

EWYFCA Pee-Wee Division Guidelines for 2025

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1. All present EWYFCA rules & regulations will apply in PW games. Focus **MUST** be on Fun, Education, and Discipline.

Head Coach's Initials: _____

2. No score keeping or standings.

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3. All players should learn as many offensive and defensive positions as possible. These are learning years for these players and the focus **MUST BE on DEVELOPMENT of ALL children!!** The coach decides playing time, as the goal is to give equal playing time to all players. **There are No losers in this level!!**

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4. All PW coaches **must sign this rule list**. All coaches **MUST** know the rules & understand the reason for this division

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5. Pee-Wee games will be played before freshman games. Games will **start at 10:30 am** and will be **concluded by 12:15pm**. The game will consist of two 45 minute halves, with additional time added if possible. We will alternate 1 Offensive and 1 defensive series with the "A" players, Then 1 offensive and 1 defensive series with the "B" players. Deviations of this format will only be allowed when both head coaches agree to the change in format. There will be a **ten-minute halftime**. **PW weigh-ins will be @10:00 am**, and Game day announcements to follow directly after.

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6. The weight limit for PW players is **80lbs maximum**. Restricted Striper Weight of **120 lbs**. (see striper guidelines). **"Check-ins" are mandatory before every game...** *Name, Number, Tap Your Cup. (2024)*

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7. Required minimum football size is equal to the Baden F-50 or "Pee-Wee".

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8. Pee-Wee games will be officiated by **ONE (1)** NFOA officials. However, should there be no NFOA Official then the game will be played with 1 official assigned from each participating organization. Organization referees will be made up of someone that is not a Pee-Wee coach or parent, from each organization. It is mandatory to use a coach from the Freshman, JV or Varsity team. This is to ensure safe play and to educate the kids at this level. The Referees must be familiar with the guidelines.

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9. Both head coaches must meet with the Referee and Commissioners before the game and before the second half begins, with the exception of the Commissioners to discuss what they expect from each other.

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10. There will be a coin toss prior to the game to determine first possession. Visitors call the toss.

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11. No more than **2 coaches** per team are allowed on the field at any time. After teams break the huddle, coaches must move back from the line of scrimmage (**15) fifteen yards** and be positioned **outside the ends**. Coaches on the field **cannot give instruction** to their team after the QB starts his cadence. Sideline coaches must remain between the twenty-yard lines.

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12. Any on-field coach who moves or attempts to move his player either verbally, physically, or by use of signals after the QB starts his cadence will be cautioned that this is not going to be allowed.

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13. The amount of time allowed in the huddle will be **45 seconds**. A 5 yard delay of game penalty will be assessed if the team has not broken the huddle in the allotted time.

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14. There will be **no kick offs**. On all occasions where a kick off would normally take place, the offensive team will start with the ball on their **own 30 yard line**.

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15. Punting: the team in possession of the ball on the fourth down will have **2 options**:

A. Run a play and attempt to pick up the necessary yardage.

B. Elect a punt - If the team is **inside their own 40** (inside the 50 on a 100yd field)

They can elect to **advance the ball 25 yards** from the spot and the opposing team will take over on offense. Start clock on the ready to play signal.

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16. If a "**safety**" is scored, the ball will be returned to the team scoring the safety on **their own thirty-yard line**. Intentional safeties will not be rewarded.

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17. Defense

NO BLITZING or STUNTING!!!!!!

You are allowed to rush **no more than 6** defensive players.

Defensive linemen may not line up any closer than “**nose up**” on the offensive guard.

No defensive player may rush the “A” gaps (the gaps to either side of the center) without engaging the guard and making a football move first.

Only 6 players are allowed in the **Defensive Box**. The defensive box is 5 yards from the line of scrimmage and 5 yards off of each tight end (or where the TE would be) The widest player on the defensive line may be no wider than the TE outside shoulder. (*See attachment*). (2025)

All “rushing” defensive players **must** line up on the line of scrimmage.

Any non-rushing player must be 1 yard off the line. (*Read Rule 13.7 Carefully*)

Minimum of 3 defensive players must be **AT LEAST** 5 yards off the line of scrimmage until the ball is snapped. This includes goal line and extra point attempts. (2025)

The only defense allowed at this level, is the **6-3 defense** (*See attachment*).

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18. Offense

We encourage the opposing coaches to allow the center to QB exchange to happen. There will be no QB sneaks, the QB can run the ball, but **outside of the tackles only**.

Any running back that carries the ball between the guards must be lined up at least 3 yards behind the line of scrimmage.

There will be **no unbalanced line** and the Guard and Tackle must be within a normal split, no less than foot to foot and no greater than elbow to elbow.

Only 1 Back may be lined up outside of the Tight End (or where a Tight end would be lined up) on each side.

Since we encourage kids to play as many positions as possible, strikers will be allowed to carry the ball only on the A line between the tackles on **POINT AFTER ATTEMPTS ONLY**.

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19. When there is a **muffed exchange** between the center and the QB, the play will be **blown dead** as if it never happened, **down and distance will remain the same**. You **MUST** run the play from the line without a huddle.

NEITHER SIDE CAN MAKE ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE FORMATION, OR CAN MOVE ANY PLAYERS.

A fumbled shot gun snap will be a live ball.

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20. Before the start of each game the **Head Coaches** will exchange a list of **“A”** Players. The split between **“A”** and **“B”** should be relatively equal on each roster. For example a roster of 29 should have a 13A/16B split or a 35 man roster split of 16A/19B. **At no time should “A” players be allowed on the field with the “B” players** without first obtaining **permission** from the opposing Head Coach. When **“A”** Players must be on the field with **“B”** Players, (due to roster size) they **MUST** be the **marginal “A” Players**.

Each coach must identify their best 2 thru 5 “A” players depending on roster size: 19 or fewer players (2) 20 to 25 (3), 26 to 30 (4) and 31 or more (5). These players are not allowed on the field with the “B”s under any circumstance. An **“A”** striper may not be identified as a star player. (2025)

Whenever **“A”** Players must be on the field with **“B”** players they should play on the line on offense, and at safety or outside linebacker (if more than 3 need to be on the field) on defense. ***If an “A” player plays a “skilled” position on the “A” unit, he MUST not play a “skilled” position on the “B” Unit!!*** (Updated 2020)

*** If a designated **B** player is moved up to the **A** line to play any positions other than interior line, they are to be considered an **A** designated player for the remainder of the game.

If the game day roster exceeds **25** eligible players, **no “A” players are permitted to be on the field with “B” players.** (2025)

An **“A”** striper is **not permitted** to play with **“B”** players. (2025)

No player may play all 4 sides of the ball. (**“A”** Offense/Defense & **“B”** Offense/Defense) (2025)

Head Coach’s Initials: _____

Affirmation Organization Name: _____

