

Peace River Conference



Manual of Standard Operating Procedures



Pop Warner Little Scholars Southeast Region



I: Peace River Conference Standard Operating Procedures:

A: Background Checks

1) All Conference and Association officers, directors, coaches, committee members and approved volunteers will complete a National Pop Warner volunteer application and submit to a background check on a yearly basis as mandated by National Pop Warner Rules.

2) All Associations will receive and review their own applicant's background results. After an applicant has been screened, all Associations are required to provide a letter to the HLA stating the checks have been done and all coaches have passed. Any individual that is coming in close contact with the children must have a background check. The HLA requires that background check go back no less than five (5) years and if there is any conviction and/or guilty plea pertaining to, but not limited to abuse, violence, drug use/sales and any violation of children, these persons must be excluded from your organization.

3) The Southeast Region has set the minimum criteria for the removal of any volunteer from the Pop Warner Program:

- a. Any offense that includes violence, including domestic violence.
- b. Any offense against a minor.
- c. Any sexual offense.
- d. Any offense involving drugs.

4) Any volunteer removed due to a background check may appeal to the HLA Hearings Committee. The Hearings Committee may recommend to the HLA President reinstatement based on the following mitigating circumstances:

- a. Length of time since last offense. (a minimum of 5 years)
- b. Severity of offense. (Sexual offenses and offenses against minors will, in most cases, be grounds for permanent dismissal)
- c. Number and types of offenses.
- d. Age at the time of the offense.

5) Associations must keep background check logs as required to by the Southeast Region. All Associations must submit the Southeast Region spreadsheet and complete the background check affidavits for the HLA and National Pop Warner Little Scholars no later than July 31st.

B: Equipment

1) No equipment shall be given out prior to the first official day of practice.

2) Football helmets shall be inspected to ensure that each helmet meets manufacturing standards and must display the NOCSE seal and the current NOCSE dated warning label as per the National Rule Book and the Pop Warner Administrative Manual.

3) All equipment will meet standards of safety.

4) Any proposed team name or color change must be submitted to and approved by a majority vote of the PRC.

C: Admission Fees/Gate

1) Football players and Cheerleaders/Dancers will be admitted free during regular season.

2) Rostered Football and Cheer/Dance coaches will be admitted free with their respective teams when presenting a pass issued by Conference during their scheduled regular season games.

3) The HLA shall set admission prices for all PRC events. Non-Participant students (5-17) shall be charged \$1.00. Adults 18 and over shall be charged \$5.00. Children under the age of 5 years old shall be admitted no charge at all times.

4) Admission to Jamborees shall be raised one dollar (\$1.00) above regular season admission. This is subject to board discussion and vote annually.) Hosting fees of \$1,250 per tackle jamboree and \$1,000 for Tiny Mite/Mighty Mite Jamborees are to be paid to PRC by the hosting organization to go into the National Championship travel fund. Monies are to be received from the host Association to the HLA no later than the next regular scheduled PRC meeting after the Jamboree. Funds not received by the next scheduled PRC meeting will be subject to a 25% penalty. The HLA reserves the right to inspect the books of any Jamboree.

5) \$1.00 from every adult admission at the Conference Spirit Competition goes to the travel fund. Only rostered coaches with participating squads will be allowed free admission. All other coaches and badge holders will be required to pay regular admission.

6) The entire gate from all Regional play-off rounds will be applied to the Conference Scholastics Banquet.

7) All collected fines shall be applied to the Scholastic Banquet, except for the \$100.00 fine assessed for not submitting the All-American paperwork. That fine shall go to the Travel Fund.

8) Any student (Grades K-12) shall be charged student admission except for Regional Playoff games.

D: Press Box

1) Press Box Announcers must be at least eighteen (18) years of age. No children under the age of eighteen (18) will be permitted in the press box during the commission of a game.

2) All announcers will be impartial in the calling of the game. Any acts of “cheerleading” or “homerism” as well as any acts of profanity by the announcers or the Press Box staff during the commission of a game shall result in a \$100.00 fine per instance.

3) In areas where the official time keeper is not part of the paid professional officiating crew, a volunteer time keeper may be appointed if the game officials request such. All playoff games must have an official time keeper. Time keepers must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

4) Each Association shall present to the Press Box all Football and Cheerleading/Dance rosters in advance of the upcoming contest.

