



EL PASO PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
NATIONS TOBIN SPORTS CENTER  
YOUTH FOOTBALL RULES & REGULATIONS  
2009 FALL SEASON

**(Revised 08/25/09)**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. The N.C.A.A. Rules and Regulations will govern play for the EL PASO PARKS & RECREATION youth football program.  
If the following rules interfere with NCAA, these rules will supersede those of the NCAA.
2. All parents are required to attend a parent training session in order for the son/daughter to participate in any City sanctioned athletic event or on any city ball field.

**II. ORGANIZATION**

1. The EL PASO PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT will be the sole governing body and administrators of this program.
2. Coaches for the teams shall be adults interested in the promotion of sportsmanship and teamwork. All coaches must be certified through EL PASO PARKS & RECREATION DEPT. Any Head Coach who knowingly allows an individual that is not certified will be held accountable. All coaches must wear their ID card on their sleeve or front of body and must be visible. All coaches must fill out and return a 1) Consent for background check 2) Coaches Application Form. Any coach not turning both forms in will not be allowed to coach till paper work has CLEARED and the coach has received his coaching badge! Cost of background checks will be \$40.00 (Must pay with Exact Change), cost of photo included.
3. Certification classes will be held during the coaches meetings. At no other time will they be held.
4. All parents must attend a Parent Training Class in order for their son/daughter to participate in the football program. No Class No Play!!!
5. There will be three age groups: Minors 8-9 year olds Intermediates 10-11year olds Majors 12-13
6. There are 4 areas of the City where games are played: Westside, Northeast, Lower Valley and Eastside.
7. There is a grace period of 10 minutes for each game. Once 11 players have arrived, the game will start.
8. No reschedules are allowed!!

**III. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

1. The child must be (8-9) years old for Minors, (10-11) years old for Intermediates and (12-13) years old for Majors on or before September 01, 2009.
2. All players must have a City of El Paso issued ID card that has the years 2007-2009, 2008-2010 or 2009-2011 on it with the parent class # and date of attendance printed either on the front or back of the ID. Any ID card that does not have those years is not allowed. We will accept the following as proof of age: Government issued Birth Certificates, Military ID's, School Demographics, and Passports. **NO HOSPITAL BIRTH CERTIFICATES, NO BAPTISM CERTIFICATES OR MEDICARE PAPERWORK IS ALLOWED.** Must Bring Exact Change for payments. ID's will cost \$5.00. Players must have ID's before their first game. Parents must show a current Parent Class Card in order for any player to obtain ID before they play in a game. ID schedule at Acosta Sports Center: Monday – Thursday 4:00pm –8:00pm Saturday 9:00am – 2:00pm.
3. Player IDs will be checked prior to every game.
4. If an illegal player is discovered on any roster, the Head Coach, player, and the parents will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action as deemed by the Youth Football Coordinator. If found that anyone knew about the Illegal player, all involved will be subject to a one (1) to five (5) year suspension from any City of El Paso sanctioned event or a possible ban for life.
5. Any games in which an illegal player participates in will be forfeited.

**IV. FIELD**

1. The field will be 80 yards long for Minors & Intermediates and 100 yards for Majors, with 10 yard end zones in all games including playoffs.
2. Cheerleaders will be in the end zones closest to their teams.



3. Parents need to be seated or standing directly in front of their team across the field. The 40 yard marker will be the separation line for parents. Parents are not allowed to stay with the down markers and move on each play. Parent(s) not adhering to these markings will be required to leave.

#### V. TIME ELEMENTS

1. Quarters will be 8 minutes long.
2. Half times will be 5 minutes long with one (1) minute intervals in between the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> quarters and 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> quarters.
3. Teams will be allowed three 60 second time outs per half.
4. There will be a ten (10) minute grace period for every game. A minimum of eleven (11) players must be present.
5. Official time will be kept by the officials.

