers if used.
- ARTICLE 13.7. For all playoff games, home teams for those games are responsible for supplying the chain crews and for any field costs, including game balls and scoreboard workers. In turn, the NWYFL is responsible for the cost of official's at all post-season playoff games.
- ARTICLE 13.8. Requests to host Big Ten championship games must be submitted prior to the regularly scheduled August meeting. The Board will determine the site or sites by the regularly scheduled September meeting. The Board will also determine the site or sites for all Pac Ten championship games by the regularly scheduled September meeting. For all championship games, the host Franchise/s will be responsible for supplying the chain crews and any field costs, including game balls, scoreboard workers and announcers if used. In turn, the NWYFL is responsible for the cost of officials at all post-season championship games. The higher seeded team as per the first round playoffs will be the designated home team.
- ARTICLE 13.9. For all teams participating in playoff games, the games will be played at each division or conference (if applicable) higher seeded team's designated home field. If the higher seeded team does not have a facility available, the games will be played at the designated home field of the opposing team. Other home field advantages remain with the higher seeded team
- ARTICLE 13.10. For all divisions and levels, the NWYFL will present an award to the first and second place teams as decided by the championship games.
- ARTICLE 13.11. No Franchise or team may start any organized practice prior to the Monday preceding August 1st, when August 1st falls on a Tuesday through Friday (July 28th earliest), or prior to the Monday following August 1st, if August 1st falls on a Saturday or Sunday (August 3rd latest).
- ARTICLE 13.12. The official ball for the Varsity and Junior Varsity divisions is the Wilson TDY. The official ball for the **Orange** and Red division is the Wilson TDJ. The official ball for the Blue and Green divisions is the Wilson K-2. The alternative ball for the Varsity and Junior Varsity divisions is the Baden FX500Y. The alternative ball for the **Orange** and Red division is the Baden FX500JR. The alternative ball for the Blue and Green divisions is the Baden FX500PW.

ARTICLE 13.13. Team colors are registered with the NWYFL. The list of registered team colors is found in Section XXI of these by-laws. Any changes in team colors must be petitioned and approved by the Board prior to the change.

ARTICLE 13.14. A Franchise may protest an NWYFL by-law violation or an NWYFL playing rule violation that occurs during a game but never an official's interpretation. Any intent of protest must be submitted in writing along with a fifty dollar (\$50.00) non-refundable fee delivered to the League Administrator within forty-eight (48) hours of the alleged violation. The protest must be resolved within seventy-two (72) hours of receipt by the Board.

ARTICLE 13.15. By accepting membership in the NWYFL the Members agree that:

13.15.1 In the event of a controversy between coaches associated with different franchises or between coaches and game officials, or in the event a team is accused of league rules violations, infractions or conduct inconsistent with the goals of the league, the Presidents' of the respective Franchises involved must submit the disputes or accusations to the League Administrator in writing within forty-eight (48) hours of the alleged violation. The Board will review the dispute and make its final decision within seventy-two (72) hours. Notice of the Boards' final decision will be given to both or all the Franchises involved in the dispute by the League Administrator within seventy-two (72) hours from receipt of the written dispute. If the Board deems it necessary, a hearing before the Board will be held with the respective parties present.

13.15.2 The Board shall have the final undisputed authority to resolve all disputes and shall have the final authority to impose appropriate penalties and/or collect fines up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and/or suspend individuals from games, or the league, whose violations and/or conduct is inconsistent with the goals of the league.

ARTICLE 13.16. All Franchises registered within the NWYFL must play all their teams within the NWYFL during the regular season. This includes all regular season games and any post-season league games, bowl and play-offs, scheduled by the NWYFL. The only exception to this rule would be if there was a lack of teams at any level to provide an acceptable number of games within the NWYFL. Exceptions must be submitted in writing to the League Administrator and approved by the Board prior to the scheduling of games outside the NWYFL during the NWYFL season, which includes all regular season games and post-season bowl, play-off, and championship games.

ARTICLE 13.17. FORFEITURES

13.17.1 Any team forfeiting a game, regular or post season, will be suspended from further play until the Board votes to reinstate them pending review of circumstances. Up to a two hundred dollar (\$200.00) fine plus the referee fees will be imposed on the offending Franchise for the first occurrence. This fine must be paid within forty-eight (48) hours of the forfeited game

13.17.2 A second occurrence of a forfeit by any team during the same season will result in an additional three-hundred dollar (\$300.00) fine plus the referee fees and that team will be suspended from play, regular and post season, for the remainder of the season.

This fine must be paid within forty-eight (48) hours of the forfeited game.

- 13.17.3 Repeated occurrences of forfeited games, or failure to pay a fine within the prescribed time by any individual Franchise, could result in that Franchise being put on probation and/or expelled from the NWYFL.
- 13.17.4 The Board will reach a decision within seventy-two (72) hours of the occurrence and inform the offending Franchise, in writing, of its decision at that time. Shall a representative of the offending Franchise wish to discuss the said forfeit, they will have the right to do so within forty-eight (48) hours of the occurrence with a designated member of the Board. The Board reserves the right to weigh the circumstances of each occurrence and make a decision. If the Board finds that the offending Franchise was at fault in the forfeit, all above penalties will apply. If it was determined that the forfeit was beyond the control of the offending Franchise, no penalties or sanctions will be assessed.

ARTICLE 13.18. SCHEDULING

- 13.18.1 The NWYFL Board or a designated committee will schedule all regular and post-season games including bowl, playoff and championship games.
- 13.18.2 No change to the schedule can be made by any Franchise without first requesting, in writing, such change. Any requests for schedule changes must be received by the League Administrator, or a designated committee, a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled game.
- 13.18.3 Every Franchise will have their home field schedule, including dates, times, specific fields and homecoming requests in writing to the League Administrator or a designated committee by the regularly scheduled July meeting.
- 13.18.4 In the event of game cancellations due to weather or other extenuating circumstances, the rescheduling of these games is at the sole discretion of the Board or a designated committee. No Franchise may reschedule any league-sanctioned game.
- 13.18.5 Infractions to any of the above scheduling by-laws can result in a forfeit of the game being rescheduled and/or up to a two hundred dollar (\$200.00) fine per occurrence.
- 13.18.6 The only exception to the scheduling by-laws shall be as it pertains to Section XV, Article 15.1.4 in these by-laws. In the event there is no Varsity Pac Ten level in a given year, Varsity Big Ten coaches have the right to schedule scrimmage games to allow players having one (1) or less quarters of play in the previous weeks game, the opportunity to play in game situations. Any field or referee costs incurred for these games will be the responsibility of the individual Franchises involved.

ARTICLE 13.19. BIG TEN POST-SEASON PLAY, SEEDING AND TIE BREAKERS:

- 13.19.1 If there ARE NO conferences in a division at the Big Ten level, then the top four (4) BIG TEN teams in that division will qualify for the playoffs as selected and seeded per Section XIII, Article 13.19.2, and will compete in two (2) post-season division

playoff games with Seed A playing Seed D and Seed B playing Seed C. The winner of each of those division playoff games will then compete in the Division Championship game.

13.19.2 Eligibility for and seeding in the Big Ten post-season playoffs will be determined in the order below on the basis of:

- A. Seed (A) - Team with best won-loss percentage record in the Division
- B. Seed (B) - Team with 2nd best won-loss percentage record in the Division
- C. Seed (C) - Team with 3rd best won-loss percentage record in the Division
- D. Seed (D) - Team with 4th best won-loss percentage record in the Division

13.19.3 In the event teams are tied in the standings within the same division, the following tiebreakers are applied to determine which team receives the higher seeding.

- A. Head To Head Results (best won-loss percentage in games played among the teams)
- B. Post Season Point System Points, highest to lowest (see Article 13.21.1 below)
- C. Coin Flip

NOTE: If two (2) or more teams remain tied after a team has been eliminated and seeded during any step, the tie breaker reverts back to step A for the remaining teams.

13.19.4 If there ARE to be Conferences in a Division at the Big Ten level, the NWYFL board will determine the playoff format during the August meeting.

ARTICLE 13.20. PAC TEN POST-SEASON PLAY, SEEDING AND TIE BREAKERS:

13.20.1 If there ARE NO conferences in a division at the Pac Ten level, then the top four (4) PAC TEN teams in the division will qualify for the playoffs, as selected and seeded per Section XIII, Article 13.20.2 and will compete in two (2) post-season division playoff games with Seed A playing Seed D and Seed B playing Seed C. The winners of each of those division playoff games will then compete in the Division Championship game.

13.20.2 Eligibility for and seeding in the Pac Ten post-season playoffs WITHOUT conferences will be determined in the order below on the basis of:

- A. Seed (A) - Team with best won-loss percentage record in the Division
- B. Seed (B) - Team with 2nd best won-loss percentage record in the Division
- C. Seed (C) - Team with 3rd best won-loss percentage record in the Division
- D. Seed (D) - Team with 4th best won-loss percentage record in the Division

13.20.3 In the event teams are tied in the standings within the same division, the following tiebreakers are applied to determine which team receives the higher seeding.

- A. Head To Head Results (best won-loss percentage in games played among the teams)
- B. Post Season Point System Points, highest to lowest (see Article 13.21.1 below)
- C. Coin Flip

NOTE: If two (2) or more teams remain tied after a team has been eliminated and seeded during any step, the tie breaker reverts back to step A for the remaining teams.