E: Medical

1) The Home Association shall provide adequate medical response.(Having the means to summon medical services quickly as needed).

2) Each team MUST have at least one coach on the sidelines that holds a Red Cross First Aid and CPR card or their equivalents.

F: Video Aids

1) The HLA encourages the use of video aids for the teaching of Football and Cheer/Dance fundamentals.

2) Video replays during a game or at half-time are not permitted.

3) Video tapes may be requested or utilized by the HLA for the purpose of an official investigation.

4) Video taping of a game is permitted all the way through Nationals.

5) Video taping of any Member Association football or spirit teams’ practices, including out of Conference practices, is prohibited!

G: Game Field

1) Home Association shall provide pads for goal posts as per Florida High School Athletic Association Rules.

2) Home Associations shall provide a chain crew for each game. Each member of the chain crew must be at least sixteen (16) years of age.

3) Game field shall be properly lined and marked with safety barriers (i.e.: coaches and players boxes), mowed and have markers for yard lines and pylons for end zone areas.

H. Game Day

The HLA requires that all associations provide the following minimum standards for game day:

1) All associations must have at least one member of their Executive Board of Directors present and accessible during both home and away games and cheer competitions.

2) All hosting associations must provide coolers of potable drinking water and ice for football players and cheerleaders during each football game. Coolers must be checked and refilled at the end of each quarter of play. Visiting teams shall provide their own team water bottles to be filled at the field.

3) Each visiting team (football and spirit) shall be permitted one team cooler. Coolers shall contain drinking water or sports drink in containers no less than two liters. No individual bottles of drinking water or sports drinks shall be permitted except for those required by a medical necessity. Team coolers shall also include fresh fruit or fruit cups and “energy” or snack bars. All other types of food are prohibited. Hosting associations shall have the right to inspect any and all team coolers for prohibited items. Any items other than the aforementioned must be clearer with the hosting association President prior to the day of the game.

4) No personal spectator or coaches coolers shall be permitted.

5) Smoking is prohibited at any and all Pop Warner sponsored events unless the hosting venue provides a designated smoking area.

I: MPR (Mandatory Play Rule)

1) The Pop Warner National MPR policy shall be in effect for all regular season, and post season games.

2) PRC shall require MPR for all Tiny Mite Games. Tiny Mite participants shall have a minimum of 12 plays. Game results, however, shall not be recorded.

3) The HLA will provide the approved MPR sheet, which shall be used by all of the Associations’ teams. Minimum plays will be in accordance with National rules.

4) It is the responsibility of the Head Football Coach to see that the MPR sheet is properly maintained in accordance with PRC, Southeast Region and National rules. The Opposing teams must send a person to each other's sidelines to monitor the respective MPR sheets. These MPR monitor shall be issued a sideline pass and shall return said pass as soon as their duty has been fulfilled. The opposing teams MPR monitor will not count against a team's maximum number of sideline personnel. Peace River Conference MPR sheets must be signed by each MPR monitor. Failure to comply will result in a \$100.00 fine and a one game suspension of the Head Coach.

5) The Conference Vice President shall receive and retain in the files the weekly mandatory play sheets. The Conference President shall investigate weekly any lopsided scores of games as per Pop Warner and PRC guidelines. Any such findings will be reviewed with the Vice-President with recommendation of sanctions if any are required.

6) MPR sheets must be submitted by the PRC head coaches to Conference Vice President by Noon the Monday following the game. The Conference Vice President may defer the reporting of MPR sheet for Tiny Mites and Mighty Mites to the Tiny Mite/Mighty Mite Coordinator. Failure to have the MPR properly signed and faxed by the Monday deadline will result in the following:

- a) First (1st) offense will be a \$100.00 fine.
- b) Second (2nd) offense will be a \$250.00 fine and one (1) game suspension of the Head Coach.
- c) Third (3rd) offense or more will result in a \$500.00 fine, suspension of the head coach for the remainder of the season and disqualification from post season play.

