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## 2009-2010 CPS FOOTBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS

### RULE 1 - REMINDERS – (CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOOTBALL)

- A. **IMPORTANT:** Special Rulings on Football in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Chicago Public High Schools Athletic Association (C.P.H.S.A.A.)
- 1 Fall football practice may be started on the official opening date in August as determined by the IHSA-- *Wednesday, August 12, 2009*. The assigned football coaches at their respective school can only conduct football practice during this period. Prior to this starting time, football coaches, school faculty members, or unofficial coaches cannot conduct football practice. School facilities will be available for practice according to the principal's discretion.
  2. A student will become eligible to participate in an interscholastic contest or scrimmage in football after completing twelve (12) days of practice (excluding Sundays). *Article XI Section 5*. (Constitution and By-Laws of the Chicago Public High Schools Athletic Association, Special Rulings on Sports.)
  3. No football games will be scheduled **BEFORE FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2009**.
  4. **HELMETS** are the only equipment that may be worn during the participant's **first three (3) days of practice**.
  - 5 Spring football practice is not permitted. Coaches have a maximum of **25 days of contact** with a student from his school during the period **June 2nd through August 1, 2009**.
- B. All football equipment must be returned to the school at the end of the football season.
- C. Any kind of activity during the school year, outside of the regular established IHSA seasons, in which football equipment, partial or complete uniforms such as: shoulder pads, football pants, and helmets are used, will be in direct violation of the spirit of the rules governing football practice. The Executive Director of the C.P.H.S.A.A must approve all special programs.
- D. Any organized practice, with partial or complete equipment, with or without a coach present, outside of the National Federation/IHSA Rules will be considered a violation of the rules governing football practice.
- E. Open conditioning sessions during the school year, not involving the use of football equipment, are not considered a violation of the rules governing football practice.
- F. Not more than one game per calendar week will be played. The rule is applied to both individual players and teams. (Exception: teams involved in city or state playoffs)
- G. **A scrimmage against another school is viewed to be an interscholastic contest and is governed by the rules for playing games.**

H. Duplicate Eligibility Certificates should be prepared and exchanged for games played in CPS stadiums. One copy of the completed *Official Eligibility Certificate* is to be given to the stadium director prior to the start of the contest. The second copy is to be exchanged with the opposing coach. The complete certificate, including the official score of the game, should be mailed within 24 hours of the following school day to: **CPS Department of Sports Administration, 501 West 35<sup>th</sup> Street 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Chicago, IL. 60616 or Mail Run #40, attention: Mickey Pruitt, Football Coordinator.** *Official Eligibility Certificates* from games not played in CPS stadiums should also be submitted to the office of Sports Administration within this time period.

## **RULE 2 - LEAGUE ORGANIZATION**

A. **Conferences:** The CPS football program is divided into Eleven (11) conferences:

1. Six (6) teams in each of the four (4) **Illini Conferences**
2. Eight (8) teams in each of the four (4) Chicago Conferences
3. Eight (8) Teams in Two (2) Inter-City Conferences
4. Four (4) Teams in Inter-City 3 Conference

### **B. 2009 Conference Alignment**

#### **Illini**

##### **Red Bird**

Curie  
Dunbar  
Hyde Park  
Lane Tech  
Simeon  
Whitney Young

##### **Prairie State**

Amundsen  
CVCA  
Hubbard  
Lincoln Park  
Morgan Park  
Steinmetz

##### **Land of Lincoln**

Harlan  
Harper  
King  
Manley  
Marshall  
Robeson

##### **Heartland**

Brooks  
Crane  
Fenger  
Hope  
Orr  
Michelle Clark

#### **Chicago**

##### **Big Shoulders**

Clemente  
Farragut  
Foreman  
Lake view  
Mather  
Prosser  
Schurz  
Taft

##### **Windy City**

Bogan  
Corliss  
Julian  
Gage Park  
Kennedy  
Kenwood  
Kelly  
Tilden

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> City**

Al Raby  
Bronzeville  
Chicago Academy  
Douglass  
DuSable  
Phillips  
Uplift  
Urban Prep

##### **Great Lakes**

Ag/Science  
Austin  
Bowen  
Carver  
Dyett  
Little Village  
Senn  
South Shore

## Inter-City Conference

<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
ACT	Calumet-Perspective	Noble Street
Kelvyn Park	Collins Academy	Pritzker
Marine Academy	Hirsch	Rauner
Phoenix	Juarez	North lawndale
Rickover	Lindblom	
Roosevelt	Payton	
Sullivan	Team Englewood	
Wells	Washington	

### C. Schedules and Pairings:

1. Each conference will play a single round robin schedule, except Inter-City 3 Conference.
2. The pairings will be scheduled home and home without change from year to year.