13.20.4 If there ARE conferences in a division at the Pac Ten level, then the top four (4) PAC TEN teams in each conference will qualify for the playoffs as selected and seeded per Section XIII, Article 13.20.5, and will compete in two (2) post-season conference playoff games in each of their respective conferences with Seed A playing Seed D and Seed B playing Seed C. The winners of those conference playoff games will then compete in a Conference Championship game; however, in this situation there will be no Division Championship game.

13.20.5 Eligibility for and seeding in the Pac Ten post-season playoffs WITH conferences will be determined in the order below for EACH CONFERENCE on the basis of:

- A. Seed (A) - Team with best overall won-loss percentage record in their division
- B. Seed (B) - Team with 2nd best overall won-loss percentage record in their division
- C. Seed (C) - Team with 3rd best overall won-loss percentage record in their division
- D. Seed (D) - Team with 4th best overall won-loss percentage record in their division

13.20.3 In the event teams are tied in the standings within the same conference, the following tiebreakers are applied to determine which team receives the higher seeding.

- A. Head To Head Results (best won-loss percentage in games played among the teams)
- B. Post Season Point System Points, highest to lowest (see Article 13.21.1 below)
- C. Coin Flip

NOTE: If two (2) or more teams remain tied after a team has been eliminated and seeded during any step, the tie breaker reverts back to step A for the remaining teams.

ARTICLE 13.21. POST-SEASON TIE BREAKER POINT SYSTEM

13.21.1 Post-season Point System Points will be awarded for each game played based upon whether the team wins or loses, and depending on the Victory Margin (winner's score minus loser's score) as follows in the table below:

Team	Victory Margin	Postseason Points Awarded
Losing team	Not applicable	0
Winning team	1 to 24 points	2
Winning team	25 to 31 points	1
Winning team	32 to 39 points	MINUS 4
Winning team	40 points or more	MINUS 8

SECTION XIV
FRANCHISE AND TEAM GAME RESPONSIBILITY

ARTICLE 14.1. HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITY:

- 14.1.1 The home team is always responsible for all field costs and for the cost of officials for all home games during the regular season.
- 14.1.2 Must provide a regulation size football field with the proper lining and field markings (or one acceptable to the NWYFL).
- 14.1.3 Must have at least one regulation size goal post on the football field.
- 14.1.4 For all playoff games a scoreboard with a working game clock must be provided. Every attempt will be made to comply with this rule. In the event of unforeseen electrical or mechanical problems, the officials may opt to keep time on the field.
- 14.1.5 Must provide regulation down markers and a chain crew. The chain crew is considered to be officials during the game and as such must conduct themselves in an unbiased manner and follow the instructions as per the Line-To-Gain Crew Instructions (see Section XXII, Exhibit I of these bylaws). If their conduct is considered to be inappropriate, the Field Commissioner and/or referees can have them removed from the visiting sidelines to the home field sidelines and/or replaced by another crew.
- 14.1.6 Must provide a working scale, and two (2) certified fifty (50) pound calibration weights for all pre-game weigh-ins
- 14.1.7 Must provide a regulation new or like new football for each home game per Section XIII Article 13.12. The visiting team may exchange the football when they are on offense as per the NWYFL Football Exchange rule (see Section XXII, Exhibit H of these bylaws).
- 14.1.8 Must provide adequate crowd control barriers when possible.
- 14.1.9 Must have a cellular phone number available at all times beginning from one and a half (1-1/2) hours preceding the first game time until the conclusion of the last scheduled game. This number is to be on record with the League Administrator by the regularly scheduled August meeting. Any changes or alternate number must be given to the League Administrator immediately upon the change.
- 14.1.10 Failure to supply all equipment necessary is cause for penalty or forfeiture as determined by the officials.
- 14.1.11 Must have a designated Field Commissioner available for all home games. .

ARTICLE 14.2. EVERY TEAM RESPONSIBILITY:

- 14.2.1 Arrive and complete the pre-game weigh-in no later than thirty (30) minutes prior to

the scheduled game time. If a team has not completed the weigh-in within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled start, the officials may impose a penalty or forfeiture (unless late arrival notice has been received). No intimidation or chanting by players, coaches or fans shall be allowed on the way to, at, or on the way from weigh-ins.

- A. Shall a player from either team arrive after weigh-ins have been conducted but prior to the game beginning, the head coach from that team shall locate the Field Commissioner and the opposing teams head coach to allow the player to weigh-in and play.
- B. Shall a player from either team arrive after the game begins, the head coach shall find the Field Commissioner and the opposing teams' head coach to allow the player to weigh-in and play, beginning with the second (2nd) half of the game.
- C. Shall any player arrive after the start of the second half, he will not be allowed to play in that game.
- D. Only players, coaches and Field Commissioners are allowed to attend the pre-game weigh-in.

14.2.2 Responsible for the conduct and deportment of their coaches, players and fans. Every effort should be made to maintain an aura of good sportsmanship. Officials have the right, with proper warning to head coaches, to assess a fifteen (15) yard penalty for inadequate crowd control and unruly behavior on the part of coaches, players or fans. Officials may have any person removed from the area. If the problems persist and/or the ejected person refuses to leave the area, the referees can elect to forfeit the game. Penalty and/or removal is solely at the discretion of the officials. Head coaches are responsible for and shall make every effort to control the behavior of their sidelines at all times before, during and immediately following their game.

14.2.3 The only people allowed on the field side of the crowd barrier are the players involved in the game, a maximum of seven (7) coaches and/or staff people per team, the officials and the chain gang.

14.2.4 Shall the behavior of the coaches, players and fans become unruly or un-sportsmanlike at any time, (before, during or after any game) the individual Franchises Executive Board members, Board of Directors and coaching staff of that Franchise will be held accountable to the league. The Board of the NWYFL has the sole and undisputed right to suspend any Franchises Executive Board member, Board of Director member or coach from a minimum of one (1) game to a maximum of lifetime involvement within the NWYFL. The Board of the NWYFL maintains the exclusive and undisputed right to impose up to a five hundred dollar (\$500.00) penalty for any infraction.

14.2.5 At the completion of each game and prior to their next scheduled game, head coaches are encouraged to fill out an NWYFL Referee Game Evaluation and Comment Form rating the officials of that game. Coaches may fill out the form online on the NWYFL website or complete and email a form as supplied by the NWYFL. These forms should be submitted to the NWYFL League Administrator or its designated committee prior to the following weeks game. Referees will also be rating the action of the coaches and advising the head referee and the League Administrator of their observations.

- 14.2.6 Responsible for all players equipment. Equipment must meet approved IHSA, NOCSAE or NFHS standards and safety ratings.
- 14.2.7 The use of any type of phones (headphones, cell phones etc.) for coaching purposes during games will not be allowed by any team or coaching staffs.
- 14.2.8 Videotaping or filming any team, other than a team from your own Franchise, participating in a scheduled NWYFL game is prohibited unless each of the opposing team Franchises Presidents agree and you have this authorization in writing prior to filming.
- 14.2.9 Each Franchise is to make sure that each head coach and Field Commissioner has a copy of the league by-laws, policies and any special playing provisions on hand at all league games.

ARTICLE 14.3. CONDUCT OF PLAYERS AND COACHES

- 14.3.1 All players are to conduct themselves in such a way as to conform to the rules of sportsmanship. Any player ejected from a game, for any reason, will serve an automatic one (1) game suspension. That suspension is to be served during the next scheduled game. A second ejection of the same player will result in the suspension of the player and the head coach for the next scheduled game. A third ejection of the same player will result in the player and the head coach to be suspended for the remainder of the season.
- 14.3.2 All coaches are to conduct themselves in such a way as to conform to the rules of sportsmanship. Any coach ejected from a game, for any reason, will serve an automatic one (1) game suspension. The suspension will include all coaching duties (including practice) and the next scheduled game. If the ejection occurs in the last game of the year, the suspension, including practice, will carry over to the next year. A second (2nd) ejection for the same coach, for any reason will result in a suspension of all coaching performances, within the NWYFL for the remainder of the season. For each ejection of a coach, the coach's Franchise will be fined up to three-hundred dollars (\$300) or the Franchise can elect to suspend the coach from all coaching duties for the remainder of the season to avoid monetary penalty.
- 14.3.3 **Any coach who threatens or displays any act of physical violence towards another coach, an official, a player, a parent/legal guardian or a spectator, or touches a player in an aggressive manner; will be banned from coaching within the NWYFL. If the offense occurred during a game, the coach will be ejected and the game will be forfeited. Any parent who threatens or displays any act of violence towards a coach, an official, a player, another parent/legal guardian, or a spectator, may be permanently barred from attending games within the NWYFL. Any person committing an offense as outlined above, may also be subject to legal action under IL statute 720 ILCS 5/12-2.**
- 14.3.4 Notification of any and all ejected players, coaches, parents/legal guardians should be reported upon occurrence. If a player, coach or parent/legal guardian is ejected from a game, the head coach of the opposing team will complete the proper NWYFL

Player/Coach/Parent Ejection Form (see Section XXII, Exhibit J of these by-laws), and have it signed by the official. The head coach must email, fax or deliver this form to his Franchise President within twenty-four (24) hours of the occurrence. The Franchise President, in turn, will email or fax the form to the President of the ejected players or coaches Franchise and the League Administrator within forty-eight (48) hours of the occurrence. Written notification by the official may also be given to the head official who in turn may notify the League Administrator. The League Administrator will Notify all Franchise Presidents of ejected players and coaches who are to serve a one game suspension for the next scheduled game within seventy-two (72) hours of receiving written notification and will determine how any ejected parents/legal guardians will be penalized prior to the next scheduled game.