7) MPR violations:

a. First violation - a one hundred (100) dollar Association fine and a seven (7) day suspension of the Head Coach. Upon investigation, if it is found that the coach intentionally or through gross negligence failed to comply with the National procedure, penalty may be upgraded to a two (2) game suspension, \$250.00 fine and forfeiture of the game. Suspension will begin from the time notification is received from the HLA President or his/her designee. Players not receiving their minimum plays will receive double the number of mandatory plays at the next scheduled game. Failure to comply will be deemed a second violation and will result in immediate dismissal of the Head Coach for the remainder of the season, and possible forfeiture of game. Suspension is defined as no physical or verbal contact with the team at either practice or game. Bye-weeks will not count. It will include one game.

b. Second Violation - a five hundred dollar (\$500.00) Association fine and dismissal of the head coach for the remainder of the season, and possible forfeiture of the game. MPR rules violations are not subject to protests. It is the responsibility of the head coach to read and understand these rules.

c. Failure to adhere to MPR requirements will result in forfeit in addition to the enforcement policies outlined in subsections a & b as per National Pop Warner Little Scholars Rules.

8) Lopsided Score Rule Violations:

- a. 1st Offense: Written citation to the offending head coach and Association.
- b. 2nd. Offense: One (1) game suspension for the offending Head Coach and a \$250.00 fine to the Association.
- c. 3rd. Offense: Offending Head Coach is suspended for remainder of the season, including any and all post season play and a \$500.00 fine to the Association.

J: Security

- 1) The Home Association will provide security during and after all games.
- 2) Licensed professional uniformed security or local law enforcement will be required from the start of the Junior Midget game until thirty (30) minutes after the end of the Midget game.
- 3) While acting as security, the individual will not be allowed in any other organizational function.
- 4) Violation of the security policy will result in forfeiture of the game or games by the home team and a \$1,000.00 fine.
- 5) In the event of the postponement of the Junior Midget or Midget games, the hosting Association must make every effort to provide for uniformed security and immediately inform the HLA President of any conflicts.

K: Rosters

- 1) All players for each division of play shall be placed on an approved PRC/Pop Warner Roster, MPR sheet and registration form. As per Southeast Region Rules, the following has been mandated for all rosters.
- 2) Players shall be listed in the following manner:
 - a) Football shall place Older/Lighters first in numerical jersey order, followed by regular weight players in numerical jersey order.
 - b) Spirit rosters shall be in alphabetical order only as older/lighter does not apply.
- 3) All players and spirit participants must show on the roster: name, address, city, state, zip code, birth date, phone number and scholastic eligibility indicated by an "R" or "O". Football players must also list weight and jersey number, and be sure to mark older/lighters with an "X".
- 4) When a participant is added to the roster they are to be added to the bottom indicated by an "A" and a revised copy of the roster is to be sent (faxed) to the Conference

President or his designee. Initial adds may be neatly printed at the bottom of the roster. Associations will be notified when clean rosters must be submitted.

5) When a participant is dropped from a roster a "D" is placed to the side of their name and a revised roster is sent to the Conference President or his designee.

6) Updated rosters, which are the ones with the hand written adds, must be faxed to and received by the Conference President or his designee as of the Thursday before a game or that player will be considered an illegal player.

7) Any player/cheerleader/dancer listed on the roster that does not have a proper Peace River Conference release, signed by all authorized representatives shall be considered an illegal player.

8) The Conference President or his designee shall maintain football and Spirit rosters for all teams.

L: Canceled Games

1) In the event that a local County closes its fields due to hurricane, flooding or other natural disaster, all scheduled games within the Conference that day will be cancelled.

2) Each hosting Association must provide a lightning monitor with a lightning meter. Lightning monitors need not be on the sidelines and, therefore, not be required to be issued a sideline pass. In the event of lightning that is considered threatening, due notification shall be given to the head game official and all participants will be removed from the field of play and seek protection from the elements. Play will resume at such time as conditions improve. It is important that good judgment be used. Every effort should be made to play the games/games even though a lengthy delay may be necessary. However, if the suspended game can not be re-started by the allotted starting time for the next scheduled game, that game shall be suspended and the next scheduled game shall begin.

