

## CLEVELAND MUNY FOOTBALL WEEKLY HOTLINE INFORMATION

August 18, 2015

Please follow current information on our new website: [www.cmfleague.org](http://www.cmfleague.org)

1. We begin our 2015 season this coming weekend. Listed are some suggestions to ensure a smooth start to the season:
  - A. **Legal Helmet:** Make sure each player has a legal helmet by Thursday evening. Legal helmets will have the yellow or orange sticker inside the helmet by the ear. If you need a sticker – Please contact Joe Reccord immediately.
  - B. **Coach's Badges:** Coaches must have their badge from USA Football to coach on the field this weekend. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR COACHES HAVE A USA BADGE. They should go on line and print a temporary badge from their profile if they did not receive their badge yet.**
  - C. **Be Early:** Plan to be at the field at least (1) hour before game time for your team's weigh-in. You should assign (2) coaches that will be in your team's weigh-in. Check with your drivers and vehicles for the team transportation this coming weekend.
  - D. **Properly Equipped:** Make sure all players are properly equipped with all pads, mouth piece, legal helmet and uniform.
  - E. **Money for the Referees:** Termites game fees are \$49.50 per team, Junior Varsity game fees are \$49.50 per team and Varsity game fees are \$49.50 per team. ***Give your game fee money to the field coordinator at the team weigh-in.***
  - F. **Team items** – such as **player contract cards, Water for team bench, First aid supplies, game football** and extra equipment in case of a need should arise.
  - G. **WEIGH-INS:** Make sure every player has a legal helmet and certified player contract card before the weigh-in begins.

Note: ***I am attaching the process and procedures for the weigh-ins.***

Please read this and you have any questions – Call me at 664-2346.

The season schedule of games for this weekend is on page 2!

(\*) – denotes games will have admission fee at the gate (\$4 – adults, \$2 – children)

**\* - Indicates an Admission Fee is charged for those games (Adults \$4, Children \$2)**  
**Gates will open at 3:45 p.m. (NO ONE GETS IN UNTIL 3:45 p.m.)**  
 GATE PROCEEDS GO TOWARD THE COSTS OF OPERATING THE LEAGUE.

<b>SATURDAY AUGUST 22, 2015</b>				
<b>FIELD</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>GAME TIME</b>
Bump Taylor	JV	LEAGUE PARK CHARGERS	COLLINWOOD HURRICANES	10:00 AM
Bump Taylor	T	OHIO CARDINALS	GLENVILLE PANTHERS	11:30 AM
Bump Taylor	JV	OHIO CARDINALS	GLENVILLE PANTHERS	1:00 PM
Bump Taylor	T	LEAGUE PARK CHARGERS	SIMS RAIDERS	2:30 PM
<b>* Collinwood</b>	T	CLEVELAND STALLIONS	GEORGE MONROE ALL-STARS	5:00 PM
<b>* Collinwood</b>	T	WEST SIDE WOLVERINES	LAKE ERIE SHARKS	6:30 PM
<b>* Collinwood</b>	JV	WEST SIDE WOLVERINES	LAKE ERIE SHARKS	8:00 PM
James Rhodes	JV	CMHA / PHIL CULLUM	CLEVELAND STALLIONS	10:00 AM
James Rhodes	T	CMHA / PHIL CULLUM	GARDEN VALLEY FALCONS	11:30 AM
James Rhodes	JV	GARDEN VALLEY FALCONS	CLEVELAND BOMBERS	1:00 PM
James Rhodes	T	CLEVELAND BOMBERS	PAL 6 RED DOGS	2:30 PM
Luke Easter	JV	PAL 6 RED DOGS	GEORGE MONROE ALL-STARS	10:00 AM
Luke Easter	JV	KEN JOHNSON WILDCATS	UMOJA JAGUARS	11:30 AM
Luke Easter	T	CLEVELAND WARRIORS	EAST 88 STREET BROWNS	1:00 PM
Luke Easter	JV	CLEVELAND WARRIORS	EAST 88 STREET BROWNS	2:30 PM
Luke Easter	T	UMOJA JAGUARS	COLLINWOOD HURRICANES	4:00 PM
Gunning Park	JV	GUNNING PARK GATORS	BROADWAY COMANCHES	11:00 AM
Gunning Park	T	GUNNING PARK GATORS	BROADWAY COMANCHES	12:30 PM

<b>SUNDAY AUGUST 23, 2015</b>				
<b>FIELD</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>GAME TIME</b>
Bump Taylor	V	SAINT TIMS CRUSADERS	EAST 88 STREET BROWNS	1:00 PM
Bump Taylor	V	OHIO CARDINALS	SIMS RAIDERS	2:30 PM
<b>Collinwood</b>	V	CLEVELAND STALLIONS	GEORGE MONROE	1:00 PM
<b>Collinwood</b>	V	LEAGUE PARK CHARGERS	GLENVILLE PANTHERS	2:30 PM
James Rhodes	V	WEST SIDE WOLVERINES	LAKE ERIE SHARKS	1:00 PM
James Rhodes	V	PAL 6 RED DOGS	CLEVELAND BOMBERS	2:30 PM
Luke Easter	V	CMHA / PHIL CULLUM	CLEVELAND WARRIORS	1:00 PM
Luke Easter	V	GARDEN VALLEY FALCONS	BROADWAY COMANCHES	2:30 PM
Luke Easter	V	UMOJA JAGUARS	GUNNING PARK GATORS	4:00 PM

THE NEXT PAGE HAS YOUR GAME RULE MODIFICATIONS.