- 14.3.5 Each player and coach will line up and shake hands with the opposing team immediately following the conclusion of the game. Team meetings will not be held until after handshakes have been exchanged.
- 14.3.6 No individual may be a head coach for more than one (1) team during the same season.

SECTION XV

QUALIFICATIONS FOR GAME ELIGIBILITY (ALL MUST BE MET)

ARTICLE 15.1. ROSTER QUALIFICATION

- 15.1.1 Team rosters on the official NWYFL Roster Form as supplied by the NWYFL, must be completed electronically (except for weight of player) in ascending numerical jersey number order (1, 2, 3, etc.) and submitted to the NWYFL League Administrator or a designated committee one (1) week prior to the first weeks games, including any byes, for all divisions and levels. The league week shall be considered from Monday thru Sunday. Until prior to the 4th week of the regular season games, including any byes, a player is eligible to play in any division and at any level he qualifies for.
- 15.1.2 Any change in a roster between week one (1) and week four (4) of the regular season, including any byes, must be submitted to the League Administrator or a designated committee, by the Wednesday prior to the game in which the revised roster is to take effect. Players may never play in more than one (1) game per week except for Varsity players under the NWYFL Varsity Pac Ten Player Exception Agreement (see Section XXII, Exhibit K of these by-laws). Each player is allowed only one (1) roster move. By week four (4) of the regular season, including any byes, the player must be permanently on a roster in one (1) division and on one (1) team. Copies of final rosters will be distributed to all Franchises prior to week five (5) of the regular season, including any byes.
- 15.1.3 No roster may exceed thirty-one (31) players. Once a team has more than thirty-one (31) players on the roster, the Franchise will create another Pac Ten team for that level assuming there are enough Pac Ten teams at that level within the NWYFL for competition. Exceptions are to be reviewed by the Board at its regularly scheduled

August meeting.

- 15.1.4 In the event that there will not be a Varsity Pac Ten level within a given year, the Varsity Big Ten level will be allowed to roster a maximum of forty (40) players for that season. Shall this occur, Varsity coaches have the right to schedule scrimmage games for those players that play less than one (1) quarter of play during the previously played NWFYFL scheduled Varsity game.
- 15.1.5 Final electronic team rosters are due to the League Administrator, or a designated committee on the Wednesday prior to the week four (4) regular season game, including any byes. Only players listed on that roster are eligible to play for the balance of the season on that team and no player may be listed on more than one (1) roster/team.
- 15.1.6 Failure to comply with roster regulations can result in a forfeit.

ARTICLE 15.2. AGE QUALIFICATION

- 15.2.1 In addition to being on a roster, each player must furnish proof of age via a birth certificate or other recognized types of documentation, and must meet the age qualification as per the NWFYFL Age and Weight Qualification Parameter Table (see Section XXII, Exhibit L of these by-laws), for that division. The birth certificates will be checked and verified against the team roster by the NWFYFL board or a designated committee prior to the start of the season. The NWFYFL will keep the rosters on file in case of any discrepancies during the season. The rosters shall be destroyed at the conclusion of the season.

ARTICLE 15.3. WEIGHT QUALIFICATION

- 15.3.1 In addition to being on a roster, each player must meet the weight qualification as per the NWFYFL Age and Weight Qualification Parameter Table (see Section XXII, Exhibit L of these by-laws), for that division.

ARTICLE 15.4. PRE-GAME WEIGH-IN

- 15.4.1 Pre-game weigh-in will be completed at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled game time for every regulation, bowl, playoff and championship game, (see Section XIV Article 14.2.1 of these by-laws).
- 15.4.2 Each team, prior to every game, shall make players available in ascending numerical jersey number order at the scale provided by the home team, and rosters shall be exchanged. The players' weight must not exceed the maximum allowed for the division they are rostered in. If a player does not meet the roster age or weight requirements he/she is ineligible for that game.
- 15.4.3 Weigh-ins for all games will be conducted by the home teams' Field Commissioner and both team's coaching staffs.
- 15.4.4 Players must be weighed wearing all NWFYFL required equipment, (see Section XV

Article 15.5.1 below) and must wear the same equipment during the game. If a player fails to make weight and is wearing any additional non league-required equipment, the player may remove the non league-required equipment and be weighed a second time wearing only the league-required equipment that he originally weighed in with. Please note the additional 1/2 pound (half-pound) weight allowance starting with week one and for each week of the season in the NWFYFL Age and Weight Qualification Parameter Table, (see Section XXII, Exhibit L of these by-laws). Safety equipment such as rib pads, elbow pads and arm pads are not considered part of the league-required equipment and need not be worn during weigh-in. All STRIPERS are required to bring their helmets to weigh-in, however they are not required to wear the helmet during weigh-in.

15.4.5 Players failing to make weight may remain on the sidelines but must remove their helmets and shoulder pads.

15.4.6 No player may exchange any piece of the league-required equipment once they have weighed-in. If, because of an equipment problem, an exchange becomes necessary, the opposing teams' head coach must be immediately notified before any change in equipment takes place.

ARTICLE 15.5. EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

15.5.1 The following, is a list of league-required equipment that each player must wear for the weigh-in and/or must be worn during the game:

- A. Game Jersey (not required for weigh-in)
- B. Shoulder Pads (not required for weigh-in)
- C. Game Pants
- D. 2 Hip Pads
- E. 1 Tail Bone Pad
- F. 2 Thigh Pads
- G. 2 Knee Pads
- H. Socks of any kind
- I. T-shirt (may be ¾ length and sleeveless, but no bands)
- J. Shoes that meet NFHS standards (not required for weigh-in)
- K. Mouth guard that meets NFHS standards (not required at weigh-in)
- L. Helmet (Stripers must bring their helmet to weigh-in but they are not required to be worn at weigh-in)

15.5.2 The following is a list of additional items the player may wear AFTER weigh-in:

- A. Additional sweat shirts or tee shirts worn under the game jersey
- B. Insulated tights or long underwear under the game pants and pads
- C. Rib protector
- D. Elbow pads
- E. Forearm pads
- F. Hand pads
- G. Additional pairs of socks
- H. Knit hats under the helmet.
- I. Gloves
- J. Protective Cup

SECTION XVI

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH DIVISION

ARTICLE 16.1. MAXIMUM AGES

- 16.1.1 Maximum ages are given for each division of play. The age stated for each division is the maximum age allowed for the respective division as of September 1st of the playing year. For example, Player "A" has a birth date of September 20th and will be thirteen (13) on that day. He weighs one hundred five (105) pounds with equipment. Since he is twelve (12) on September 1st, he is eligible to play in the Red division.

ARTICLE 16.2. MAXIMUM WEGHTS

- 16.2.1 Maximum weights are given for each division of play. The weight stated for each division is the maximum weight allowed for the respective division at game time. Please note that, depending on the division, allowances are made for increases in weight of six (6) pounds during the season. For example: Player "B" is fourteen (14) on September 1st of the playing year and weighs one hundred-thirty three (133) pounds with equipment. He is eligible to play in the JV division. At the third (3rd) week of play he may weigh one hundred thirty-four and one half (134.5) pounds, at the fifth (5th) week one hundred thirty-five and one half (135.5) pounds, at the seventh (7th) week, one hundred thirty-six and one half (136.5) pounds and the eleventh (11th) week, one hundred thirty-eight and one half (138.5) pounds (all weights are with required equipment).

ARTICLE 16.3. EQUIPMENT ALLOWANCE

- 16.3.1 All weights in the NWFYFL weight chart include a three (3) pound allowance for equipment for all divisions.

ARTICLE 16.4. OLDER/LIGHTER RULE

- 16.4.1 An exception to the standard age/weight rules is the "Older/Lighter" rule which states that, at either the Blue, Green, Orange or Red divisions, if a child is twenty (20) or more pounds lighter than the maximum weight allowed at the respective division and is no more than one (1) year older than the maximum age allowed at the respective division as per the NWFYFL Age and Weight Qualification Parameter Table (see Section XXII, Exhibit L of these by-laws), he is eligible to play in that respective division. For example: Player "D" is eleven (11) on September 1st and weighs seventy-three (73) pounds with equipment. He is eligible to play in the Green division since he is no more than one (1) year older than the maximum allowed age of ten (10) for the Green division and he is at least twenty (20) pounds lighter than the maximum weight of ninety-three (93) pounds for the Green division. This is not a mandatory rule but one that can be applied at the request of the player or his parents.