3) Any game that is either suspended or cancelled due to weather or any other condition beyond the host Association's control, must be played or completed at the hosting field as soon as the next day but no later than Wednesday. No team shall be allowed to forfeit any suspended or canceled game. Any Association that refuses to play a rescheduled game shall be fined \$1,000.00 per team that no-shows and shall forfeit the rescheduled game as well as the next scheduled game. A Game Status Report Form must be filled out by the Head Coaches and signed by the Head Game Official. This report must be sent to the HLA President within 24 hours. The HLA President may allow play at a later date only in the case of continued poor weather or a scheduling conflict with the game officials. In the case of a complete weekend cancellation, the HLA President shall decide if the schedule permits a makeup weekend. Otherwise, complete weekend cancellations may not be made up.

4) MPR sheets for postponed games must be submitted to the HLA Vice President no later than 24 hours after the conclusion of the game.

M: Peace River Conference S.O.P. Manual

The Peace River Conference Standard Operating Procedures Manual shall be reviewed each year by Parliamentarian. Any formal changes shall be presented to the General Assembly for review at the regular May meeting.

N: Southeast Region and National Pop Warner Headquarters (dealings with)

You have elected officers who will deal with National Headquarters for you. If you feel you need to talk directly to the Southeast Region or National staff, you may do so after notification to the PRC President. Failure to notify PRC President will result in a one hundred (\$100) dollar fine.

O: Certification of Books

1) The HLA will set the certification date prior to the Jamborees and shall determine the certification process.

2) Certification books must contain:

a. For initial certification: three (3) typed rosters total - one for coach's book, one for scholastics and one for the Conference President.

For final certification: six (6) typed rosters total - one (1) original and five (5) copies. (These are the numbers necessary for final submission in September.)

b. Completed Regional and National mandated registration forms with participant and parental consent.

c. Completed official Pop Warner National Physical/Medical History Form.

d. Current photograph to be at least a 2" x 2". Picture is to be a full face on picture. No hats on the participant, and there is to be no one else in the photograph.

e. Proof of scholastic eligibility by a full year report card of the registration year or a completed or alternative scholastic eligibility forms. In case of any doubt/conflict, provide supporting documents of summer school report cards. Failure to submit scholastic proof of eligibility at the time of registration will result in being ineligible to participate.

f. Releases/Waivers when applicable. Participants are allowed one change in Association. After that, there must be a physical move or the player must go back to their home association to play. All waivers need to be signed by the Conference President.

g. Proof of age by a certified birth certificate, passport, military ID card, certified certificates or wallet-size issued by a state or commonwealth. (Authenticity of a copy of the aforementioned is the Association's Administrative responsibility and will have its schedule forfeited should fraudulent application be determined).

h. Books are to be placed in numerical order with older/lighter players first followed by regular weight in number order. (Dividers should be placed between older/lighters and regular weight players.) The book will match your rosters. When a player is added, their name and other information will be placed at the bottom of the roster under “add”, but you will place them in the book and on the MPR sheet in the proper numerical order. Final rosters that will be submitted to Region/National will be cleaned up and have them all in the proper numerical order. Remember, all adds will be placed in the book in appropriate number order and on the MPR sheet in straight numerical order. (subject to National MPR sheets).

i. Any Association that does not have all of their football and spirit books in order by the appointed Conference Book Check shall be fined \$1,000.00. Incomplete books that have been corrected must re-submit their books at their respective Jamboree. Any Association that submits incomplete books at the Jamboree will be barred from participation in the Jamboree and be fined \$1,000.00. Following the Jamboree, any association that has not had their books certified prior to the first game of the season will be fined \$1,000.00 per week that the books remained uncertified (this does not include additions). No association will be permitted to participate in the regular season opening game without all of their football and cheer books certified by the HLA.

P: Spectator and Non-Participant Conduct

1) The Peace River Conference shall officially have a “Zero-Tolerance” policy towards Spectator/ Non Participant misconduct.

2) All member Associations, through the HLA and National Pop Warner Rules shall have the duty and obligation to enforce the code of conduct on all adults and nonparticipants as outlined in the current National Pop Warner Rule Book.

Q: Coaches Conduct

1) All football and Spirit Coaches will follow the current Code of Conduct as outlined in the most recent Pop Warner Rule Book, and Peace River Conference policy governing such.

