

## Introduction to the Patriot Division

This new division of play is being sponsored by the New England Region and is to supplement the A (Midget) Teams. In this new division of play the age range will be from 11 to 14. NOTE: 15 year olds are NOT allowed to play in this division. This new division of play is designed to allow more children to play however; it does exclude the 15 year old. The weight limit will apply to the 14 year old where the minimum weight of 105 pounds will be used and the maximum weight will be 165 pounds. This is an increase of 5 pounds over the current weight in the A team. The other ages weight limited would have a minimum weight of 105 pounds and the maximum will be unlimited. Please make sure that you are placing the younger age players that can make weight in the lower divisions of play (B & C) continue to be rostered on these teams. This division of play is not for all programs and again is a voluntary division. A program may field both a traditional A (Midget) team and the new Patriot division. Eastern Mass will conduct play-offs for this new division as well as the New England Region. However, this new division will NOT participate in the National Play-off system. The last game of the year will be for the New England Championship over the Thanksgiving week end along with the other Regional Championship games. In order to participate in this division you must register your team with the conference no later than Friday May 14<sup>th</sup>. Please note that you may play in this division even if you do not utilize the increase weight for this age group. These teams will not play (Scrimmage or Game) against any traditional A (Midget) team as there is a different age group and weight structure. Please send any of your questions to your league president and they will get an answer back to you as soon as possible.