### RULE 3 - LEAGUE RULES

- A. The National Federation of State High School Football Rules, the Official Rule Interpretations, and the Football Case Book of the Federation are to be accepted. This also includes the Chicago Public League tiebreaker rule.
- B. Workshop Attendance: All Returning coaches are required to attend six (6) hours and new coaches twelve (12) hours of football coaches' workshops, clinics, or other football related training sessions during the calendar year for which the activity is coached.**
- C. Prior to the first contest (**2**) weeks, schools must submit a **Central Office Record Sheet** to the Office of Sports Administration, where each participant is designated on one of three levels: Varsity, Sophomore, or Freshmen.

Once a player has been designated to play on a particular level representing his school by **his appearance on the Official Eligibility Certificate and/or on the field in uniform**, he may not participate in a contest below that level.

Sophomore level players are only allowed to participate in sophomore contests, but may additionally be permitted to participate in varsity-level contests with permission from the **principal of the school**.

- *For each varsity contest, the coach must prepare a Supplementary Eligibility Sheet indicating the sophomore level players which will participate in the subsequent varsity contest. This, in addition to varsity and sophomore Official Eligibility Certificates, is to be exchanged with the stadium director and the opposing coach. **Failure to submit these documents may result in forfeiture of the contest.***
- *Once a freshman player participates in a sophomore or varsity level contest, he must remain at that level and may no longer participate in freshmen level contests.*

- D. For the safety of all of the participants and to meet the guidelines established for team status, a team must have twice the number of required participants for competition. For example: Football requires eleven (11) players on field. **A minimum of twenty-two (22) eligible participants will be required for official team status. Central Office personnel will monitor team participation.**
- E. Student admission prices to all games will be: Pre-sale \$2.00, **gate sale \$4.00. (Everyone entering CPS stadium must have an admission ticket, a recognized pass, an Admit One ticket, or field participants must be dressed in a support organization.**  
*(Re: Stadium Admission Policy\*).*
- F. Contracts for non-conference football games are required from all schools. Schools must submit a copy of the IHSA contract for contests with non-Public League schools in addition to the CPS Contest Contract for contests with other Public League schools.
- G. The home and visiting team will furnish two (2) game balls, four (4) yardage-chain and down marker volunteers and two (2) individuals for the ball retrieval. (Please confirm the need for a chain crew with the Stadium Director prior to your contest.)
- H. The length of the periods in all football games will be twelve (12) minutes.
- I. Field selection will be assigned and scheduled by the Central Office.
- J. Playing times are scheduled to avoid interference with play due to darkness. The suggested playing times are:
- . *Thursday afternoons:* 3:30 p.m. at all stadiums and Thursday night @7:00 pm
  - . *Friday afternoons:* 3:30 p.m. at all stadiums and Friday nights @ 7:00 p.m.
  - . *Saturday mornings:* 11:30 a.m. for single games - (10:00 a.m. if 3 games)
  - . *Saturday afternoons:* 2:00 p.m. for single games - (3:00 p.m. if 2 games)
  - . *Saturday nights:* 7:00 p.m.
- K. The date or time of any game will not be changed after the Official Football Schedule has been issued, unless authorized by the Executive Director. All pre-game activities and team introductions **MUST** be concluded five (5) minutes prior to the kickoff. *Football teams are required to be on the field for the playing of the National Anthem.*
- L. If a game is postponed due to unfavorable weather or field conditions, the game will be played no later than the following Monday.
- M. In the event of a postponement that is due to the condition of the field, the officials will decide when a game is to be played if there is no agreement between the coaches. Any team refusing to play will forfeit the game.
- N. A game in progress will not be delayed or postponed due to weather conditions unless mutually agreed by both coaches and approved by the Executive Director or his designee. In the event of a postponement, conditions for continuing play on the future date, as specified by the rule, will be

agreed upon prior to the postponement.

- O. If a game in progress is postponed, the home school will remain responsible for the official's fees.
- P. In the event that two schools are using similar-color jerseys, the home team will contact the visiting team no later than the Tuesday preceding the game to determine the color of jerseys worn. The home team will wear dark color jersey. All jerseys must be numbered on the front and back. Failure on the part of the home team to abide by this requirement will constitute grounds for forfeiture of the contest.
- Q. Spectators must be kept off the playing field. The game will not proceed until the playing field is entirely clear of non-participants. The head coach is ultimately responsible for the bench and field decorum of his team.