2) All Regional and Conference issued Coaching and Administrative Identity Cards must be visibly displayed around the neck at any and all Pop Warner functions as required. Any coach or administrator not visibly wearing the card on either a game sideline or on the floor of a spirit competition shall be barred until an Identity Card is produced and will be subject to a \$100.00 fine per incident.

3) Coach Ejected from a Game or Spirit Competition:

a. First Offense: Any coach who is ejected from a game or spirit competition will be automatically suspended from the next game and from that coming week’s practices and fined a \$100.00 to be paid with a personal check or money order to the Peace River

Conference. Suspended coaches must submit their coach's badge to their Association President the duration of their suspension.

b. Second Offense: Upon a second ejection during the same season, the coach is suspended for the balance of the season and fined \$200.00 to be paid with personal check or money order to the Peace River Conference. The offending coach may return to coaching after completing the Conference certification training.

c. Third Offense: If a third offense occurs within one (1) full year from the date of the first offense, the offending coach will be suspended indefinitely pending a conference hearing and fined \$500.00 to be paid by personal check or money order to the Peace River Conference.

4) The HLA President shall investigate any and all complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to the Peace River Conference as well as field from coaches any and all alleged violation of Pop Warner or PRC rules. Complaints from coaches must be made to the HLA President in writing within twenty-four (24) hours of game day. The President may defer to the Vice-President and the Hearings Committee when appropriate. However, the HLA President shall have final jurisdiction over any and all punishments, fines and suspensions.

R: Sidelines

1) As per National rules, there are to be no more than 10 people to a sideline. This is to include water personnel. Head coaches are responsible for maintaining control of their sidelines, parents, players and themselves. There will be no exceptions. You are responsible for knowing, following and enforcing the rules! (HLA, Regional, National and Opposing Team MPR Monitors are not counted, as mandated by PRC, SE Region and National Rules)

2) Conference shall issue sideline passes. These are to be visibly worn around the necks of all sideline personnel. They are not to be tucked in to your pocket with the lanyard hanging out or under your shirts. Violation of this will result in a \$25.00 fine per incident.

3) Cheerleaders are expected to participate as part of the football team at each game including away games. There shall be a \$100.00 fine per level to the Association that doesn't have their cheerleaders present. The majority of the participating cheerleaders must be from the rostered team at the level participating.

S: Championship Teams:

Any Regional or National Championship Team will be allowed to participate in up to five (5) non-competitive appearances in the off season, with written approval from the Board of Directors and subject to National Rules.

T. Post Season Playoff Games and Bowl Games:

1) The entrance fees for post season PRC Playoffs are \$150.00 per team per round.

2) Gate fees for all PRC playoff games will be \$5.00 per adult and \$2.00 per student (student being defined as a non-participant ages 5-17 years old).

3) No passes are permitted with the exception of rostered Coaches and participants of the teams playing for their scheduled games, Regional and Conference Officials, Association Presidents, Athletic Directors and Spirit Directors.

4) All teams wanting to participate in Bowl Games, including Spirit competitions must submit a written request to the Conference Board of Directors and receive written approval from the Conference President, which is to be retained in their respective team roster book.

5) Only Teams and/or Associations in good standing and without sanctions will be allowed any Post Season play.

6) Any Association who plays a bowl game without the HLA's approval will be fined five hundred (\$500) dollars per game and placed on probation.

7) Any team or Association who fails to show up for a scheduled Bowl game shall be fined five hundred (\$500) dollars and be liable for all losses to the opposing team; to include travel, housing and other reasonable items and placed on probation.

8) Bowl teams must make the Conference President aware of scores, and report any rule violations within twenty-four (24) hours of the game.

9) It is the Conference President's responsibility to report to the Southeast Regional Director on all Bowl games hosted by Peace River and all Bowl games traveled to by Member Associations and teams from Peace River. Failure to do so will result in a five hundred (\$500) dollar fine against Peace River by the Southeast Region.

U: Spirit Competitions

1) PRC will host a Conference Cheer/Dance Competition every year.

2) In order to offset the costs of judges, trophies and participation gifts, the HLA reserves the right to charge a registration fee to participating teams. The amount of this fee is to be determined on a yearly basis no later than the Conference meeting in October.

