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REGULATIONS

LMRVL MIDGET RULES

General:

Midget games start at 12:30

No player shall be beyond the 3rd grade to play on a midget team. (Pee wee) no EXCEPTIONS.

Offensive Rules:

- 1) Play will consist of four (4) ten (10) minute quarters.
- 2) Two (2) coaches will be allowed on the field with the offensive team.
- 3) After the offensive team is called to the set position coaches shall not be allowed to talk to the players.
- 4) Coaches shall be fifteen (15) yards behind the line of scrimmage.
- 5) Forty-five (45) second time limit between plays
- 6) The clock will stop:
 - a) Timeouts
 - b) Injuries
 - c) After a touchdown, clock does not run during the extra point
- 7) Clock does not start again until the snap of the next offensive play.
- 8) During the first half of the game, all penalties, except for personal fouls, the ball will be reset and played on.
- 9) During the second half of the game, all penalties will be accessed.
- 10) Ball possession starts at your own 35 yard line. If a team elects to punt, it will be a 25 yard walk off from the line of scrimmage. If the ball is within the 35 yard line the punt is half the distance to the goal line.
- 11) In the event of a safety the ball comes out to the 50 yard line.

Defensive Rules:

- 1) Defensive teams will run a set defense.
- 2) Linebackers will in a position 3-4 yards off line of scrimmage. Defensive backs cannot move forward to the line of scrimmage until the snap of the ball.
- 3) Defensives cannot go into a goal line defense until the offensive team crosses the 10 yard line. Defense will have a maximum seven man line in stance with no blitzing in the goal line defense.
- 4) Two (2) coaches will be allowed on field with the defensive team.
- 5) After the offensive team is called to the set position, defensive coaches shall not talk to their player.

Article - I- Name

This organization shall be known as the Little Mad River Valley League Inc. Hereinafter call the "League"

Article – II- Purpose

The purpose of the league shall be to promote physical fitness, sportsmanship and fair play through organized sports activities for children in the league district and to govern the various league teams.

Article – III- Governing Body

- A) The governing body shall consist of the head coach and one appointed representative from each team. Each representative shall have one vote, and must be present at the meeting to vote.
- B) The governing body shall elect the following officers at the winter meeting: President, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.
- C) The president shall appoint committee chairpersons and committee members as needed with the approval of the league.
- D) The treasurer and or president shall have the authority to sign all checks.
- E) Checks for \$100.00 or less do not require league approval. Checks larger than \$100.00 require league approval.
- F) The governing body of the LMRVL shall approve geographical boundaries established by each team. These boundaries will be consistent with the school districts that are established by the school board in which that team exists. Appropriate maps or specifications of boundary limitations must be filed with the President of the LMRV Football League and submitted to the governing body for final approval: prior to that teams sign-ups. A player must play with-in that teams geographical boundaries in which he or she resides. This is determined according to the legal residence of his parents or legal guardian. Waivers permitting a player to play outside of his geographical boundaries are not permitted. The only exception to the above would be if a player rostered on a LMRV Football team moved outside the teams geographical boundaries: he may finish his playing career with that team. Geographical boundaries shall be subject to review and adjustment by the President and the governing body whenever it is deemed advisable. Open enrolled players are not eligible to continue their playing career with the league due to the fact that open enrollment can be revoked at any time from the enrolled school district.

Article – IV- Meetings

- A) There shall be four scheduled league meetings per year: one in the fall, one in the winter, one in the spring, and one in the summer. One of these meetings shall be held within two weeks prior to the start of the season.
- B) Special league meetings may be called by the president, or in the absence of the president, by the vice president, or at least ten members of the league.
- C) The head coach and president of each team shall be notified of all meetings at least one week in advance by mail, email, or five days in advance by telephone.
- D) Two thirds (2/3) of the league members and two (2) league officers must be present before a legal league meeting may be held.
- E) All action required by vote shall be accepted or rejected by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the voting members in attendance.
- F) Presidents must attend 3 of the 4 meetings per year or disciplinary action can be taken by the league board.
- G) Any head coach or representative of a team currently on suspension shall not make or second any motion, and shall not be allowed to vote.
- H) League officers meetings may be held. Officers shall be notified of the meeting by the president or secretary at least five days in advance by mail or email. Or two days in advance by phone.
- I) Three officers must be present before an officers meeting may be held.

- I) Minutes of each meeting shall be taken, noting voting members, officers and visitors in attendance, as will all action taken.