EACH HEAD COACH WILL RECEIVE HIS COPY ON A LAMINATED CARD  
 BEFORE THEIR GAME THIS WEEKEND.

## **2015 JUNIOR VARSITY DIVISION GAME RULE MODIFICATIONS**

### **For Ages 9 and 11, Weight limit is 145 lbs.**

1. **THE PROPER SHOE (CLEAT)**  
Football shoes with a male screw-in plastic cleats may be used in the Pee Wee games
  2. **THE GAME BALL FOR THE JUNIOR VARSITY DIVISION**  
Pee Wee  $\implies$  Wilson TDJ, Nike Junior Football
  3. **THE LENGTH OF THE GAME**  
Pee Wee  $\implies$  Four (8) minute quarters of regulation time
  4. **THE PRE-GAME COIN TOSS**
    - a.) The head coach and team captains are to meet with the officials at mid-field.
    - b.) Each team is limited to (4) team captains to go to mid-field prior to the game.
    - c.) The Field Coordinator will have this game rule modification card at the coin toss.
  5. **THE COACHES ON THE SIDELINE:**
    - A. Each team is permitted (6) coaches on the field.
    - B. This does not include the organizational coordinator
  6. **THE START OF THE GAME**  
Pee Wee  $\implies$  Kickoff from the (40) yard line for the offensive team.
  7. **TEAM TIME OUTS**
    - A. Each team gets four (4) time outs during the regulation game.
    - B. Each team gets one (1) additional time out in overtime. (Playoffs only)
    - C. Timeouts can be carried over to the next period including the O.T. period.
  8. **WHEN A SAFETY OCCURS** After the safety,  
The punting team will punt from the 20 yard line.
  9. **THE HEAD COACH IS THE ONLY PERSON TO ADDRESS THE GAME REFEREES**
    - a.) The head coach is the only coach to talk to the referees during the game on rule Interpretations or issues in a **sportsmanlike manner**.
- Points of Emphasis**
10. **CENTER – KEEP YOUR HEAD UP:**  
The center is to keep his head up when snapping the ball to the QB in a shotgun formation.
  11. **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP IS A REQUIREMENT**  
Officials are to penalize those participants (both coaches and players) when their conduct violates good sportsmanship guidelines.

- 12. ILLEGAL HELMET HITS ARE A BIG POINT OF EMPHASIS THIS YEAR**  
**No spearing, No helmet to helmet, No initial contact to head, No Face tackling will be carefully watched and penalized.**

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**POINTS OF EMPHASIS FOR THE 2015 SEASON**

Emphasis on all types of illegal helmet contact are:

1. **Spearing** - any act by the offense or defensive player who initiates contact against any opponent with the top of his helmet.
2. **Face tackling** - an act by the defensive player who initiates contact with a runner with the front of his helmet.
3. **Butt blocking** - an act by the offensive or defensive player who initiates contact against an opponent who is not running with the front of his helmet.
4. **Blows to the head by the defender** - an act by the defensive player hand(s) to slap the opponents head is illegal. A blocker may not initiate contact with his arm or hand against an opponent above the opponents shoulder.
5. **Initiating contact to the head** - it is illegal for either team to use any other part of the body or equipment to initiate contact to the head. Contact to the helmet of another player could be one of the three specific illegal contact fouls or it could also be a personal foul for unnecessary roughness. This is not limited to acts by the defensive (such as a defensive back making a big hit on the receiver, or the linebacker making the big blow against a back out of the backfield). When in doubt the official shall call a foul.
6. **Helmet to Helmet contact** - initiated acts of helmet to helmet contact will be penalized when they occur in all contest. Contact initiated by one player with a helmet to helmet of another player could be one of the three specific illegal contact fouls or it could also be a personal foul for unnecessary roughness. When in doubt the official will always rule it a foul.
7. **Making a initial contact with a defender with head down** - this act by the runner lowering his helmet to spear an opponent is not legal. The acts noted above have no place in the game. When in doubt, all the acts will be viewed as illegal by the officials and will be penalized.

## CLARIFICATION OF MAN OF OVER THE CENTER GUIDELINES

### LEGAL BLOCKING POSITION IS:

*Center has head up facing the defender and arms up to block.*

TYPE OF PLAY	RUSHING " A " GAP	HITTING THE CENTER
Scrimmage Kick (Punt or Field Goal)	No Rushing the Gap	Can not hit the center Until the center is in a legal Blocking Positon
Fake Punt	No restrictions	Can not hit the center Until the center is in a legal Blocking Positon
Shot Gun Formation	No Rushing the Gap	Can not hit the center Until the center is in a legal Blocking Positon
Person under Center	No restrictions	Free Blocking Zone in effect - No restrictions

The Penalty is 15 yards for a personal foul.