ARTICLE 16.5. YOUNGER/HEAVIER SINGLE & DOUBLE STRIPER RULES

- 16.5.1 The league identifies that a player's maturity must be matched as well as his weight. In addition to the Older/Lighter rule, the league also has exceptions at the Blue, Green and Red divisions and the JV Pac Ten level for the younger, heavier ball player. The NWFYFL Age and Weight Qualification Parameter Table (see Section XXII, Exhibit L of these by-laws) illustrates when a player is eligible to play in their respective division even though their weight is greater than the weight allowances for that division. The basis for this rule is to prevent younger players from having to play two (2) or more divisions above their normal age due to their weight.
- 16.5.2 All Younger/Heavier Single Stripe (Y/H-SS) players can be no more than ten (10) pounds above the regular weight limit in the NWFYFL Age and Weight Qualification Parameter Table (see Section XXII, Exhibit L of these by-laws) and would wear a Single Stripe on their helmet and conform to the striper rules as described in Section XX Article 20.1. At weigh-in, Y/H (Single Stripe) players will be identified as "Y/H-SS" on the team roster and need to be weighed and show their helmet displaying a Single Stripe. Violation of these Younger/Heavier rules will result in a penalty as documented in Section XX Article 20.1.6 of these by-laws.
- 16.5.3 In addition to the Younger/Heavier Single Stripe players, there is also an exception for players that weigh more than ten (10) pounds above the regular weight limit in the NWFYFL Age and Weight Qualification Parameter Table. The basis for this rule is to prevent younger players from having to play two (2) or more divisions above their normal age due to their weight. All Younger/Heavier Double Stripe (Y/H-DS) players are allowed an additional seven (7) pounds for each year they are younger than the Younger/Heavier Single Striper age for their respective division to a maximum of thirty (30) pounds above the regular weight limit for their division in the NWFYFL Age and Weight Qualification Parameter Table. For example: Player "D" is eight (8) years old on September 1st and weighs one hundred-ten (110) pounds with equipment. He is eligible to play in the Green division since he is one (1) year younger than the Younger/Heavier Single Striper age of nine (9) for the Green division and he is no more than seven (7) pounds over the Younger/Heavier Single Striper weight of one hundred-three (103) pounds for the Green division. These Y/H-DS players would wear a Double Stripe on their helmet and conform to the striper rules as described in Section XX Article 20.1. At weigh-in, Y/H-DS (Double Stripe) players will be identified as "Y/H-DS" on the team roster, need to be weighed, and must show their helmet displaying a Double Stripe. Violation of these Younger/Heavier rules will result in a penalty as documented in Section XX Article 20.1.6 of these by-laws.

SECTION XVII

EQUAL PLAY RULE, EXCESS SCORE RULE AND VIOLATIONS

(APPLICABLE TO ALL PAC TEN LEVELS AND BIG TEN BLUE, GREEN & ORANGE)

ARTICLE 17.1. EQUAL PLAYING TIME

- 17.1.1 The primary objective of the Pac Ten level in all divisions, and the Big Ten Blue, Big Ten Green and Big Ten Orange levels, is to maximize playing time for all players. To

facilitate equitable playing time, the league encourages a two (2) platoon system. For example: With the change of possession, all players on the field leave the game, unless a team has less than twenty-two (22) players. If a team has less than twenty-two (22) players, all players on the sideline enter the game with the change of possession. Each Franchise is responsible for monitoring their coaches, and referees may not be asked to enforce nor monitor equal play.

- 17.1.2 It is advisable to keep rosters under twenty-two (22) players in order to maximize playing time.
- 17.1.3 A team has the right, for disciplinary or health reasons, not to allow a player to participate in a game. If a player is being disciplined in this manner, or if the player is ill, the opposing coach should be notified and the player's helmet and shoulder pads should be removed to avoid confusion.

ARTICLE 17.2. PAC TEN AND BIG TEN BLUE, GREEN and **ORANGE** EXCESS SCORE RULES

- 17.2.1 The four (4) starting backfield players must be circled on the rosters that are exchanged before the game. When a team scores and goes ahead by eighteen (18) points, except for the PAT attempt even if it is for the 19th or 20th point; on their next offensive series the starting backfield circled on the roster, and any other players that have **played** in the backfield more than six (6) plays for the team in the lead, must be removed from any contact with the ball other than the center position. This includes Kick-Off Returns – Punt Returns, End Reverses or any Receiver positions if catching a pass. These players may be used to kick-off, punt, kick extra points, kick field goals or be a holder for extra points or field goals. However, if used in any of these situations, the ball will be declared dead if this player fumbles or mishandles the ball and tries to advance. On defense, it does not include contact with the ball that may result from an interception or a fumble recovery or a fumble recovery while on the kick-off team or punting team. When the lead falls below eighteen (18) points, players from the starting backfield that were circled on the roster along with any other players that played more than 6 plays in the backfield and were removed from contact with the ball may return to play in the backfield once again and may have contact with the ball in any position
- 17.2.2 A team in the lead by eighteen (18) or more points may not advance the ball after an interception or fumble recovery. The ball becomes dead at the spot of the interception or fumble recovery.
- 17.2.3 It is recommended that the entire offensive and defensive composition be changed as the ball turns over.
- 17.2.4 A team behind by eighteen (18) points or more at the end of the first half has the option to kick or receive to begin the second half.
- 17.2.5 A team behind by eighteen (18) points or more may kick off at the fifty (50) yard line in the Orange division, the Red and JV Pac 10 levels or the receiving team's thirty (30) yard line at the Blue and Green divisions.

- 17.2.6 When a team is ahead by eighteen (18) points or more it must kick off from its thirty (30) yard line in the **Orange** division, the Red and JV Pac 10 levels and or its twenty (20) yard line in the Blue and Green divisions. In all divisions and levels noted above, a team behind by 18 or more points has the option of taking the ball at their own 40 yards line instead of receiving a kickoff.

ARTICLE 17.3. VIOLATION OF EQUAL PLAYING TIME OR EXCESS SCORE RULES.

- 17.3.1 The head coach of each Franchise is responsible for monitoring compliance with the equal play and excess score rules. If a violation occurs, the following actions are to be taken:
- A. The head coach will request a conference with the opposing teams head coach and the referees at mid-field. The violation will be discussed and shall be rectified in a sportsmanlike manner.
 - B. Continued violation will result in a verbal protest being filed with the Field Commissioner and the referees at a second (2nd) conference. A formal protest shall also be filed with the NWFYFL as per Section XIII Articles 13.14.1 and 13.15.1 of these by-laws. The league Board has sole authority for coaches reprimand or expulsion. Each Franchise is responsible for their teams' actions and are subject to any disciplinary action the NWFYFL Board deems appropriate.
 - C. Should violations occur, no game should be terminated or forfeited at any point of play. If the violating team fails to correct the situation after the verbal protest, it will weigh heavily on determining disciplinary actions.

SECTION XVIII

EXCEPTIONS TO IHSA/NFHS PLAYING RULES

ARTICLE 18.1. EXCEPTIONS TO IHSA/NFHS PLAYING RULES

- 18.1.1 The NWFYFL will follow current IHSA/NFHS rules for all divisions of play, except for the differences and limitations as noted in these bylaws, the NWFYFL Rules and Regulations and with the following exceptions: Field Markings, 2 Yard Coaches and Team Box Sideline Regulations, 2 Yard Sideline Chain Crew Regulations, Jersey Colors, All Player Numbering Requirements, scrimmage kick formation for punter is a minimum of 7 yards for the **Orange**, Red, JV and Varsity divisions at all levels, NFHS Required Labeling, 3 Minute Halftime Warm Up, No 15 yard Penalties at Blue or Green Divisions all Levels.
- 18.1.1 The Varsity, Junior Varsity Big Ten, and Red Big Ten teams will play with a ten (10) minute IHSA stop clock. The JV Pac Ten and Red Pac Ten level teams along with **ALL Orange** and Green division teams will play with a nine (9) minute IHSA stop clock. ALL Blue division teams will play with an eight (8) minute IHSA stop clock. Half time intermission will be equal to the same time as one quarter of play.
- 18.1.2 If the point differential is twenty-eight (28) or more points at the, Varsity, Junior Varsity Big Ten and Red Big Ten games at the start of the fourth quarter or anytime during the fourth quarter, the game clock will change to a Running Clock for the

remainder of the game as per the NWFYFL Running Clock Rules (see Section XXII, Exhibit M of these by-laws). However, at any time prior to the fourth quarter, the team behind by twenty-eight (28) or more points has the option to have the game clock change to a Running Clock for the remainder of the game as per the NWFYFL Running Clock Rules (see Section XXII, Exhibit M of these by-laws). Once the game clock becomes a running clock it will not revert back to a Stop Clock.

- 18.1.3 If the point differential is eighteen (18) or more points at the Blue Big Ten, Green Big Ten, **Orange Big Ten**, and ALL Pac Ten level games at the start of the fourth quarter or anytime during the fourth quarter, the game clock will change to a Running Clock for the remainder of the game as per the NWFYFL Running Clock Rules (see Section XXII, Exhibit M of these by-laws). However, at any time prior to the fourth quarter, the team behind by eighteen (18) or more points has the option to have the game clock change to a Running Clock for the remainder of the game as per the NWFYFL Running Clock Rules (see Section XXII, Exhibit M of these by-laws). Once the game clock becomes a running clock it will not revert back to a Stop Clock.
- 18.1.4 Upon an eighteen (18) point difference, at the Blue Big Ten, Green Big Ten, **Orange Big Ten**, and ALL Pac Ten levels, passing on offense by the team in the lead and blitzing on defense by either team is prohibited. A maximum of 5 players may be on the line and rush past the line of scrimmage at the snap of the ball. No passing plays or on-side kicks will be allowed by the team in the lead. Violations will incur an un-sportsmanlike penalty
- 18.1.5 Upon a twenty-eight (28) point difference at the Varsity, Junior Varsity Big Ten and Red Big Ten levels, the team in the lead is restricted to running plays only. No passing plays and no onside kicks will be allowed by the team in the lead. Violations will incur a fifteen (15) yard un-sportsmanlike penalty.
- 18.1.6 Two (2) points will be awarded for a successful PAT kick conversion. One (1) point will be awarded for a successful PAT running or passing conversion play into the end zone.
- 18.1.7 All Varsity, JV, Red and **Orange** division Big Ten and Pac Ten level teams have twenty-five (25) seconds to snap the ball, once the ball is placed down and signaled ready for play by the referee.
- 18.1.8 All Blue and Green Big Ten and Pac Ten teams have thirty-five (35) seconds to snap the ball, once the ball is placed down and signaled ready for play by the referee.

