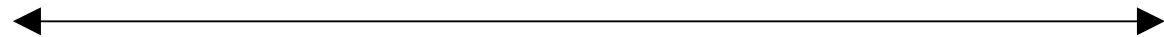


# 2009 RULES / POLICIES REMINDERS FOR OFFICIALS

## RULES, POLICIES AND BYLAWS FREQUENTLY VISITED

- Level 3/4 Only- No more than 6 defenders are allowed on the line of scrimmage, with other defensemen at least 3 yards off line at snap, unless your opponent is inside your 10 yard line (goal line defense is allowed inside 10 yard line with no limit to number of defenders on line of scrimmage). For the purpose of counting defensive players on the line of scrimmage, the line of scrimmage extends to the sidelines, the “box” does not matter, and it does not matter what position a defensive player is playing.
- Filming/scouting is allowed at every grade level.
- Player registration for each association will remain open until June 15.
- On any play designated a punt, neither the defense nor the offense can move to a new formation until after the ball is kicked.
- A 15-yard unsportsman-like penalty will be assessed for the disregard of TVYFL Bylaws, policies or sportsmanship rules. First violation in a game will be brought to the attention of the head official, the second violation of the same rule will result in a 15-yard penalty, and the third violation will result in the ejection of the head coach.
- Association that neglects to provide a knowledgeable, responsible field greeter at their home site may be subject to a sanction or fine to be determined by the Division co-Presidents.
- Players that line up in the back field or on either end of the offensive line must be eligible ball carriers. Jersey numbers have no correlation to positions.
- All ineligible ball carriers will wear a 1 inch wide horizontal stripe of contrasting color on the front and back of their helmet.
- Disrupting or attempting to disrupt the offensive team’s cadence is prohibited.
- Spectators, players and coaches are prohibited from using artificial noise makers.



**Bylaw-6.18** – Once a player has been removed from the game due to a serious injury, that player shall not re-enter the game without approval from the proper specialist or certified first-aid attendant.  
*Safety First!*

**Bylaw-6.3** – All players playing in ball carrier and receiver position must be under the league weight limits for that grade level. On an unbalanced line, the uncovered lineman needs to be underweight regardless if you throw to him. *Tight ends and / or tackles who are eligible receivers must be below the weight limits for that grade level.* As soon as a player over the weight limit touches the ball the play is dead with the exception of the punter, kicker or placeholder for punts, extra points & field goals.

**Bylaw 6.12** – No player will be allowed to wear any type of head covering under their helmets including bandanas, scarves, & skull caps.

**Bylaw 6.12.2** – Players shoes must be the molded cleat or internally threaded shoes where the cleat post screws into the shoe. No metal or metal tipped cleats may be worn. Coaches are responsible for identifying appropriate footwear.

Player can not wear any removable or detachable cleat at Hare Field. Only turf shoes, fixed molded cleats or tennis shoes can be worn at Hare Field.

**Bylaw 6.13** - A player shall not make initial contact with an opponent below the waist except to tackle a runner or player pretending to be a runner.