



## **Tournament Rules & Regulations**

### **Tournament Overview**

The 2010 Great Lakes Youth Football Classic is a tackle youth football tournament for players ages 6 to 15 years old. Each player's age will be determined at their current age on November 6th, 2010.

All participating teams must be true league "rostered" teams only. No "All Star" teams allowed! All participating teams must provide certified league roster documentation from your league.

Each team is "guaranteed" two games with the possibility of additional games dependant upon the number of teams registered in each division. Each division will consist of 12 teams per division, no exceptions! The final tournament schedule will be mailed out one week in advance prior to the start of the tournament.

**The entry fee for the tournament is \$300 per team. Tournament awards will be presented to the 1st and 2nd place teams in each division only (limit 25 awards per team).**

**Great Lakes Youth Football Classic games are played under the rules of the National Federation of State High School Associations, with the following alterations herein:**

- 1. 7 & UNDER DIVISION (7U):** Skill player max weight is 90lbs and unlimited offensive line weight. No Kicking or Punting. Each drive will start on the 20 yard line in change of possession situations. Players will be 6 and 7 years old in this division. Maximum roster size of 25 players only allowed.

Any player turning 8 years old during the course of the current youth football league season will be allowed to play in this division. Any player that is 8 years old prior to the current youth football league season is not eligible for the 7U division.

Two coaches per team will be allowed on the field at once and are required to stand 10 yards away from the team, once the huddle is over. All coaches on the field must remain quiet until the ball is snapped. Coaches are on the field to coach and not officiate. Any coach in violation of this rule will be moved to the sideline.

- 2. 9 & UNDER DIVISION (9U):** Skill player max weight is 115lbs and unlimited offensive line weight. No Kicking or Punting. Each drive will start on the 20 yard line in change of possession situations. Players will be 8 and 9 years old in this division. Maximum roster size of 25 players only allowed. See tournament rules for full division details. **(No coaches on the field allowed!)**

Any player turning 10 years old during the course of the current youth football league season will be allowed to play in this division. Any player that is 10 years old prior to the current youth football league season is not eligible for the 9U division.

- 3. 11 & UNDER DIVISION (11U):** Skill player max weight is 135lbs and unlimited offensive line weight. Punting and kicking is allowed, and no player is allowed to line-up over the center. Once the ball is received, the defense can advance to the ball carrier. Players will be 10 and 11 years old in this division. Maximum roster size of 25 players only allowed. See tournament rules for full division details. **(No coaches on the field allowed!)**

Any player turning 12 years old during the course of the current youth football league season will be allowed to play in this division. Any player that is 12 years old prior to the current youth football league season is not eligible for the 11U division.

- 4. 13 UNDER DIVISION (13U 7th & 8th Grade Weight Restricted):** Skill player max weight is 170lbs and unlimited offensive line weight only. All punts and kicks are live and follow high school punt and kick rules. Players will be 13 years old and under in this division. Younger players are allowed in this division at the discretion of coaches and directors. Maximum roster size of 25 players only allowed.

- 5. 14/15 & UNDER DIVISION: (7th & 8th Grade Unlimited Weight):** No weight limit and younger players are allowed in this division. The most competitive division in the tournament and all live kicks. Maximum roster size of 25 players only allowed.

- 6. Officials:** MHSAA (Michigan High School Athletic Association) licensed officials will be assigned to each game of the tournament. 14/15 & under and 13 & under division games will be assigned (4) four officials, 11U, 9U and 7U will be assigned (3) three officials.

- 7. Playing Fields:** All games will be played in high school football stadiums. 14/15U, 13U and 11U will play on regulation 100-yard football fields. 7U and 9U divisions will be changed to 80 yard field configurations. Players and coaches must remain in their respective players/coaches boxes at all times.

- 8. Game Times/Clock Stoppage:** All games will have four (4) 10 minute quarters with running clock and regular clock stoppage rules apply on scores, timeouts, penalties, and after 2 minute warning.  
No more than 2 minute rest period between quarters, and halftime break will be 8 minutes only. Teams will receive two time outs per quarter and will have a 10 minute warm-up period before the start of each game.

**Injury Situations will always result in an Official timeout. If a player is hurt, the player must be escorted to the sidelines after the time-out and remain there for 3 to 4 play series.**

- 9. All player's parents or guardians** are required to sign and complete the **Team Roster & Liability Acceptance Form**, in order to be permitted to participate in the tournament.
- 10.** All players must wear gym shoes or molded style cleats. No other shoes are allowed including metal style cleats and all types of screw-in cleats are prohibited.
- 11. Extra Point Rules:** all Extra Points will be runs on the 7U, 9U and 11U. 14/15U and 13U will be allowed to kick or run on extra points, and attempt field goals. 9U and 11U Teams will have the option to run or pass the ball from the (5) five yard line for (1) one point or from the (10) ten yard line for two points.
- 12. National Federation of State High School Associations** game play, scoring and substitution rules are used except where they may conflict with the Great Lakes Youth Football Classic tournament rules.
- 13. All levels:** The Defense may advance fumbles and interceptions at all times.
- 14.** Players on the sidelines must remain between the 25 yard markers. A 15 yard penalty will be charged to any team violating this rule and interrupting the normal progress of the official games.
- 15. Clock will be required to run if a team leads by 21 points or more, with no clock stoppage except on injuries, timeouts and out of bounds situations.**
- 16. Footballs:** Teams are permitted to use their own footballs as long as they pass the required officials inspection. 14/15U and 13U divisions will use the (TDY) size ball or equivalent, 11U Division (TDJ) 7U and 9U Division will use the K2 model or equivalent. (1) One tournament owned football will be available for each division.
- 17. Protective Equipment:** Every player must wear a helmet with face mask and attached mouth piece, shoulder pads, football pants with pants at all times during official games. All protective equipment must be NOCSAE approved. Mouth

Pieces must be attached to the helmet at all times and in the players mouth while on the playing field or a 5 yard penalty will be called for violation of this rule on all levels.

**18. Division Eligibility Wrist Band:** All tournament participants will be required to wear a colored eligibility wrist band that determines a player's eligibility and division, etc. The wrist band is not to be removed during the tournament and any player not wearing the eligibility wrist band will not be allowed to participate.

**19. No all-star teams are permitted to participate in the Great Lakes Youth Football Classic. All players on eligible teams must have played together on the same team throughout the 2010 football season. "Add Ons", "Pick-up Players" or "Guest Players" are strictly prohibited.**

**20. Game Jersey Notification:** Please plan ahead in the event you face a team with the same Jersey/team colors and bring alternate jerseys if available. Games will be played regardless of Jersey/team colors and it is up to your programs to have alternate jerseys for competition.

Please make sure your coaches, parents and staff understands all the rules and regulations of this even prior to arrival.

Any questions related to the rules and regulations of this tournament can be directed to the tournament committee at [csteam@esportsmi.com](mailto:csteam@esportsmi.com)