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Jeffco Midget Football Association

Vote on 3/28 meeting

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Proposal Background

In an effort to reduce impacts in the youngest player groups, USA Football is testing some rule changes. One of them is to eliminate Special Teams. While USA football does not govern our organization, we do follow their guidelines. To get a head of this movement to help to reduce injury, it is proposed to eliminate Special Teams from the 2nd – 3rd grade levels.

Rule or By-Law Effected

Current Version	New Version
<p>No specific JMFA rule regarding Special Teams/Kickoffs. Official HS rules currently used.</p> <p>30 POSITION OF THE BALL AND START OF PLAY</p> <p>2ND & 3RD FREE PUNT</p> <p>30.1 JMFA teams playing 2nd and 3rd grade football can declare a free punt on 4th down.</p> <p>30.2 The coach on the field for the offensive team may declare a free punt.</p> <p>30.2.1 Once a punt is declared , the official will move the ball 15 yards forward from the line of scrimmage, where the opposing team will take over possession with a first down</p> <p>30.2.2 The Play will NOT count towards any player's mandatory minimum plays.</p>	<p>Adjustment to rule 30:</p> <p>30 POSITION OF THE BALL AND START OF PLAY</p> <p>New Rule: All 2nd and 3rd grade teams shall not use special teams, including Kickoffs, and Punts.</p> <p>For all 2nd and 3rd grade teams, the ball placement for start of play at game start, half time and change of possession after score, shall be at the 15 yard line</p> <p>2ND & 3RD FREE PUNT</p> <p>30.1 JMFA teams playing 2nd and 3rd grade football must either attempt a scrimmage play or can declare a free punt on 4th down. There shall be no punt attempt.</p> <p>30.2 The coach on the field for the offensive team may declare a free punt.</p>

<p>32 POINTS FOR SCORING 32.1 For all grades: 32.1.1 Two (2) points shall be scored for a successful kick or drop kick after touchdown; 32.1.2 one point shall be scored for any other successful play after touchdown.</p>	<p>30.2.1 Once a punt is declared , the official will move the ball 15 yards forward from the line of scrimmage, where the opposing team will take over possession with a first down 30.2.2 The Play will NOT count towards game play count nor any player’s mandatory minimum plays. 32 POINTS FOR SCORING 32.1 For all grades: No change shall be made to PAT’s or field goal attempts.</p>
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Benefits of Change

Reduction of high speed impacts created during special teams(kick off and punt) plays. Also allows for more player fundamental development without the added need to teach special teams skills and positional play and the time taken away from practice to do so.

Potential Complications of Change

Loss of potential onsidess kick attempts and fake punt attempts and their possible advantages.

Additional Comments or Concerns

We have a growing parent base that is concerned with the health and safety of their kids. Fear of concussions has proven to be a concern and potential drawback for parents considering letting their children play youth tackle football. By showing that this is a concern we understand and appreciate, and moving to eliminate special teams at the youngest levels, we can show we are taking proactive steps in reducing the chance of concussions and making the game safer for players at the youngest levels.

Feedback from JMFA Board and Areas

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In our experience we believe the clock is introduced too early. Athletes at the 6th grade level are likely not getting to 'play' as much when compared to other leagues, same age.

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29.1.2 24 plays for 5th grade, without regard to the actual time involved.	24 plays for 5 th and 6 th grade, without regard to actual time involved.

Benefits of Change – Virtually guarantees more plays / more game experience for 6th graders. At the 6th grade level getting everyone minimum plays and competing against a clock is more challenging than the guaranteed number of plays scenario.

Potential Complications of Change – None that we are aware of.

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