#### VI. PLAYING RULES

1. In the Minor Division, there are NO kickoffs. Ball will be put in play at the 30 yard line. In the Intermediate Division, the kickoff will take place from the 30 yard line.
2. After a safety, the team who gave up safety will kick off or punt from its 20 yard line.
3. In the Minor division, team scoring the safety will put ball in play at their own 30 yard line.
4. There are no 15 yard penalties!!!
5. After a touchback the ball will be put in place at the 20 yard line.
  - a). a kick off that goes out-of-bounds will result in the receiving team putting the ball in play at their 30 yard line, where the ball goes out-of-bounds or have kicking team re-kick.
  - b). In the Minor Division, teams can call for a free punt on any down. There must be at least 6 defensive players on the line of scrimmage. The ball becomes dead where it first touches the ground on the air or on a muff and ball belongs to receiving team. A punt caught on the fly can be returned and if fumbled ball becomes live.
6. In the Minor Division, the nose guard cannot line up directly over the center or in the gaps. Players cannot get a running start to injure the center.
7. TIES: Games ending in ties will use the following tie-breaker:
  - a) Coin flip will be done for offense or defense.
  - b) Ball will be placed on 10 yard line.
  - c) Teams will have four downs to score or advance as far as possible.
  - d) Turnovers will stop possession.
  - e) Team that scores more than opponent wins game.
  - f) If neither team scores, team advancing the farthest will win game (1 point). The chains will be used to measure the distance.
  - g) In the playoffs one team must win by scoring.
  - h) If the 1<sup>st</sup> team scores in overtime, they must go for the 2 point conversion. If the 2<sup>nd</sup> team scores to tie it they must go for the 2 point conversion. If it is still tied with touchdowns from both teams, then another overtime will be played.
8. When one team goes ahead by 36 points in the second half, the game will continue with that score as the final score. This is to allow teams to play 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> string. Teams leading by this amount are strongly encouraged to play the children that do not receive much playing time.

#### VII ROSTERS/PARENT PERMISSION SLIPS/ID CHECKS

1. Rosters and parent permission slips must be turned in by August 20, 2009. No Exceptions! Even if you have paid the registration fee and do NOT turn in a roster and at least 11 parent permission slips, your team will NOT be put on the schedule for any of the season. All players MUST have a PPS on file here at Nations Tobin BEFORE the child plays in a game.
2. Changes to roster may be made up until your 3<sup>rd</sup> game. Once you play your 3<sup>rd</sup> game, you are not allowed to add players.
3. Before every game the players' IDs will be checked by a site supervisor, community service person, or scorekeeper. At any time, a site supervisor may ask for a player's ID, if you are NOT able to provide one, that game will be a forfeit to the offending team. Site Supervisor may pick up ID to verify age at the school. It will be returned promptly if no problems occur.



4. If a player's name appears on more than one roster, the player must play for the team for which he played in a game first.
5. **A PLAYER MAY NOT CHANGE TEAMS ONCE THAT PLAYER HAS PLAYED FOR ANOTHER TEAM. THIS RULE CANNOT BE APPEALED.** For example, a disagreement between a parent and the coach, or your child playing on a team with a large number of kids and not having the chance to play.

#### **VIII TYPE OF LEAGUE**

1. This is a recreation/competitive league.
2. Division champs will be determined by won-loss record.
3. **ALL players will wear a colored mouth piece at all times while playing. No tinted or smoked face shields are allowed. NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

#### **IX. EL PASO PARKS AND RECREATION-YOUTH SPORTS COACHING/TEAM STAFF POLICY**

1. All coaches/team staff 18 years and older, in any youth sport must submit and sign a "Volunteer in Youth Sports Application Form" (This form must be updated every 2 years).
2. **ALL COACHES MUST ATTEND 1 COACHES MEETING PRIOR TO EACH SEASON.** If no coach and his assistants have gone to a coaches meeting prior to the first game, their team will forfeit each game until the coach has attended a meeting.
3. All coaches/team staff must sign a "Volunteer in Youth Sports Consent/Release Form" for a criminal background check. (2 year basis)
5. A coach/team staff will be disqualified, if the coach has a conviction of, imposition of a deferred sentence for, or any plea of guilty or no contest at any time, past or present or the existence of any pending charges for (i) any felony, (ii) any offense involving use, possession, distribution or intent to distribute illegal drugs or substances. (iii) any crime involving sexual misconduct and (iv) any crime involving violence or a violent act, (v.) Any crime involving alcohol. This will be in affect regardless of adjudication.
6. All coaches collecting money from players must provide either a detailed breakdown or a budget for the money received.
7. If the Sports Office receives three written complaints, regarding three separate individuals, the coach may be subject to suspension.
8. All coaches are responsible for the maintenance of the field/facility being used. All team areas are to be left clean, and all team materials are to be picked up after each practice and/or game. Failure to maintain the facility could result in loss of use of that facility or a fine.

#### **X. COACHES**

1. There will be a maximum of eight (8) coaches/team staff allowed on the sideline during a game. There will be **NO SWITCHING** of coaches/team staff through-out the game. Coaches who start the game must finish the game.
2. One designated medical staff with a background check and badge will be allowed on your sideline. The medical staff must be an EMT, doctor, nurse or otherwise cleared by the Parks Dept. **The medical personnel will not be allowed to coach on the sidelines.** If the medical staff is coaching, then he/she will be asked to move to the spectator sideline.
3. Coaches **MUST** have their teams report to the field supervisor prior to every game to be checked in.
4. Prior to each game the coach/manager must fill out the Line-Up Sheet with the child's first and last name and the correct jersey #.
5. **ALL COACHES MUST CLEAR THE BACKGROUND CHECK AND HAVE A COACHES BADGE** before they coach. If a coach does not have a coaching badge and continues to coach, he/she could be suspended for 1-5 years.
6. **ALL COACHES/TEAM STAFF and Medical staff MUST display their background check badges at all times.**
7. Have all players and parents read and sign parent permission slips before the child plays.
8. Maintain control over players, parents, and spectators in all circumstances, including disputes on the field; referees will discuss disputes on the field with the coach only, players and parents **are not to question** a referee's call or rulings.