ARTICLE 18.2. REFEREES

- 18.2.1 The NWFYFL will use the following criteria for game officials.

- A. Varsity 3 officials
- B. JV Big Ten 3 officials
- C. JV Pac Ten 3 officials
- D. Red Big Ten 3 officials
- E. Red Pac Ten 3 officials
- F. Orange Big Ten 3 officials
- G. Orange Pac Ten 3 officials
- H. All Green levels 2 officials
- I. All Blue levels 2 officials

18.2.2 No game shall be cancelled or delayed more than fifteen (15) minutes shall the correct number of officials not be present at the scheduled game time. If there is a minimum of one (1) official in attendance, the game will begin. Every effort will be made by the Field Commissioner or Franchise President to get the additional official(s) as soon as possible.

18.2.3 Games may not be started any earlier than fifteen (15) minutes prior to their scheduled start-time, however, the Field Commissioner may start a game up to fifteen minutes prior to its scheduled start time, as long as both teams have completed their weigh-in.

SECTION XIX
TIE BREAKER

ARTICLE 19.1. TIE BREAKER PROCEDURE

19.1.1 **The NWFYFL requires that all games at all levels have a winner.** Ties at the end of regulation play for all Varsity, Big Ten and Pac Ten level games will be decided in accordance with the Kansas City Tie Breaker format in the following manner:

- A. The winner of a coin toss will select to start the overtime period on offense or defense. The other team has the choice of end zones. The end zone does not change with change of possession. Each team is given an alternating series of four (4) downs, starting from the ten (10) yard line, to score either a touchdown or field goal. Each team receives an equal number of possessions with the maximum being two (2) for Big Ten Red, JV and Varsity and one (1) for Big Ten Blue, Big Ten Green, Big Ten Orange and all Pac Ten levels. Exception: Two (2) possessions for Big Ten Blue, Big Ten Green, Big Ten Orange and all Pac Ten levels in a playoff game and unlimited possessions at all divisions and levels for championship games. Extra points will count in the total points scored on a possession after a touchdown. An extra point must be attempted. The first team to outscore the other in equal possession wins.
- B. If the score is still tied after the possessions as outlined in Section 19.1.1 Article A above have been completed; the ball will be placed at midfield. The winner of a coin flip will either choose to go on offense or defense, or choose the direction of the final overtime period. The other team has the remaining choice. Each team is given four (4) downs to gain as much positive (or the least negative) yardage as possible. If a turnover occurs, that teams overtime period is completed, and the yardage gained or lost is computed at the time of

the turnover. In the case of a fumble during a run, the final spot is the point of the fumble or last controlled spot on the field by that team. In the case of an interception, the final spot is the line of scrimmage where the play started.

- C. No first downs are awarded and all penalties are assessed whether they result in positive or negative yardage.
- D. Both teams must attempt all four (4) downs, unless a turnover occurs or a team scores a touchdown. If a touchdown is scored in less than four (4) downs, the scoring team does not receive any more downs to gain more yardage.
- E. Extra points and field goals are not attempted.
- F. If after the four (4) downs the yardage is the same, both teams will start another four (4) downs from midfield in the same direction, however, the team that originally started on offense will now start on defense.
- G. In the tiebreaker period, each team is allowed one (1) timeout per sequence
- H. The team that wins the tiebreaker period will be awarded 2 point for the tiebreaker win.

SECTION XX

RULES UNIQUE FOR EACH DIVISION OR LEVEL

ARTICLE 20.1. STRIPERS

- 20.1.1 Stripers are allowed at all levels except the JV Big Ten level.
- 20.1.2 These restricted positions are to be identified by a single or double stripe of Bright Green or Yellow Electrical Tape and positioned horizontally completely around the helmet. If it is a double stripe, the horizontal stripes must be separated by at least one (1) inch. Younger/Heavier players requiring a stripe or double stripe are defined in the NWFYFL Age and Weight Qualification Parameter Table (see Section XXII, Exhibit L of these by-laws). All other players are allowed to play all positions on the field without restriction.
- 20.1.3 Players wearing a stripe or double stripe on their helmet (a striper or double striper) may never advance the ball offensively or defensively. The ball is considered a dead ball when it is under the control of a striper or double striper. **A double striper is only allowed to play on the offensive line.** When on offense, stripers or double striper must play an interior line position from tackle to tackle and be covered by an end. On defense, a striper is restricted to line positions and they must take a forward charge at the snap of the ball. They may not stunt to outside positions and cannot line up more than one (1) yard outside of the offensive tackle. They need not to be covered on defense. All stripers must be in the down position, a three (3) or four (4) point stance, except if acting as a kicker or punter. This applies to any striper either on offense or defense.
- 20.1.4 A team may never have more than five (5) stripers on the field at any one time including **no more than one double striper.**
- 20.1.5 Any striper may kickoff, punt, attempt a field goal and extra point kicks. Double stripers may not kickoff, but may punt or attempt field goals and extra point kicks. Stripers used in any kicking situation shall not attempt to advance the ball. Double

stripers used in punts, field goals and extra point kicks shall not attempt to advance the ball. If used in a kicking situation, a striper or double striper must kick the ball only. The ball will be declared a dead ball if a striper or double striper in a kicking position for punts, field goal attempt or extra points fumbles the ball or mishandles the ball. Direct snaps to eligible players while stripers or double stripers are in a punt, field goal or extra point position in the backfield will be a legal play when attempting a fake kick. Stripers or double stripers positioned to punt or attempt a field goal or an extra point kick, may not act as a blocker in a fake kicking situation.

20.1.6 Single striper and double striper violations are assessed a fifteen (15) yard penalty for un-sportsmanlike conduct in the **Orange**, Red, JV and Varsity divisions and a ten (10) yard penalty in the Blue and Green divisions.

20.1.7 During kickoffs, stripers are allowed on the receiving team but cannot be positioned further back than fifteen (15) yards from the line of scrimmage. Double stripers are not allowed on the receiving team.

ARTICLE 20.2 RULES UNIQUE FOR THE VARSITY, JV BIG TEN & RED BIG TEN LEVELS

20.2.1 Other than as noted in Section 18 of these bylaws, there are no unique rules at these levels

ARTICLE 20.3 RULES UNIQUE FOR THE JV PAC TEN, RED PAC TEN & ORANGE BIG TEN & PAC TEN LEVELS

20.3.1 Equal playing time and excess score rules apply at these levels.

20.3.2 No Franchise of the NWYFL may have a team at these Pac Ten levels without first fielding a team at the Big Ten levels unless exempted by a majority decision of the board.

20.3.3 All teams at these levels have twenty-five (25) seconds to snap the ball, once the ball is placed down and signaled ready for play by the referee.

20.3.4 At the Varsity Pac Ten level, the NWYFL will allow the use of a limited number of players from other Pac Ten or Big Ten teams for the purpose of providing sufficient playing time for Big Ten players and/or for maintaining the participation of teams who otherwise would not be able to field a Pac Ten team due to a limited number of players. The spirit of this agreement is to provide adequate playing time for all players and not to provide a competitive advantage to any team. Players being used in this situation should meet the criteria as defined in the Varsity Pac Ten Player Exception Agreement (see Section XXII, Exhibit K of these by-laws).

ARTICLE 20.4 RULES UNIQUE FOR THE BLUE AND GREEN DIVISIONS - ALL LEVELS

20.4.1 Equal play time and excess score rules apply in these divisions for all levels.

20.4.2 No Franchise of the NWYFL may have a team at these Pac Ten levels without first fielding a team at the Big Ten levels unless exempted by a majority decision of the

board.

- 20.4.3 The playing field used for these divisions is the standard football field width but is only eighty (80) yards long. The coaches box extends from mid-field to the 25 yard line.
- 20.4.4 Kick offs are from the forty (40) yard line and are received on the thirty (30) yard line. Free kicks after a safety are from the thirty (30) yard line.
- 20.4.5 All teams have thirty-five (35) seconds to snap the ball once the ball is placed down and signaled ready for play by the referee.
- 20.4.6 One (1) coach for each team is allowed on the field at all times. Once the quarterback comes to the line, is under the center, or is ready for the snap, these coaches must be ten (10) yards behind his deepest player and can no longer talk to, yell to, position, or in any way communicate to the players on the field until that play is over. The coach must also avoid any and all action during game play. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in a ten (10) yard un-sportsmanlike penalty.
- 20.4.7 A team cannot punt unless it informs the other team and the officials of their intentions.
- 20.4.8 Contact cannot occur on a punt until after the ball has been snapped and the ball has been punted. This is a free kick with no rushing or hazing of the punter. The punter must kick the ball from a minimum of five (5) yards behind the line of scrimmage. The punting team must line up in punting formation and snap the ball from center. There will be no live action until the ball is kicked. However, if the snap is errant, the ball must be kicked from a minimum of five (5) yards behind the line of scrimmage. After the kick, live action resumes. The punter may not walk up and take the punt directly from the center and walk back with it. The long snap must be attempted on every punt. The receiving team must line up with eight (8) players on the line of scrimmage and three (3) players in the secondary.
- 20.4.9 Rule infractions that incur a fifteen (15) yard penalty at other divisions incur a ten (10) yard penalty at the Green and Blue divisions. All other penalties are assessed equal yardage with other divisions.
- 20.4.10 Any kicking action, kickoff or punt, is live after any try, field goal or safety.
- 20.4.11 Any kicking of extra points or field goal attempts will be a free kick. The NWFYFL encourages all teams to have the center snap the ball to a holder, who then positions the ball on the block. The kicker will then attempt to kick the ball for a successful PAT. The ball is to be positioned anywhere between the hash marks and a minimum of five (5) yards behind the line of scrimmage. No defensive action, other than players standing or jumping up with their arms in the air, is allowed.

