

FCFL Board Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, May 4th, 2011

I. Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 7:15

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes from April 6th meeting were approved.

III. Open issues

President's Report: Nothing to report

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report

Safety Committee: Nothing to report

Scheduling Committee: Nothing to report

Ref Committee: Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report: No outstanding league bills at this time. Annual dues are due and payable from each town. \$1,500/town covers the 2011 dues.

Policy Committee: Board voted on following policy enhancement;

8th grade weight limits pertaining to limited players only: **Remove weight limit for 8th grade players deemed 'limited'**. Current policy limits 'limited' player weight to 230lbs.

Vote results: 15 – In Favor, 6 - Opposed. Motion passes

Scheduling application needs to be compatible with the FCFL web site. Topic to be tabled until such time as the respective committees have additional information (options, costs, etc)

Rules Committee:

Numerous rule enhancements were voted on. **Please refer to the appended summary at the end of the minutes document for a full review of the rule enhancements and voting results.**

Clarification vote regarding the '50 Front'. 12 – In Favor/Agree; 9 – Opposed/Disagree.

Rules committee charged with providing clarifying language further differentiating the '40', '50', and '60' fronts. This language will also be included in the updated referee reference card. Final vote on the rule proposal modifying the available defensive fronts will take place during the June, 2011 FCFL Board Meeting.

IV. New business

Football U – Opportunity for towns to enroll players in this program. Program is looking for 'strong' athletes to participate. Towns are asked to direct all inquiries to Carmen Roda (Westport) for further discussion/follow up.

V. Adjournment

Ted Dumbauld adjourned the meeting at 8:15

Attendees:

Minutes submitted by: Steve Hessel, Secretary

Minutes approved by:

Draft: 2011 Proposed Rule Changes-Final Vote-(5/4/11)

Offense:

- 1) Offensive Motion 5th Grade- **NO- 15/6**
- 2) Offensive Motion 6th Grade- **YES-15/6**
- 3) Offensive Formations Changes- 5th Grade advances to current 6th Grade rules- **YES-15/6**
Review:
 - Offensive Team Formations are limited to formations including the use of two(2) wide receivers (or split ends), lined up on the line of scrimmage on opposite sides.
 - One (1) slot back may be employed on either side of the ball and may be no further than three (3) yards from the outside shoulder of the tackle and must be at least one (1) yard off the line of scrimmage.
 - Splits between offensive linemen may be no more than one yard maximum except where a split end is used. If a wide out is employed, the maximum split from the tackle is 10 yards. No unbalanced line.
- 4) Offensive Formations- 6th Grade full FCIAC- **NO-12/9**
- 5) Offensive Formations- 7th and 8th Grade full FCIAC- **YES-12/9**

Defense:

- 6) 5th Grade play 40 and 60 fronts: Head-up/no gaps, no 50 front OR NG. Current LB/DB depth rules apply- **YES-18/3**
- 7) 6th Grade play 40/60 fronts: Head-up/no gaps, no 50 front OR NG. Current LB/DB depth rules apply.- **YES-Unanimous**
- 8) 6th Grade play 50 front with NG: Head-up/no gaps, current LB/DB depth rules- **NO-18/3**
- 9) 7th Grade play 40/50/60 fronts: Head-up/no gaps, current LB/DB depth rules apply-**YES-12/9**
- 10) 8th Grade play 40/50/60 fronts: Head-up/no gaps, current LB/DB depth rules apply- **YES-18/3**
***When a 50 Front with a Nose Guard is deployed (at any grade), the DG/DT must be head-up on the OT (the OG cannot be covered)- YES-15/3**
(Language will be added to these new Defensive Rules to clarify that a NG can ONLY be used in a "defined" 50-front that would have a NG and DG/DT head-up on the OT (OG uncovered)).
- 11) 5th-6th Grade-D-ends can flex/7-technique- **YES-15/6**

Special Teams:

- 12) 8th Grade-Live (FCIAC rules) Kickoff/Kickoff Return with only Unlimited players- **NO-12/9**

- 13) 8th Grade-Live (FCIAC rules) on Punt/Punt Return- **NO-12/9**
- 14) 7th Grade-Live (FCIAC rules) on Punt/Punt Return- **NO-12/9**
- 15) 6th Grade-Dead Ball Punt/Live Punt Return (current 7th/8th grade rules)- **NO-12/9**
- 16) 6th-8th Grade- Live (FCIAC rules) Punt/Punt Return- **NO-Unanimous**
- 17) 6th-8th Grade-Live PAT Kick 2pts/Dead Ball PAT Kick 1pt- **YES-15/6**
- 18) 6th-8th Grade-Live FG-**YES-12/9**
- 19) 3rd-5th Grade-2 pts for dead ball kick-**YES-15/6**

Miscellaneous:

- 20) 6th Grade- Remove both O/D coaches from the field- **YES-15/6**
- 21) 6th Grade- Remove ONLY the Defensive coach from the field- **N/A**

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