#### **RULE 4 - OFFICIALS**

A. **Selection of Officials:** The Executive Director of the C.P.H.S.A.A. shall appoint an assignment chairman for officials. He shall have complete charge of assigning all football officials to all Chicago Public League home football games.

1. All football officials must be affiliated with and attend regular football meetings of one or more of the following local officials' organizations: Central Officials Association (C.O.A.), Athletic Officials Association (A.O.A.), Athletic Officials Service (A.O.S.), or the Metropolitan Officials Association (M.O.A.).
2. No one is permitted to officiate a contest who is employed by or assigned to the school of a participating team, or who is not registered with the Illinois High School Association.
3. The head coach shall evaluate each official on the Official's Game Rating Report portion of the Official Eligibility Certificate after each game.
4. The officials for the "League Championship" (playoff rounds): Quarterfinal, Semifinal, and the City Championship) will be assigned by the official= assignment chairman. Only those officials who have officiated CPS league games during the season are eligible to officiate the league championship series.

#### **B. Duties of Officials:**

1. The enforcement of all rules is imperative. Officials are urged to call only what they see.
2. When there is an apparent disagreement among the officials in the interpretation of a rule, after being duly recognized by one of the officials, the coach or coaches may enter the field to state their opinion of the facts.
3. The referee must file a game report with the stadium director after each contest reflecting the conduct of coaches, players, and those permitted on the playing field area.

**C. Number of Officials:**

Five (5) officials shall be assigned to all Chicago Public League non-conference, conference and playoff games (Referee, Umpire, Linesman, Line Judge, and Back Judge).

**D. Officials Fees:**

1. Non-conference, conference, and playoff - \$60.00\* each
2. Semifinal and Final - \$65.00 each
3. Paramedic- \$60.00
4. Scorekeeper - \$35.00

*\*If one or more officials fail to show, each participating official shall be compensated an additional \$10 for each official who fails to officiate the contest.*

**RULE 5 - TEAM STANDINGS**

**A. Recording Game Results:**

1. In order to determine the team standings in any conference, points shall be awarded on the following basis: 1 point for a game won, 0 points for a game lost.
2. A game forfeited by one team to another shall count as a game won-.
3. A game that is declared a double forfeit shall count as a lost for each team.

**B. Conference Tiebreaker Procedures:**

1. In the event of a conference tie for first place between two teams that have played each other, the winner of that game shall have the upper position.
2. If more than two teams are tied for first place in any conference, the team that has defeated all others tied with it shall have upper position.
3. In the event of a tie for second, third, or fourth place, items (1) and (2) shall apply.
4. In the event of a tie necessitating the elimination of a team, the procedure as outlined in items (1), (2), (3), (4), and (5) shall be followed.
5. Should the above method fail to determine the order of finish in the conference standing, the team that had the fewest points scored against them shall have upper position over the other teams using the following procedure until the tie is broken:
  - a. Only in games between the tied teams
  - b. All conference games
  - c. All conference and non-conference games

## **RULE 6- LEAGUE PLAYOFFS**

### **A. Team Selection:**

Sixteen (16) teams in the Illini shall qualify for the Public League Playoffs/ Prep Bowl. The qualifiers will be the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place teams in the Illini Conference. The Illini 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place winners, Chicago and Inter-City Conference will not be eligible for Public League Playoffs/Prep Bowl. In the Chicago Conference, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners will be eligible for State playoffs. The Chicago 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> place winners and Inter-City Conference will end there season after the 9<sup>th</sup> week games.

### **B. Bracket Placement:**

**All teams will be ranked *and compete* independently in each conference. All 1<sup>st</sup>-place teams will be ranked #1 - 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams will be #5 - 8, 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams #9 - 12, and all 4<sup>th</sup>-place teams #13 - 16. All teams will be paired highest vs. lowest, for example: #1 vs. #16, #2 vs. #15, #3 vs. #14, etc. Teams will maintain their initial ranking/seed throughout the duration of the playoffs.**

**C. Criteria:** Teams shall be seeded, ties broken, and ranked according to the following:

1. The best record based on the fewest losses in conference competition.. All 1<sup>st</sup>-place teams will be ranked #1 - 4, 2<sup>nd</sup>-place teams will be #5 - 8, 3<sup>rd</sup>-place teams will be #9 - 12; and all 4<sup>th</sup>-place teams will be #13 - 16.
2. The head to head winner of competition during the current year.
3. The best overall record.
4. The highest accumulation of points after; **considering all games of tied teams**, 1 point will be awarded for the following in each category until the tie is broken:
  - a. Each inter-conference opponent's victory
  - b. Each victory of a defeated inter-conference opponent
  - c. Each victory of a defeated by inter-conference opponent
  - d. Each non-conference victory
5. The fewest total points allowed in all games (minimum 8 games).
6. If a tie remains, there shall be a blind draw.