3) Associations' Cheer/Dance teams must compete at the Peace River Conference Cheer/Dance Competition. Any Association that does not participate may be fined up to \$1,000.00 per team and may be placed on probation for up to two years.

4) Any Associations' Cheer/Dance teams advancing to Regional and or National Competition that does not show will be fined \$1,000.00 per team by Peace River and will placed on two (2) years probation and sanctioned by the Southeast Region. (The number advancing is set by Pop Warner or the Southeast Region.)

5) The HLA will decide in July of each year whether the Conference, as a group will be involved, (both Football and Cheer/Dance), in Regional Playoffs, Regional Cheer/Dance Competition, and in the National Championship Program.

6) Each Association will provide volunteers to help work the Conference Spirit Competition throughout the day. The number of volunteers shall be set by the HLA but shall not exceed ten (10). Any Association that have volunteer no shows will be fined \$100.00 per no show volunteer unless their available volunteers work multiple shifts to cover the shortage. Volunteers who work partial shifts will not be permitted free entry into the venue to watch the rest of the Spirit Competition and must pay admission as do other spectators.

V: Scholarships

1) The Peace River Conference shall offer each year a \$1,000.00 and a \$500.00 scholarship in both football and spirit Little Scholar All Americans.

2) The Scholastics Coordinator shall submit to the Executive Committee a list of qualified candidates from the Peace River Conference Little Scholars All Americans list to be considered for scholarships. The Executive Committee shall select one scholar each from football and spirit to be the top scholars for the \$1,000.00 awards. The Executive Committee shall also select one scholar each from football and spirit for the \$500.00 awards.

3) Associations may request that any of the four scholarship awards be given as “memorial awards” in the name of the Association or a participant from said Association. Memorial Awards must be funded entirely by the sponsoring Association or in combinations with other Associations or outside funding. The following is a list of funded scholarships:

Football:

\$1,000.00: The Kyle Barna Memorial Scholarship (sponsored by Englewood)
\$ 500.00:

Spirit:

\$1,000.00:
\$ 500.00:

II. PEACE RIVER CONFERENCE PLAYING RULES FOR ALL TEAMS:

1) Each Association shall field teams as determined at the beginning of the year by the Conference Board of Directors.

2) Current Schematic of age and weight concerning each division of play will follow National Mandated rules.

3) Florida High School Athletic Association rules will be in effect with the following exceptions of those noted in the National Pop Warner Rule Book:

- a) No mandatory numbering system, although encouraged.
- b) Official football to be used for all levels of play shall be any leather football and the size as per National rules.

Tiny Mites/Mighty Mites - K-2
Junior Peewee and Peewee – TDJ
Junior Midget and Midget – TDY

4) Scoring:

Touchdown - six (6) points
Field Goals - three (3) points

Points after Touchdown:
Kicking - two (2) points
Running - one (1) point
Passing - One (1) point

5) Free substitution rule is always in effect.

6) All levels will play length of quarters as specified in the Pop Warner Rule Book.

7) Intermission:

Between first and second quarter	Two (2) minutes
Half-time	Fifteen (15) minutes
Between third and fourth quarters	Two (2) minutes

8) All teams shall be permitted three (3) time outs per half, with officials charged with all injury time outs.

9) Lopsided Scores will be in accordance with the National Rule which is to be 28 points. ANY TIME A TEAM GOES UP BY 28 POINTS OR MORE, THE FOLLOWING WILL OCCUR: (BE SURE TO REVIEW THE NATIONAL RULE BOOK ANNUALLY FOR ANY CHANGES IN THIS RULE!)

- a. The official clock will become a running clock and once started can only be stopped for injury of a player or at the discretion of a referee. It cannot revert to a game clock operation for the remainder of the game.