SECTION XXI

NWYFL REGISTERD FRANCHISE TEAM COLORS

<u>FRANCHISE</u>	<u>JERSEY COLOR</u>	<u>PANTS COLOR</u>	<u>HELMET COLOR</u>
ARLINGTON HTS	NAVY BLUE	BLUE	SILVER
BEACH PARK	ORANGE	WHITE	BLACK
ELK GROVE	WHITE	BLACK	RED
MT. PROSPECT	LIGHT BLUE	NAVY	SILVER
PALATINE	BLACK	BLACK	BLACK
SCHAUMBURG	CARDINAL RED	CARDINAL RED	WHITE

SECTION XXII

OFFICIAL MAPS, FORMS AND DOCUMENTS OF THE NWYFL

- Exhibit A: NWYFL Boundaries Map
- Exhibit B: NWYFL Franchise Boundaries Sample Letter
- Exhibit C: NWYFL Member Directory Sample Form
- Exhibit D: NWYFL Franchise Officers and Committee Member Sample Register
- Exhibit E: NWYFL Purchase Request Form
- Exhibit F: NWYFL Proposed By-Laws and Playing Rules Change Form
- Exhibit G: NWYFL Player Residency Waiver Form
- Exhibit H: NWYFL Football Exchange Rule
- Exhibit I: NWYFL Line-To Gain Crew Instructions
- Exhibit J: NWYFL Player or Coach Ejection Form
- Exhibit K: NWYFL Varsity Pac Ten Player Exception Agreement
- Exhibit L: NWYFL Age and Weight Qualification Parameter Table
- Exhibit M: NWYFL Running Clock Rule

Exhibit N: Timing an NWFYFL/IHSA Stop Cock Football Game

Exhibit O: Timing an NWFYFL Running Clock Football Game

EXHIBIT A

NWFYFL BOUNDARIES MAP

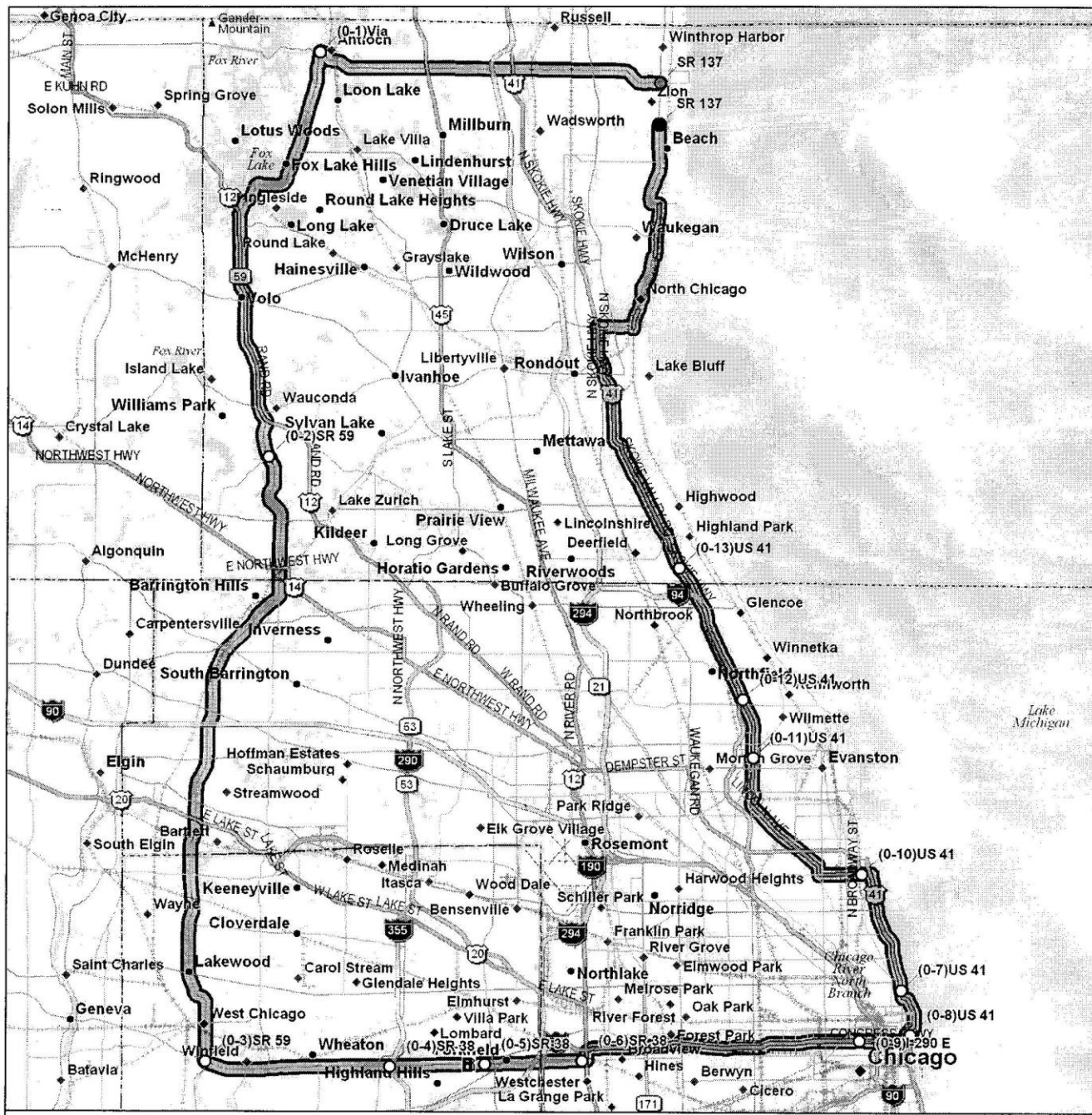


EXHIBIT B

NWYFL FRANCHISE BOUNDARIES SAMPLE LETTER

Date Letter Here

To: Nwyfl Executive Board

Re: (franchise name) Organizational Boundaries

The organizational boundaries with respect to the “(franchise name)” is defined as all geographic area that is assigned a (franchise town) residential address or an address that is within the (franchise town) Park District boundaries or (high school name or names if exclusive to only one Franchise). Furthermore, the (franchise name) will accept on a space available basis, applicants from outside of the defined franchise area if the applicant resides in an area that is not within one of the other Nwyfl franchise boundaries, as defined in the bylaws by address criteria.

Sincerely,

NAME
PRESIDENT OF FRANCHISE

EXHIBIT C

NWYFL MEMBER DIRECTORY FORM

FRANCHISE NAME HERE – (YEAR) SEASON

Please list the League Reps in order of their voting rights in the absence of the Board Director

Name (NWYFL Board Director)	
Position In Your Organization	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip code	
Home Telephone Number	
Work Telephone Number	
Cell Number	
Fax Telephone Number	
E-Mail Address Primary	
E-Mail Address Secondary	

Name (League Rep 1)	
Position In Your Organization	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip code	
Home Telephone Number	
Work Telephone Number	
Cell Number	
Fax Telephone Number	
E-Mail Address Primary	
E-Mail Address Secondary	

Name (League Rep 2)	
Position In Your Organization	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip code	
Home Telephone Number	
Work Telephone Number	
Cell Number	
Fax Telephone Number	
E-Mail Address Primary	
E-Mail Address Secondary	

EXHIBIT D

NWYFL FRANCHISE OFFICER AND COMMITTEE MEMBER REGISTER

(Franchise Name Here) – (YEAR) SEASON

Name	
Position In the NWFYFL	
Position In Your Organization	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip code	
Home Telephone Number	
Work Telephone Number	
Cell Number	
Fax Telephone Number	
E-Mail Address (1)	
E-Mail Address (2)	

Name	
Position In the NWFYFL	
Position In Your Organization	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip code	
Home Telephone Number	
Work Telephone Number	
Cell Number	
Fax Telephone Number	
E-Mail Address	

Name	
Position In the NWFYFL	
Position In Your Organization	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip code	
Home Telephone Number	
Work Telephone Number	
Cell Number	
Fax Telephone Number	
E-Mail Address	

GAME DAY CONTACT INFO:

Name	
Home Telephone Number	
Work Telephone Number	
Fax Telephone Number	
Cell Telephone Number	

EXHIBIT E
NWFYFL PURCHASE REQUEST FORM

Date Submitted: _____

Prepared By: _____ Required By: _____

Supplier: _____

Committee: _____

Budgeted item: Yes _____ No _____

Item General Description: _____

Total Amount: _____

Payment Type: ____ Check from NWYFL ____ Personal Expense Reimbursement from NWYFL