Article – V - Teams

- A) The league shall not be larger than ten (10) teams.
- B) Teams in the league shall be allowed only to draw players that live in the given high school district. For example, players for the NW Peewee team must live in the NW high school district” players for the Shawnee Peewee team must live in the Shawnee high school district, ect.
- C) If a school district is divided for more than one team, the league must approve of the division by vote. The league shall set and specify boundary line dividing the teams for each team to draw players. The boundary lines shall be strictly adhered to and enforced by the league.
- D) Any new team in the league shall be accepted for a one year probationary period. During this period, the team shall have no vote on league matters. If at the end of the probationary period the team has met all league requirements. They may be accepted into the league by league vote with full privileges.
- E) New teams shall submit a letter of intent to participate, which shall be signed and sent to the league treasurer, accompanied by a check for \$250.00, which will be placed in escrow. The letter of intent will be written for a period of two years. No additional monies shall be collected for this purpose. If a team withdraws from the league and/or does not fulfill their schedule commitment, forfeiture of the \$250.00 may occur. That money shall be deposited to the league treasury. The \$250.00 shall be refunded to a team when the letter of intent has been fulfilled and the team elects not to continue in the league.
- F) If a team withdraws or is terminated from the league, action shall be taken by the league to fill the opening.

Article – VI - Player and Coach Eligibility

- A) No player shall be over the age of 12. Any player who is 12 years of age at the start of the season and turns 13 before the last scheduled game of that season will be eligible to start that season.
- B) Second (2nd), Third (3rd), Fourth (4th), Fifth (5th), and Sixth (6th) graders are eligible for the league.
- C) Players that reside in or are open enrolled in a team’s school district are eligible players. Open enrollment must be for the current season and can be verified by letters of acceptance from the school district. This does not include private schools such as Emmanuel Christian or Catholic Central and so forth.
- D) Coaches must live within the boundaries of the team for which they are coaching. League approval, by vote, must be given, in writing, to allow a person not living within the boundaries of that team to coach or help coach that team.
- E) Regardless of a coach, team president or any other team board members approval of allowance in the league, their own children must reside or be open enrolled at the school district in order to be eligible to play for a team.
- F) The above shall be strictly enforced.

Article – VII - League Play

- A) Any team that does not have enough players to field both a Varsity and Junior Varsity team shall notify the league president at least four weeks prior to the start of the season. A special meeting may be held to determine the status of that team. If whether to field a Varsity or Junior Varsity team.
- B) Practice without equipment may start at any time. However, shoes, helmets, and mouthpieces may be used.

- C) Practice with full equipment may start on the date set by the league. If any equipment other than that specified in the above is used prior to this date, disciplinary action shall be taken by the league.
- D) A player may not play in a varsity and junior varsity game on the same day. However, if the junior varsity team has less than fourteen players at the game, with the approval of the opposing head coach and/or team coach, players from the varsity team may be allowed to play in the junior varsity game. But may not be allowed to play in the back field (or the defensive line) of the junior varsity game. All junior varsity players' must play more time than players brought down from the varsity.
- E) All sixth (6th) grade players must play on the varsity team and are not allowed to play in the junior varsity game.
- F) If a player is injured and administered to by anyone, the player must set out a minimum of two (2) plays before returning to the game.

Article – VIII - Playing Rules and Field

- A) The league shall be governed by the “Modified OHSAA Rules” for play and penalty with the exception of playing time, football and jersey numbers.
- B) The varsity will play four quarters of ten minutes each, with a ten minute half time. Half time may be less if agreed to by each team. The varsity game shall be played first.
- C) The Junior varsity shall play four quarters of eight minutes each, with a ten minute half time. Half time may be less if agreed to by both teams. The junior varsity game will start ten minutes after the varsity game is completed. The opposing coach shall be notified of and agree to any exceptions prior to the start of the game.
- D) The playing field shall be regulation size. 100 yards long by 53 1/3 yard wide.
- E) Three licensed officials must be present to officiate before a game may start. Unless otherwise agreed to by both teams.
- F) Official time is to be kept on the field by to officials.

Article – IX - Postponement

- A) Any game postponed by the league will be given a new play date by the league.
- B) Any other postponement for any reason must be agreed on by the teams, and the league president informed of the reason for the postponement.
- C) If both teams cannot agree on a postponement, the league will rule on the postponement.
- D) A new play date must be set as soon as possible for any postponed game. If the teams cannot set a new play date, the league will schedule a new play date.
- E) If the game is postponed by the officials for any reason, the league president shall appoint a committee to assist in scheduling a new play date, with both teams involved.

