



2012 FSYFL SEASON OPERATIONAL AND RULE CHANGES

The following document describes the changes to the format and rules for the 2012 season.

1. **New FSYFL Team Markets** – The FSYFL will be opening up the following markets for teams in the 2012 season. Naples, Miami, Ocala, Gainesville, Tallahassee, Pensacola and Lower Alabama
2. **FSYFL Team Registration process** – The FSYFL has now created their own internal Team Registration site. (Previously used a third party program called Team Zone Sports) The Registration of teams and recording of player rosters and tracking of payments etc will now be done through the FSYFL web site portal to be released shortly.
3. **FSYFL Referees Association** – The FSYFL has now instituted their own referees association. All referees officiating at FSYFL events will now be officially registered FSYFL qualified referees. Referees registering for the FSYFL association will now be required to register and qualify through a series of examinations designed by the FSYFL Director of Referees and rules committee criteria.
4. **FSYFL Certification Rule changes:** (see “FSYFL Certifications Process” document in Coaches & Documents library on FSYFL website)
 - a. Teams will now be able to add players to their teams up to the start of the 4th week of games of the FSYFL season, this is now regardless of the number of games a given team has played. Players trying to make weight will be allowed until this 4th week of games to make weight and be certified.
 - b. Each player must now have 4 individual plastic sheet inserts in their team file folders for each player. One each for hard card, birth certificate, Liability form and Medical release form.
 - c. Copies of Birth certificates that have been stamped as certified by registered and reputable city/state youth football leagues are accepted as an original birth certificate replacement. FSYFL reserves judgement on the league represented stamp. In addition returning FSYFL players may now use their FSYFL stamped birth certificate copy from previous seasons as well.
5. **FSYFL Pro Bowl changes** (see “Pro Bowl Guidelines” document in Coaches & Documents library on FSYFL website)
 - a. There will now be 4 Pro Bowl teams per conference. i.e. West Conference North – West Conference South – East Conference North – East Conference South. Teams will be divided per regions specified by the FSYFL rules but essentially be based on geographic areas.
 - b. The Pro Bowl will be a round robin tournament over two days culminating in a Pro Bowl championship and runner up game. NW vs NE, SW vs SE and followed by the Winners and Runner up games.
 - c. Players will be selected to the Pro Bowl as follows:
 - ✓ Conference Champions will be given 3 players (3)
 - ✓ Conference Runners up will be given 2 players (2)
 - ✓ The Regional team with the best record in their Region will be given 2 players (2)
 - ✓ The next 5 teams with the best records in the region will be given 1 player (5)
 - ✓ 4 wild card players will be assigned to the teams selected by the FSYFL Pro Bowl Selection Committee (4)
 - d. The Pro Bowl player selection process will be as follows:
 - ✓ Each team coach will provide 3 player nominations to the committee
 - ✓ The FSYFL will have spotters during the regular season to be isolating players that will qualify for the wild card spots.
 - ✓ A Coaches selection sheet will be provided to all coaches during the regular season to recommend players to the Pro Bowl selection committee based on their games to assist the FSYFL Selection committee for the wild card selections.
 - e. All Pro Bowl players on each team MUST play a Minimum of 15 plays in the game. An FSYFL representative will be assigned to each game to ensure the Minimum Play Rule is applied fairly.

6. FSYFL Game Rule Changes

- a. *NEW Coaches on Field Rule* - Each Mitey Mite and Peewee team may have one coach on the field during play for the entire season. Supers, Midget, JV and Varsity divisions may have a coach on the field for the first 4 weeks of games only.
- b. *NEW Timeout Rule* - Each team is now only allowed two, thirty second timeouts per **game**. The timeouts can carry over to the second half. However there will be a mandatory “two minute warning” for each half, these 2 minute warnings will carry all priviledges of a time out for both teams.
- c. *NEW Mercy Rule* - In the event a team has a lead of 18 points or more and who is in offensive possession of the ball, with 60 seconds or less remaining on the clock of the game, **the game will be called final**. The referee will blow the whistle and call the game ended.

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