To Be Billed by Supplier _____ Other _____

Define other: _____

Approval:

Committee Chair: _____

NWYFL Board Member: _____

NWYFL Board Member: _____

EXHIBIT F

PROPOSED CHANGES FOR 2011

TO THE 2010 NWYFL BYLAWS AND PLAYING RULES

Proposing Franchise –

Date –

We propose that the following change be made to the existing by-laws and playing rules:

Section -

Article -

Current Rule -

Proposed Rule –

Reason for proposing change –

Signed: _____

EXHIBIT G

PLAYER RESIDENCY WAIVER FORM

REQUEST for PARTICIPATION in NON-RESIDENT ORGANIZATION

Date: _____

Player's Name: _____

Player's Address: _____

Player's Phone Number: _____

Franchise Associated with Current Address: _____

Preferred Franchise to Play For: _____

Reason For Change: _____

Player's Signature: _____

Parent/Custodial Guardian Signature: _____

Current Address Franchise President Signature: _____

Preferred Franchise President Signature: _____

EXHIBIT H

NWYFL FOOTBALL EXCHANGE RULES

Per NWYFL Bylaw Section XIII Article 13.12:

Game Balls Approved For All Blue & Green Levels	Wilson K2 or Baden FX500PW
Game Balls Approved For All Orange and Red Levels	Wilson TDJ or Baden FX500JR
Game Balls Approved For All JV & Varsity Levels	Wilson TDY or Baden FX 500Y

1. Per NWYFL/IHSA rules and regulations, teams may choose to use their own football while on offense. Approval for any football to be used during an NWYFL game must be given by the head referee at the meeting before kick-off! Only those footballs, which meet NWYFL standards as per the bylaws, and are properly inflated, may be used during games.
2. It is the responsibility of the offense on the field to ensure that their game ball is shuffled into play with the change of possession in a timely manner. If the ball is not given to the referee immediately upon change of possession, the ball on the field will remain until the **next** offensive possession.
3. If at any point during the game the officials determine that the exchange of the game balls are becoming a detriment to the playing of the game, they have final authority to discontinue this procedure.
4. The original game ball provided by the home team shall then be used for the remainder of the game. Coaches may not dispute nor protest this decision.

EXHIBIT I

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR LINE-TO-GAIN CREWS

The typical line-to-gain crew consists of at least three individuals — a down-box operator and two to hold the rods. Unless otherwise possible by use of a fourth crew member, the down-box operator will sometimes be asked to attach a line clip as specified.

PREGAME DUTIES

1. The line-to-gain crew shall meet the LINESMAN on the sideline opposite the press box before game time and also five minutes prior to the second-half kickoff.
2. The LINESMAN shall make certain that the chain and the official down box have been placed opposite the press box or the designated sideline and that all are in good working order and conform to the rules.
3. The complete concentration of the crew is absolutely necessary if it is to discharge its duties efficiently. The crew must refrain from showing any partisan reaction to the events taking place on the playing field. The crew must be prepared to act immediately on instructions from the LINESMAN so that teams and all concerned will know the exact situation concerning the down and yards to be gained. The crew shall not move or change the number of the down until signaled to do so by the LINESMAN.

GAME PROCEDURES

1. On the LINESMAN'S signal, the crew must move as quickly as possible to the next position.
2. When a runner or pass receiver is going out of bounds in the immediate vicinity, the involved crew member is to quickly and carefully drop the marker down and move away from the sideline keeping his eye on the spot of the marker. The crew member away from the play should hold his position if possible.
3. The LINESMAN will set the spot of all first downs by going to the sidelines and marking, while facing the field, the exact spot where the rear stake will be set. The front crew member will then be sure the chain is fully extended before setting his stake.
4. The DOWN-BOX OPERATOR, on every new series of downs, will set the box at the spot marked by the linesman. When the line-to-gain equipment is moved, the rear rod is to be set behind the down marker and then the clip (if used) shall be placed at the back edge of the 5-yard line nearest the rear rod. The marker must be held at all times in an upright position with the down correctly shown.
5. The DOWN-BOX OPERATOR is to show the number of the down just completed and shall not indicate the new down until so notified by the LINESMAN. On instruction from the LINESMAN, the DOWN-BOX OPERATOR will move the down marker to a new position with the marker placed at the forward point of the ball and change the marker to the correct down.
6. On all measurements for first down when the chain is moved onto the field, the DOWN-BOX OPERATOR is to place his marker at/off the spot of the front rod until a new series of downs is declared or the chain is returned to its previous position.
7. The DOWN-BOX OPERATOR should be aware of any penalty markers. The marker must not be moved nor the down changed until so notified by the LINESMAN.
8. The chain is not extended if it is a first-and-goal situation. After the chain is clipped, remove it from the sideline.
9. The DOWN-BOX OPERATOR should place the marker on the line of scrimmage on all try situations. This will aid players and officials in determining the line of scrimmage on all plays toward the sideline. The chain will not be placed on a try.
10. If the sidelines become crowded and the crew does not have room to efficiently discharge its duties, the crew is to notify the LINESMAN immediately so that a time-out may be called and the sidelines cleared before the game will be allowed to proceed.

EXHIBIT J

PLAYER, COACH OR PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN EJECTION FORM

Date: _____ Game Date: _____ Game Time: _____

Division: _____ Level: _____

Home Franchise: _____ Team Name: _____

Visiting Franchise: _____ Team Name: _____

Name of Player Ejected: _____

Team Player Ejected From: _____

Name of Coach Ejected: _____

Team Coach Ejected From: _____

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian Ejected: _____

Team Parent/Legal Guardian Ejected From: _____

Reason For Ejection: _____

Ejecting Referee's Signature: _____

Coach Filing Ejection Notice: _____

EXHIBIT K

VARSITY PAC TEN PLAYER EXCEPTION AGREEMENT

The NWFYFL Varsity Pac Ten level exception allows the use of a limited number of players from other Pac Ten or Big Ten teams for the purpose of providing sufficient playing time for Big Ten and Pac Ten players in the Varsity division and/or for maintaining the participation of teams who otherwise would not be able to field a Pac Ten team due to a limited number of players. The spirit of this agreement is to provide adequate playing time for all players and not to provide a competitive advantage to any team.

Each player in any division must only be on one roster, either a Big Ten or Pac Ten roster.

If a Franchise is going to field two (2) Pac Ten teams, and will use this agreement to field a second Pac Ten team due to a limited number of players, they should use players from their other Pac Ten team before using players from their Big Ten team unless a scheduling conflict exists.

The following guidelines should be considered when using players from another **Pac Ten** team.

Any Pac Ten player who is chosen to play on another Pac Ten team must be clearly identified by name and number to the opposing Pac Ten coach.

Pac Ten players who have had or will have significant playing time in their own Pac Ten game (playing both sides of the ball) should not participate in another Pac Ten game on that same weekend.

Pac Ten coaches who plan to use other Pac Ten players from another roster should be prepared to present their Pac Ten roster and the other Pac Ten roster to the opposing Pac Ten coach.

All regular Pac Ten players on their roster should play on both sides of the ball (offense and defense) and Pac Ten players from the other Pac Ten roster should only be used to fill in missing positions or to replace a regular Pac Ten player due to injury or exhaustion.

The following guidelines should be considered when using players from a **Big Ten** team.

Any Big Ten player who is chosen to play in a Pac Ten game must be clearly identified by name and number to the opposing Pac Ten coach.

Big Ten players who have had or will have significant playing time in their Big Ten game (1/2 or more of the game) should not participate in a Pac Ten game on that same weekend.

Pac Ten coaches who plan to use Big Ten players should be prepared to present their Pac Ten roster and the Big Ten roster to the opposing Pac Ten coach.

Big Ten players brought down to play on a Pac Ten team can not be part of the starting backfield and should not carry the ball if at all possible.

All Pac Ten players on the roster should play on both sides of the ball (offense and defense) and Big Ten players should only be used to fill in missing positions or to replace a Pac Ten player due to injury or exhaustion.