Article – XI - Forfeiture

- A) Any forfeiture must be requested in writing, postmarked no later than 72 hours after the day of the game, and addressed to the league president.
 - B) If the visiting team is more than 45 minutes late, the home team may request forfeiture. The visiting team may be more than 45 minutes late if agreed to by both teams.
 - C) Any team playing an ineligible player shall forfeit all games in which that player participated. League action shall be taken against the offending team. D)
- All forfeiture action shall be ratified by the league.

Article – XII - Suspension

- A) Any team, player, coach, or combination, may be suspended from the league for a period of not less than two games to indefinitely for unsportsmanlike conduct. If so charged and proven, this action will be ratified by 2/3 vote of the league members in attendance.
- B) If any rules of this league are knowingly broken by a team, player, coach, or any combination, suspension action shall be taken by the league.
- C) If any President or coach or Athletic director having illegal players on a team will be suspended from the league for 1 year. It is the team's president's responsibility to check for accuracy of player's residency or open enrollment status.
- D) Any person or persons cited to appear before the league board shall be notified, in writing or by phone, at least 72 hours prior to the hearing. In addition to notifying the accused of the time and place to appear, notification shall also specify the charges that have been made against the person or persons. If the accused fails to appear at the appointed time and place without valid reason, the league shall proceed with the hearing and will render a decision on the charges.
- E) At the time of the hearing, charges shall be in writing for the board and person or persons cited.
- F) Any act of discipline may be reconsidered and revoked by the league board upon receipt of evidence that an injustice has been done.

Article – XIII - Coaches responsibilities

- A) Each coach is responsible for his/her players, team, and own conduct.
- B) Home team coaches are responsible for calling scores of the games to the person designated by the league. All scores shall be in no later than 8:00pm Sunday night following the games.
- C) A roster of each team must be in to the league president before the time set forth by the league. If a player needs to be added after practices have started you must contact the LMRVL secretary to add this player.
- D) Rosters shall have the player's name, age, birthday, grade and/or year level, school and home address. If the roster is not in to the league president, all games played will be forfeited until a roster is received.
- E) No player may be added to the roster after the third league game, all player information must be received by the league president prior to that player participating in any league games. Disciplinary action for an infraction of this rule shall be noted above in rule C.

Article – XIV- Team Responsibilities

- A) The home team is responsible for supplying the regulation size field of play, benches for the teams, chain crew, and (if scoreboard is available) a timekeeper.
- B) Each team is responsible for having in attendance and available for treatment, if needed, a person trained in first aid.
- C) Each team is responsible to assure that each team member has a physical examination completed and insurance in effect for each team member.
- D) Each team is responsible to have all members of the staff that are on the field to be Heads Up Certified by USA Football before practices begin.
- E) Each team must provide a Master Game Roster consisting of player first and last name and jersey number to the league prior to the first game of the season. If a player has a different jersey number for home and away games this must be provided on the roster.
- F) Each team must provide a copy of player roster to announcer prior to game start. This roster must match the master copy on file with the league secretary.
- G) If a player forgets a jersey and needs to borrow a teammates, opposing coach must be informed and agreed upon by both teams.

Article – XV - Equipment

- A) Players must wear the entire equipment and uniform, football shoes with rubber cleats only are acceptable, any shoes containing metal of any kind or plastic cleats are prohibited.
- B) Only stamped approved helmets shall be allowed.
- C) Only league approved footballs shall be used.

Article – XVI - League Dues

- A) League Dues shall be \$250.00 per year. New teams shall pay \$255.00 for the first year and \$250.00 per year thereafter.
- B) League dues shall be paid to the league treasurer prior to August 15th of each year.

Article – XVII - Trophies and Awards

- A) Teams shall receive one point for a win and ½ point for a tie. The team with the most points at the end of the season shall be declared league champion. In case of a tie, the following criteria shall determine the champion: 1. Head to head win/loss record. 2. Head to head fewest total points allowed.
- B) There will be trophies awarded for first (1st), second (2nd), and third (3rd) places. Tournament game winners will receive a t-shirt award.

Article – XVIII - Procedures

- A) Parliamentary procedures of the organization not covered by this document shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order **the Eleventh Edition**.
- B) Amendments to the Bi-Laws of this organization shall be submitted in writing at a stated league meeting. It shall require the signature of 10 members of the league to be presented. It shall require a vote of 2/3 majority vote of the voting members in attendance to be accepted.

Addendum to Article-V-Teams:

All team players must either have a residents address or be open-enrolled in the league they are signed up for.

It is that leagues President's responsibility to verify that the player is legal.