

Fairfield County Football League Monthly Board Meeting – April 25, 2012

Minutes

Meeting commenced at 7:15

Those in Attendance from each town were as follows:

Darien

Mitch Ross
Artie Waters
Peter Graham (proxy)

Ridgefield

Mike Ruddy
Jerry Canavan
Marce Petroccio

New Canaan

Mike Cognetta
Tom O'Dea
Mike Grigsby (proxy)

Fairfield

Brian Quinn
Buddy Zachary (proxy)
Kevin Brown (proxy)

Norwalk

Chris Santopietro
Matt Hefferan
Frank Lafranco

Westport

Carmen Roda
Lance Grauber
Greg Lavalla (proxy)

Wilton

Eric Dean (proxy)

Weston (Non-voting)

Steve Santamaria

The minutes to the March 2012 FCFL were approved.

Policy and Rules Vote

The following Policy and Rules were voted on and the respective results follow each initiative.

Policy

1. Change Year and Add Weston

No vote but will be added to the FCFL Policy

2. Modification to 6 Hour Practicing policy as follows (new areas underlined):
Practice is defined as any event for the football players of a particular grade that provides football instruction, training, athletic participation, conditioning, team meal, captain's practices, 'walk thrus' or film review. Pre-game warm-ups will NOT constitute a practice so long as the pre-game warm-up occurs within 1.5 hours prior to the scheduled game kick-off. Travel time to and from practices or games will also not count towards practice time.

The motion Passed by a Unanimous vote

3. Any event constituting a Practice must be posted on either Town or FCFL Website

The motion Passed by a vote of 16 - 3

4. Weights

- A. No Maximum weights at any grade for the Limited Positions

The motion Passed by a vote of 12 – 7

- B. If A Passes, add 5 lbs. to the Unlimited Positions for all grades

The motion Passed by a vote of 12 – 7

- C. If A does not Pass, add 5 lbs. to unlimited and limited weights all grades

Not voted on – No need

5. Minimum Play Rule: 12 plays for teams of 27 players or less, 10 plays for teams of 28-33 players for 7th and 8th grade only. This will only apply if there is one Town Team for that particular grade (i.e., if the town has 2 or more teams, all players will be required to get a minimum of 12 plays before the end of the Third Quarter.)

The motion Passed by a vote of 13 - 6

6. Mercy Rule Modification; If Mercy Rule evoked by the team loosing, that team cannot ultimately be the "winning team" for:

- A. For All Games during the season, both regular and playoff
The motion Failed by a vote of 15 - 4
 - B. For playoff games only
The motion Failed by a vote of 13 - 6
7. No player will be allowed to play up one or more grades and play as a Unlimited Player—that is, once a player plays up, that player will automatically be constituted a Limited Player and not play a skill position.
The motion Passed by a vote of 18 - 1
 8. All Coaching Concussion training needs to be completed by the first practice of the upcoming season.
The motion Passed unanimously
 9. Consider as a minimum standard, the Westport PAL Coaching Background Check (handed out during the meeting.) Towns, though, will still have the ability to be stricter.
The motion was tabled and not voted on.
 10. 5th Grade field to be expanded to the same as upper grades (i.e., 53.33 x 100 yards.)
The motion Passed by a vote of 17 - 2

Rules

1. Fumbles: All backfield players can advance the ball or continue the play in 3-5th grade.
The motion Passed by a vote of 18 – 1
2. Defensive Punt Formation: Minimum of 8 players within 5 yards if LOS. (I assume we continue to keep 4 interior defensive lineman head up.) In addition, no movement by offense or defense once ball set by official (no shifting of punt receivers toward where ball is being punted towards). Punters must punt the ball upon receipt of snap from between their Offensive Tackles and will not be permitted to shift and punt from outside of this area.
The motion Passed Unanimously
3. Relax formation rules for 6th grade to mirror 7/8th grade. (Reason was teams were motioning into illegal formations.)
The motion Passed Unanimously
4. Motion for 6-8th Grade
 - A. All Players beyond 3 yards can move if Motion is deployed
The motion Passed Unanimously
 - B. All players with the exception of the two ILBs can move if Motion is deployed
Not voted on – No need

Scheduling

1. When intraweek games occur, no team will be required to play without a minimum of two calendar days 'rest'.

The motion Passed Unanimously

Treasurer's Report – Carmen Roda

Dues will be \$1,500 per town and are due by the next meeting. There are no financial issues. .

Old Business -

Tom O'Dea Indicated that New Canaan would be holding a parent meeting within the next few weeks.

New Business – None

The meeting concluded at 8:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Ruddy

Secretary