EXHIBIT L

NWYFL AGE AND WEIGHT QUALIFICATION PARAMETER TABLE

DIVISION	MAX AGE	MAX # W/EQPT.	ADD .5 POUNDS PER WEEK STARTING IN WEEK 1 AND CONTINUE THRU CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES							
			Week 1	Week 2	Week 4	Week 6	Week 8	Week 10	Week 12	
<u>VARSDITY</u>										
STRIPER	14*	over 173	over 173.5	174	175	176	177	178	179	
NO STRIPE	14*	173	173.5	174	175	176	177	178	179	
<u>JR. VARS.</u>										
	14*	133	133.5	134	135	136	137	138	139	
	13	133	133.5	134	135	136	137	138	139	
SINGLE STRIPER	12	143	143.5	144	145	146	147	148	149	
DOUBLE STRIPER	11	150	150.5	151	152	153	154	155	156	
DOUBLE STRIPER	10	157	157.5	158	159	160	161	162	163	
DOUBLE STRIPER	9	164	164.5	165	166	167	168	169	170	
DOUBLE STRIPER	8	171	171.5	172	173	174	175	176	177	
DOUBLE STRIPER	7	178	178.5	179	180	181	182	183	184	
YOUNGER/HEAVIER PLAYERS (PAC 10 LEVEL ONLY)										
<u>RED</u>										
	12	118	118.5	119	120	121	122	123	124	
OLDER/LIGHTER	13	98	98.5	99	100	101	102	103	104	
YOUNGER/HEAVIER										
SINGLE STRIPER	11	128	128.5	129	130	131	132	133	134	
DOUBLE STRIPER	10	135	135.5	136	137	138	139	140	141	
DOUBLE STRIPER	9	142	142.5	143	144	145	146	147	148	
DOUBLE STRIPER	8	149	149.5	150	151	152	153	154	155	
DOUBLE STRIPER	7	156	156.5	157	158	159	160	161	162	
<u>ORANGE</u>										
	11	103	103.5	104	105	106	107	108	109	
OLDER/LIGHTER	12	83	83.5	84	85	86	87	88	89	
YOUNGER/HEAVIER										
SINGLE STRIPER	10	113	113.5	114	115	116	117	118	119	
DOUBLE STRIPER	9	120	120.5	121	122	123	124	125	126	
DOUBLE STRIPER	8	127	127.5	128	129	130	131	132	133	
DOUBLE STRIPER	7	134	134.5	135	136	137	138	139	140	
<u>GREEN</u>										
	10	93	93.5	94	95	96	97	98	99	
OLDER/LIGHTER	11	73	73.5	74	75	76	77	78	79	
YOUNGER/HEAVIER										
SINGLE STRIPER	9	103	103.5	104	105	106	107	108	109	
DOUBLE STRIPER	8	110	110.5	111	112	113	114	115	116	
DOUBLE STRIPER	7	117	117.5	118	119	120	121	122	123	
DOUBLE STRIPER	6	124	124.5	125	126	127	128	129	130	
<u>BLUE</u>										
	9	83	83.5	84	85	86	87	88	89	
OLDER/LIGHTER	10	63	63.5	64	65	66	67	68	69	
YOUNGER/HEAVIER										
SINGLE STRIPER	8	93	93.5	94	95	96	97	98	99	
DOUBLE STRIPER	7	100	100.5	101	102	103	104	105	106	
DOUBLE STRIPER	6	107	107.5	108	109	110	111	112	113	

ALL WEIGHT'S ARE WITH EQUIPMENT AND ALL AGES ARE AS OF SEPTEMBER 1

EXHIBIT M

“NWYFL RUNNING CLOCK RULE”

- 1) The clock stops during all time outs. This includes injury time outs, official time outs and team time outs. The clock is then started according to IHSA rules concerning time outs. Example: After a team time out the clock does not start until after the ball is snapped.
- 2) An incomplete forward pass stops the clock. The clock starts again when the referee signals the ball is ready for play.
- 3) When a player goes out of bounds the clock stops. The clock starts when the referee signals the ball is ready for play.
- 4) At a change of possession the clock stops. The clock starts again when the referee signals the ball is ready for play.
- 5) After a fair catch, the clock stops. The clock starts again when the referee signals the ball is ready for play.
- 6) After a touchdown, field goal or safety the clock stops. After the ensuing legal kickoff or free kick, the clock starts when any player of the receiving team touches the ball. After the ball becomes dead, the clock starts again when the referee signals the ball is ready for play.
- 7) Penalties stop the clock. The clock is started in accordance with the IHSA rules regarding penalties. Example: During a delay of game penalty, the clock may be stopped until the ball is snapped.
- 8) The clock starts with the snap to begin the second and fourth quarters.

Once a game goes to a NWYFL Running Clock it will not revert back to an IHSA Stop Clock

EXHIBIT N

TIMING AN NWFYFL/IHSA STOP CLOCK FOOTBALL GAME

The game clock operator should be approved by the field commissioner. The clock operator is an integral member and extension of the on-field officiating crew and game administration. Unfair advantages occur when the game clock is not started or stopped correctly by rule. Great care must be exercised to see that no time lag occurs in starting or stopping the clock. Observe the covering field officials for their signals while paying special attention to the Referee (usually in a white cap or in the backfield). In all cases start and stop the clock promptly.

After the clock has been stopped, the referee will start it again on the referee's start-the-clock signal. If no such signal is given, the operator will start it on the snap.

Be aware of special timing signals along the sidelines. If the ball is out-of-bounds, the referee will signal you to stop the clock. On plays near a boundary line, unless an official so signals, if a pass is caught out of bounds, the incompleteness signal will stop the clock. **Note:** On plays near the out-of-bounds line and in advance of the line to gain, an official may give a winding signal to indicate the ball is inbounds and follow it by a stop-the-clock signal for an apparent first down. Be alert for both signals.

The try or (PAT) is not a timed down.

TRY NOT TO allow any end-of-period signal (i.e. the scoreboard horn) to sound while the ball is **alive**. Allow the end of period signal to sound only after the ball has become dead. **This is an important player safety issue.** If there is a foul at the end of a period we may have an un-timed down. Watch for an un-timed down signal from the Referee.

During the game a number of events can occur that are defined as either Major or Minor Clock Stoppers:

Major Clock Stoppers include:	Minor Clock Stoppers include time-outs for:
1. The start of the game or end of a period	1. Penalty enforcement after a foul
2. An incomplete forward pass (either legal or illegal)	2. First down, either the declaration of or the measurement for a first down
3. The ball out of bounds	3. Player equipment repair
4. Change of Possession	4. Any unusual delay, such as cleaning or retrieving the ball
5. A charged time-out	5. Abuse of the timing rules
6. Any scoring play (even if nullified)	6. A Coach-Official Conference time-out that is not charged to the team
7. A touchback	
8. A delay of game penalty (in most instances)	
9. A fair catch of any kick (either made or awarded)	

Major Clock Stoppers cause the clock to start when the ball is either snapped or legally touched after a free kick.

Minor Clock Stoppers cause the clock to be restarted when the Referee declares the ball ready-for-play and winds the clock.

During some plays both Major and Minor Clock Stoppers occur. In these instances the **Major Clock Stopper takes precedence.**

At the end of the second period put the half time interval on the clock, **the interval is the same time as one quarter of play.** At the end of the half time interval reset the clock for the time as a new quarter of play.

If a timing adjustment is required, the referee may ask you to add or remove some time from the clock. They may also instruct you to not start the clock, regardless of play, until you get a wind-the-clock signal from the Referee. If you have any questions, please contact the field commissioner and/or officials at half time.

The NWFYFL Board of Directors has approved a point differential timing rule for use during regular season, bowl, playoff, and championship games. At the start or anytime during the 4th quarter or any time prior when requested by the losing team head coach, a team is in the lead by twenty-eight (28) or more point at the Junior Varsity Big Ten and Red Big Ten levels, the game clock will become a Running Clock for the remainder of the game and adhere to the NWFYFL running clock rules. At the start, or anytime during the 4th quarter or any time prior when requested by the losing team head coach, a team is in the lead by eighteen (18) or more point at the Blue Big Ten, Green Big Ten, **Orange Big Ten**, and all Pac Ten levels, the game clock will become a Running Clock for the remainder of the game as per the NWFYFL Running Clock Rules.

EXHIBIT O

TIMING AN NWYFL/RUNNING CLOCK FOOTBALL GAME

The game clock operator should be approved by the field commissioner. The clock operator is an integral member and extension of the on-field officiating crew and game administration. Unfair advantages occur when the game clock is not started or stopped correctly by rule. Great care must be exercised to see that no time lag occurs in starting or stopping the clock. Observe the covering field officials for their signals while paying special attention to the Referee (usually in a white cap or in the backfield). In all cases start and stop the clock promptly.

Be aware of special timing signals along the sidelines. If the ball is out-of-bounds, the referee will signal you to stop the clock. On plays near a boundary line, unless an official so signals, if a pass is caught out of bounds, the incompleteness signal will stop the clock.

The try or (PAT) is not a timed down.

TRY NOT TO allow any end-of-period signal (i.e. the scoreboard horn) to sound while the ball is **alive**. Allow the end of period signal to sound only after the ball has become dead. **This is an important player safety issue.** If there is a foul at the end of a period we may have an un-timed down. Watch for an un-timed down signal from the Referee.

During the game a number of events can occur that are defined as either Major or Minor Clock Stoppers:

Major Clock Stoppers include:	Minor Clock Stoppers include time-outs for:
1. The start of the game or end of a period	1. The ball out of bounds
2. A charged time-out	2. An incomplete forward pass (either legal or illegal)
3. Any scoring play (even if nullified)	3. Player equipment repair
4. A delay of game penalty (in most instances)	4. Any unusual delay, such as cleaning or retrieving the ball
	5. Abuse of the timing rules
	6. A Coach-Official Conference or Officials' time-out that is not charged to the team
	7. Change of Possession
	8. A touchback
	9. Penalty enforcement after a foul
	10. A fair catch of any kick (either made or awarded)

Major Clock Stoppers cause the clock to start when the ball is either snapped or legally touched after a free kick.

Minor Clock Stoppers cause the clock to be restarted when the Referee places the ball down and declares the ball ready-for-play and/or winds the clock.

During some plays, both Major and Minor Clock Stoppers occur. In these instances the **Major Clock Stopper takes precedence.**

At the end of the second period put the half time interval on the clock, **the interval is the same time as one quarter of play.** At the end of the half time interval reset the clock for the time of a new quarter of play.

If a timing adjustment is required, the referee may ask you to add or remove some time from the clock. They may also instruct you to not start the clock, regardless of play, until you get a wind-the-clock signal from the Referee. If you have any questions, please contact the field commissioner and/or officials at half time.

Timing the game is a crucial part of game management. We appreciate your participation.

Thank You!