# **Apple Valley League Rules**

All Teams will adhere to Virginia High School Football Rules. Rules listed below are Apple Valley League specific.

## D League - 7U:

- Football Size: K2 Clock: 20 Minute Running Half Time Outs: 3
- Ball Carrier/Specialty Position Weight: 75lbs
  - Any Player OVER 75lbs will have a Sticker/Tag placed on their helmet to indicate
    they cannot carry the ball/Play a Non-Line Position. Possession of the ball by a
    Tagged Player results in a dead ball spot. If the Tagged player recovers a fumble
    resulting in a turnover it is dead at the spot of recovery but DOES result in a
    change of possession.
- Ball starts at the Thirty (30) yard line.
- Tight End (TE) CAN be a Tagged (Over the weight limit player).
- No Defensive player is allowed over the head of the Center. (On the line of scrimmage (LOS) only.)
- Defensive Line MUST line up head up on offensive line. (No Gaps)
- ANY Defensive player lined up inside the Tight End/Offensive Tackles MUST be in a down position.
- <u>Defensive Ends</u> (DEs) CAN be Tagged (Over the weight limit player) and ARE allowed to line up in a 2 point stance.
  - DEs MUST be lined up within Two (2) yards outside the Tight End/Offensive Tackle and on the LOS.
  - Any player further than Two (2) yards outside the Tight End/Offensive Tackle is considered a LB and MUST be Three (3) yards off the LOS.
- <u>Line Backers</u> (LBs) MUST Three (3) yards off the LOS. CANNOT be moving towards the LOS prior to the snap.
- <u>Corner Backs</u> (CBs) MAY line up on the LOS IF there is a Wide Receiver (WR) present on that Cornerback's side. If NO WR is present they MUST line up Three (3) yards off the LOS and Five (5) yards outside the Tight End/Offensive Tackle or last offensive player.
- Safety (S) MUST line up Eight (8) yards off the LOS at all times.
  - <u>Safety is a required def</u>ensive position.
- If <u>punting</u> is elected on 4<sup>th</sup> down it results in a Thirty (30) yard change of possession.
- Field Goals: Kicking blocks CAN be used. NO Kick Off tees. (No live rush)
- Encourage Sportsmanship: Respect a 3 score lead by subbing and moving players around to less impactful positions.

## C League – 9U:

- Football Size: K2 Clock: 8 Minute Quarters Time Outs: 3
- Ball Carrier/Specialty Position Weight: 95lbs
  - Any Player OVER 95lbs will have a Sticker/Tag placed on their helmet to indicate they cannot carry the ball/Play a Non-Line Position. Possession of the ball by a Tagged Player results in a dead ball spot. If the Tagged player recovers a fumble resulting in a turnover it is dead at the spot of recovery but DOES result in a change of possession.
- Tight End (TE) CAN be a Tagged (Over the weight limit player).
- ANY Defensive player lined up inside the Tight End/Offensive Tackles MUST be in a down position.
- <u>Defensive Ends</u> (DEs) CAN be Tagged (Over the weight limit player). and ARE allowed to line up in a 2 point stance.
  - DEs MUST be lined up within Two (2) yards outside the Tight End/Offensive Tackle and on the LOS.
  - Any player further than Two (2) yards outside the Tight End/Offensive Tackle is considered a LB and MUST be Three (3) yards off the LOS.
- Line Backers (LBs) MUST be Three (3) yards off the line of scrimmage (LOS).
  - LBs CANNOT be moving towards the LOS prior to the snap.
- <u>Corner Backs</u> (CBs) MAY line up on the LOS IF there is a Wide Receiver (WR) present on that Cornerback's side. If NO WR is present they MUST line up Three (3) yards off the LOS and Five (5) yards outside the Wing back/Tight End/Offensive Tackle.
- <u>Safety</u> (S) MUST line up Eight (8) yards off the LOS.
  - Safety may move to Three (3) yards off the line of scrimmage (LOS) on 4<sup>th</sup> down and inside the defensive team's own 10 yard line.
  - Safety is a required defensive position.
- Field Goals: Kicking blocks CAN be used. NO Kick Off tees. (No live rush)
- <u>Punting</u> (No live rush); Ball is placed where the opposing returner receives/downs the punt, or where ball comes to a rest.
- Encourage Sportsmanship: Respect a 3 score lead by subbing and moving players around to less impactful positions.

## **B League – 11U:**

- Football Size: TDJ Clock: 9 Minute Quarters Time Outs: 3
- Ball Carrier/Specialty Position Weight: 130lbs
  - Any Player OVER 130lbs will have a Sticker/Tag placed on their helmet to indicate
    they cannot carry the ball/Play a Non-Line Position. Possession of the ball by a
    Tagged Player results in a dead ball spot. If the Tagged player recovers a fumble
    resulting in a turnover it is dead at the spot of recovery but DOES result in a
    change of possession.
- Tight End (TE) CAN be a Tagged (Over the weight limit player).
- ANY Defensive player lined up inside the offensive tackles MUST be in a down position.
- <u>Defensive Ends</u> (DEs) CAN be Tagged (Over the weight limit player). and ARE allowed to line up in a 2 point stance.
  - DEs MUST be lined up within Two (2) yards outside the Tight End/Offensive Tackle and on the LOS.
  - Any player further than Two (2) yards outside the Tight End/Offensive Tackle is considered a LB and MUST be Three (3) yards off the LOS.
- Line Backers (LBs) MUST be Three (3) yards off the line of scrimmage (LOS).
  - LBs CANNOT be moving towards the LOS prior to the snap.
- <u>Corner Backs</u> (CBs) MAY line up on the LOS IF there is a Wide Receiver (WR) present on that Corner backs side. If NO WR is present they MUST line up Three (3) yards off the LOS and Five (5) yards outside the Wing back/Tight End/Offensive Tackle.
- <u>Safety</u> (S) MUST line up Eight (8) yards off the LOS.
  - S may move to Three (3) yards off the line of scrimmage (LOS) on 4<sup>th</sup> down and inside the defensive team's own 10 yard line.
  - S is a required defensive position.
- Field Goals: Kicking blocks CAN be used. NO Kick Off tees.
- Encourage Sportsmanship: Respect a 3 score lead by subbing and moving players around to less impactful positions.

## <u>A League – 13U:</u>

- Adheres to FULL Virginia High School Football Rules.
- Football Size: TDY

# All Leagues (A, B, C & D):

### **Game Times**

D - 7U - 2 - 20 min Halves - Running Clock - Time Outs: 3

C - 9U - 8 Min Quarters, Time Outs: 3

B - 11U - 9 Min Quarters, Time Outs: 3

A - 13U - 10 Min Quarters, Time Outs: 3

### **Extra Point:**

• Kick: 2 points

• Pass or Run from the 3 yard line: 1 point

• Pass or Run from the 10 yard line: 2 points

## **Mercy Rule:**

• 21 points ahead (at any time) will run a continuous running clock. Clock will only stop for change of possession, injury, or time out. We will still kick off during the mercy rule.

#### **Overtime:**

- Each team will have possession of the ball in each series. Max number of series: 2
- The offensive team shall put the ball in play at first and goal on the 10-yard line.
- The offensive team has 4 downs which during this series shall be terminated by any score by the offensive team or if the defensive team has possession at the end of any down.

#### **Chains:**

Home Team (Based on schedule assignment not home location). Will be on home side of the field