- b. Once a 28-point difference is obtained between the two opponents, the winning team cannot pass the ball or run sweeps outside the tackle. If the winning team fails to abide by this rule, each violation will be a loss of down and a 5-yard penalty. This is at the discretion of the game referee.
- c. There will be no Blitzing by either team once the clock becomes a running clock and the lopsided rule is in effect.
- d. There will be no on sidekicks at kickoff.
- e. The winning defense team cannot advance a fumble or pass interception. The ball is blown dead immediately. The winning offense may start play action from this point.
- f. The winning team shall make every effort to replace starting players with reserves. In the event there are not enough reserve players to go into the game, only non-key players may remain. Key players can be so noted by the opposing coach. Failure to do so will call for an immediate investigation and possible one game suspension if found guilty. (There will be no excuse taken from the coaching staff on this matter.)
- g. Any coach who employs types of plays without the intent to maximize the action of play shall be in violation of this rule.
- h. The teams are still required to complete the mandatory play rule.
- i. An investigation will be conducted if a game ends with a score differential of 28 points or more.

10). No game from Junior Peewee to Midget shall end in a tie. Game shall be decided by a Kansas City Tie Breaker.

- a. The hosting team shall have the right to opening possession or to defer.
- b. The ball shall be placed on the 10 Yard Line.
- c. The team on offense shall have 4 downs in which to score by a field goal, a touchdown or a touchdown and extra point. If the offensive team scores, the opposing team shall have 4 downs to score. If the opposing team does not score, the game is over. If the first team doesn't score and the opposing team does, the game is over. If either team scores or both teams do not score, play continues until there is a winner.

11) The use of headsets, two- way radios, walkie-talkies, cell phones or like devices shall be illegal for all sideline personnel during the commission of a game, with the exception of HLA, Southeast Region or National officials. Any practice of using these coaching aids shall be considered cheating. Any member of the team's sideline staff caught using these devices shall be charged before the Conference Hearings Committee and may face punishment from a minimum of a \$100.00 fine up to and including suspension for a year. That offending principle's home association shall face punishments from \$500.00 up to and including forfeiture of said game where the offense occurred.

12) Tiny Mite/Mighty Mite rules will be followed by what the current National rulebook states.

III. PEACE RIVER CONFERENCE PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

1) No participant shall take the field for practice until all of their official paperwork is in the Roster Book. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!

2) As outlined in the National Rule Book, Pages 16 and 17, Article 15.

3) Warm weather precautions: See current National Rule Book, Page 33, Rule 26, S2.

4) Beginning with game 2 and following throughout the year, the official player's maximum weight shall be increased by one (1) pound per week. Minimum weight stays the same throughout the year. See below: *SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY NATIONAL ANNUALLY.

<u>WEEK</u>	<u>POUNDS</u>
ONE	0 (Jamboree and week one are same weight)
TWO	1
THREE	2
FOUR	3
FIVE	4
SIX	5
SEVEN	6
EIGHT	7
NINE	8
TEN	9
ELEVEN	maximum weights reached.

IV. PEACE RIVER CONFERENCE WEIGH-IN POLICY:

1) Book Checks:

In accordance with Regional policy, only weights that have been stamped with the appropriate Conference issued stamp will be considered officially certified. Spirit books must be stamped with a Conference approved stamp indicating the participant was present at the game. The home Cheer Coordinator can get with the visiting counterpart and decide when is best time to stamp books, i.e., beginning of game, half-time, etc.

2) The Weigh Master:

- a) Each Association shall have at least one weigh master.
- b) No rostered Coach shall hold the position of Weigh Master.
- c) The only personnel allowed in the weigh-in area are the Weigh Master and one Assistant Weigh Master along with HLA and /or Regional staff when available and the Head Coaches of the competing teams or their designees.

d) Southeast Region has ruled that the MPR sheets will be used for weigh-in along with your books. All roster books must contain a current National roster, sign up forms, signed medical history forms, original physical exams, a current picture, birth certificates, and scholastic fitness shall be made available for the opposing team's inspection. The Weigh Master is responsible for checking books for scholastic eligibility paperwork and to make sure a satisfactory progress report is in book. The Weigh Master shall be the final judge of player eligibility. If the player does not have a satisfactory progress report, then that player shall not play. If he plays, he will be considered an ineligible participant and will put that team at risk of any play-offs.

e) THERE WILL BE NO DEALS between the Weigh Masters and coaches, or between the coaches. Decision of the Weigh Master is final. The Pop Warner rule for weigh-ins will be strictly enforced. Any Weigh Master or head coach that allows an ineligible player to play shall each be fined \$500.00.

f) All books and rosters as well as the digital readouts of the scales must be visible to all coaches and attending HLA or Region Staff during the weigh ins.

