

Per Maine Youth Football League Rules: Item M: Pee Wee Football Rules

The Pee Wee Division will generally follow the same rules and guiding sportsmanship principles, which govern MYFO.

Sub Item 1: Grades Pee Wee football is for players entering the first, second and third grades only.

Sub Item 2: Possession The Game shall begin with a coin toss; the winning Team shall elect to play offense or defense for the first “possession”. Possessions shall begin on the 40 yard line, heading toward the closest end zone.

Each possession shall encompass eight (8) offensive plays. Should the defensive Team recover a turnover, the ball should be replaced at the 40 yard line.

Should the offensive Team recover a turnover, the ball will be placed at the site of the recovery.

Interceptions and fumbles may not be advanced.

Two possessions (16 offensive plays), shall be considered a half. It is the responsibility of the Coaches to make sure that plays take no longer than 45- 60 seconds to run.

Sub Item 3: Game Officials Pee Wee games will be officiated by one MYFO sanctioned game official. The Home Team is responsible for paying the official.

Sub Item 4: Players On Field Teams should have eleven players on the field at all times. In the event where a Team can only field 10, or 9 players, the opposing Team should agree to play 10-on-10 or 9-on-9 football.

Sub Item 5: Injury In the event of any injury, players must return to their respective huddles.

Sub Item 6: Time Outs A Team is allowed one time out per possession (offense / defense)

Sub Item 7: Player Weight No Player weighing more than 90 lbs. may be in the offensive backfield or at an end position to run with the ball or receive a pass. Players eligible to run the ball or receive a pass will be issued a blue helmet sticker. Players are weighed at the beginning of the season by MYFO Official with full pads, no helmet.

Sub Item 8: Defensive Alignment Defensive linemen are required to line up head to head against the offensive linemen.

No defensive player shall line up over the offensive center.

Defensive ends may shade the outside shoulder of the end if desired.

All linebackers and secondary defenders must be five yards from the line of scrimmage at the snap. The only exception being if the ball is within the five yard line of the end zone and then the defensive players must no closer than 2 yards.

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Sub Item 9: Blitzing No Blitzing allowed.

Sub Item 10: First Graders It is suggested that players in the first grade play at “low vulnerability” positions.

Sub Item 11: Bad Snaps Count Bad snaps count as an offensive play.

Sub Item 12: Coaches Teams may have up to three coaches on the field. Coaches must remain clear of the players as not to interfere with the play. Each Team must have at least one Coach on the sideline as a Bench Coach.

Sub Item 13: Post Season Play Any “post season event” i.e. The Pee Wee Bowl should be played with a round robin schedule vs a championship tournament. Rules for Bowl: Same as above except each Team will play 4 offensive plays followed by 4 defensive plays which will equals half of the game. This sequence will be repeated and that will be the game. Each game will last a maximum of 30 minutes. Coin toss determines possession at the beginning.