### **D. League Championship Series:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Round CPS Playoffs: Teams will be paired by rank to play the 1<sup>st</sup> round.**

Illini Crossover/ Playoffs	October 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2009
Illini/State Playoff Round	October 30 <sup>th</sup> , 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2009
Illini/State Playoff Round	November 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2009
Illini/State Playoff Round	November 13 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2009
Illini City Championship/State Semi-Finals	November 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2009
Prep Bowl	November 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2009
State Finals	November 27 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2009

\*Those teams not participating in the State Football Playoffs would be eligible to play in the Elimination Round. Selected teams will play according to their ranking.\*

***Teams returning from the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and/or 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the IHSA playoffs will keep their ranking.*** (If more than one team returning from 3<sup>rd</sup> round of state, the higher seeded team be place back into City Playoffs).

**In the event that byes are necessary in any round, no team will be permitted to have more than one bye during the championship series.**

(The Department of Sports Administration reserves the right to adjust scheduling to preserve the integrity of the Championship Series. The bracket may be re-ordered in these rounds, depending on the number of teams returning from the state playoffs.)

**E. Field selection** preference in the first and second rounds shall be given to the highest-seeded team. The Central Office will make stadium assignments for subsequent rounds.

**F. The Championship Game** shall be played at Gately, Hanson, or Lane Stadium Championship Weekend.

## **RULE 7- STATE PLAYOFFS**

The first-place team in each of the Illini conferences, plus at-large teams selected, will participate in the State Playoffs. **Teams losing in the State Playoffs will be eligible to return to the Public League Playoffs providing that they have not previously lost in the series and that there are available positions.** Returning teams would be placed in **available** slots according to their ranking, i.e., the highest-ranking teams would be placed in the bracket first until all available positions are filled.

## **RULE 8- INTER-LEAGUE GAME (PREP BOWL)**

The winner of the **Conference Championship** shall be the Chicago Public Schools representative in the Inter-league Championship Game (Prep Bowl) against the Chicago Catholic League Champion.

## **RULE 9- REALIGNING CONFERENCES**

Both major division conferences will be assessed for realignment by enrollment in each even-numbered year. In the odd-numbered years, realignment will be done according to conference record only. Teams finishing last in their conference will be susceptible to placement in a lower division and conference champions will be eligible for placement in the next highest division annually.

Conference champions in the Inter-City will be eligible to be placed in a conference in the Chicago Division (providing that the team meets participation requirements). Runner-ups and teams with appreciable winning records in either division may petition for placement in the Chicago Conference.

## **RULE 10: VIDEOTAPING AND EXCHANGING VIDEOTAPES**

### **A. VIDEOTAPING GAMES**

Schools are responsible for hiring personnel to, or delegating the responsibility of, videotaping their football games. Anyone videotaping a contest for the school or for personal use must have authorization from the school and wear school-issued Videotaping I.D. (displayed on outside clothing between the shoulders and waist). Only authorized parents will be permitted to videotape contests involving Public League students. Parents must wear the school-issued I.D. or the school I.D. of their child who is participating in the game. Schools are advised to utilize reliable and trustworthy individuals who will not compromise the integrity of the program by disseminating copies of the videotape to opponents or utilize them for personal profit.

**INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT AUTHORIZED BY ONE OF THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO VIDEOTAPE OR FILM GAMES IN ANY CHICAGO PUBLIC LEAGUE STADIA.**

### **B. EXCHANGING VIDEOTAPES**

Head Coaches of IHSA playoff bound schools are required to make contact with the opposing school by noon of the day following the announcement of the playoff pairings. The schools will have until noon of the following day to exchange videotapes of their last two (2) football contests. (Pairing announcements are generally made on Saturday evening. Contact between the opposing coaches should be made by noon on Sunday. Videotapes must be exchanged by noon on Monday.)

#### **\*Stadium Admission Policy:**

**EVERYONE** entering a CPS stadium, where there is an admission fee, must present one of the following:

1. **Admission Ticket** - issued by either participating school or sold at the gate
2. **Official Pass** - participating school employee I.D. or most recently issued Board of Control Pass
3. **Admit One Ticket** - for students whose activity fee covers admission to participating school events, and others whose admission fee is waived by a participating school.
4. **Uniformed Support Groups** - such as cheerleaders, pom-pon teams or marching bands.