C. Official Weigh-In Time:

1) For the first game of the day, weigh-in time is one (1) hour before the scheduled starting time of the game.

2) For all other games, weigh-in time is no earlier than the first quarter of the preceding game.

3) Both teams must be present before weigh in can begin.

4) The Home Team scale is the official weigh-in scale. Scales shall be zeroed out prior to each team weigh-in.

5) All scales used in the Peace River Conference shall be electronic digital scales. All scales shall be calibrated and certified on a yearly basis with proof of certification posted in the weigh room

5) Peace River weigh-in policy shall always be in effect for all games (regular, pre-season or post-season play), in accordance with National rules.

D. Weigh-In Procedure:

1) All players from the Mighty Mite to the Midget level must weigh-in at the official weigh-in without equipment (game jersey and athletic shorts only. No jean shorts will be allowed).

2) Tiny Mites may be allowed to weigh in uniform without shoulder pads and helmets. There will be no extra weight allowance for pads.

3) Any participant that does not meet the scholastic requirements at the time of weigh in must not be allowed to play as per Pop Warner National Rules. This includes Scholastic forms inclusive of progress reports.

4) Any player not present for the initial weigh-in will be allowed to weigh in up to fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled starting time of the game.

5) As per the Southeast Region rules, weights at .4lbs. above weight shall play. Weights at .5lbs. or more is over. (Example: 134 is the maximum weight. If digital reads 134.4 the player is eligible; 134.5 the player is over and cannot play that week.)

6) Once a player has weighed in and registers overweight, the player is entitled to a second weigh-in. A player may not "STRIP" down past underwear/girdle. During this time, the player WILL NOT be allowed to leave the presence of the weigh master before weighing the second and final time, which will be no later than the last rostered player on his team that is present at the time of the initial weigh in.

7) The minimum weight rule for all divisions of play shall be enforced.

8) If a player is overweight/underweight, he may accompany his team. However, he will remove all pads from pants (knee, thigh and girdle), remove shoulder pads and helmet. This player may continue to wear his game jersey and pants, but shall be ineligible for that game.

V. PEACE RIVER CONFERENCE JAMBOREE RULES:

1) Each contest will consist of two halves of ten (10) minutes each.

2) All divisions of play will be allowed one (1) time out per half.

3) Coin toss will determine which team goes on offense first.

4) Offensive team will place the ball in play from its own forty (40) yard line.

5) No punting will be allowed, instead the offensive team may elect to punt and the game officials will advance the ball no further than the receiving team's twenty (20) yard line.

6) There will be a three (3) minute break between halves.

7) In the interest of time, all warm ups will be completed prior to entering the field. No warm ups will be allowed on the game field.

8) At the end of the first half, the team losing the toss will receive the ball on its own forty (40) yard line. The former line of scrimmage is forgotten when the new "half" begins.

9) Both teams will vacate the playing field as soon as possible upon completion of their two (2) halves of play.

10) The clock for the jamboree shall be a running clock, with the exception of the Official's time outs, injury time outs, and the one time out per half per team.

11) Jamboree weight will be the "maximum certification weight" of each appropriate division. The MPR requirements will be half (½) of a regular season game.

Tackle Jamboree Hosts

District	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
North	Sarasota	Suncoast	Englewood	Venice	North Port	Sarasota
North Central	Cape Youth	Charlotte	Cape Junior	Port Charlotte	North Fort Myers	Cape Youth
South Central	Estero	Lehigh	Riverdale	Fort Myers	Cypress Lake	Estero
South	Naples Hurricanes	LaBelle	Naples Bears	Clewiston	Immokalee	Brighton

Tiny Mite-Mighty Mite Jamboree Hosts

Districts	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
North	Englewood	Sarasota	Suncoast	North Port	Venice	Englewood
North Central	North Fort Myers	Cape Youth	Cape Junior	Port Charlotte	Charlotte	North Fort Myers
South Central	Fort Myers	Estero	Cypress Lake	Riverdale	Lehigh	Fort Myers
South	LaBelle	Clewiston	Naples Bears	Immokalee	Naples Hurricanes	Brighton

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