9. Each TEAM STAFF MEMBER is responsible for verifying the League game Schedule DAYS and TIMES and to inform the League Organizer and fellow team members of an error(s) found. The League /Tournament Organizer will correct the ERROR(S) and make new Schedules and inform the other teams.
10. Coaches, team staff, and scorekeepers (individuals 18 years and older) understand that El Paso Parks and Recreation Sports staff will enforce the Youth Football Rules outlined here and in the N.C.A.A. Rules and Regulations, Team Rosters, Line-Up Sheets, Score sheets, Parent’s Pledge sheet, and Parent Permission Slip sheet, **AT ANY TIME DURING THE GAME(S).**
11. Video Taping at City of El Paso Youth Football Games can only be done by the Parents of children in the game who have a valid Parent Class Receipt and by Pre-Approved Media Partners. **Hired photographers and other people who do not have children in the game will not be allowed to video tape. This rule is to protect the children from Predators or other people who do not have good intentions and to prevent Scouting in Youth Football. If an unauthorized person is found video taping the following will occur: Person will be asked to stop taping and to put his camera away. If the person still fails to follow the**  
**rules, then we will ask the photographer to leave the Park. If the person stays, we will call the police. Teams that are working in conjunction with unauthorized video use will be barred from the Playoffs and will forfeit the game in question. Coaches will be subject to a one to five year suspension.**

**XI. Penalty Matrix:**

<b>Infraction</b>	<b>Penalty</b>
Engage in aggressive behavior that has resulted in physical violence against another player, game official, City of El Paso employee, game spectator, or program participant.	Immediate removal from the <i>game</i> or <i>facility</i> and suspension from facility or activity for a minimum of 1 year and up to 5 years.
Physically threaten a game official (umpire, referee, site supervisor), City of El Paso employee, or another player, spectator or program participant with intent to cause harm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Sports League:</i> Suspension for a minimum of 2 games and up to 2 seasons.</li> <li>• <i>Recreation Facility/Park:</i> Trespass from the specific facility or program for a minimum of 2 operating days and up to 6 months.</li> </ul>
Verbally abuse a game official (umpire, referee, site supervisor), City of El Paso employee, or another player, spectator or program participant with intent to cause harm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Sports League:</i> Suspension for a minimum of 2 games and up to one season.</li> <li>• Trespass from the specific facility or program for a minimum of 2 operating days and up to 4 months.</li> </ul>
Refusal to abide by a game official's or facility staff member's decision either with abusive and/or argumentative language or other forceful action.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Sports League:</i> Immediate removal from the game and suspension up to 6 games.</li> <li>• <i>Recreation Facility/Park:</i> Immediate removal from the facility for a minimum of 2 operating days and trespass from the facility or recreation program for up to 3 months.</li> </ul>
Play illegally, or solicit another to play illegally.	Illegal player and/or coach to be removed from the game and suspended for a minimum of 1 season and up to 1 year. All games in which the illegal player played will be forfeited.
Appear upon the field of play or in a parks and recreation facility at any time in an intoxicated condition or to be in non-compliance with City ordinances which prohibit possession or consumption of alcohol in any City park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Sports League:</i> Immediate removal from the game and suspension for 1 additional game. A police report will be filed.</li> <li>• <i>Recreation Facility/Park:</i> Immediate removal from the facility and trespassed from the program or facility for up to 1 month. A police report will be filed.</li> </ul>

**CHEERLEADERS**

1. **ALL CHEARLEADING PROBLEMS MUST BE HANDLED BY THE HEAD FOOTBALL COACH OF THE ORGANIZATION. WE WILL NOT HANDLE ANY PROBLEMS WITH CHEERLEADERS. Cheerleaders will be positioned in the end zone closest to their team. This provides cheerleaders with more room to cheer.**

**XII. GAME OFFICIALS**



Game officials will be assigned by City Parks & Recreation staff and MUST attend an officials clinic prior to each season.

**XIII. AWARDS**

Trophies will be awarded to first and second in Spring Season. Individual awards given for first place

**XIV. PROTEST**

The only protest allowed will be on player eligibility. No other protest will be allowed. A \$50.00 fee must accompany protest in writing. . The \$50 fee **(Must pay with Exact Change)** will be refunded, if the protest is upheld. Video tapes will not be allowed to dispute calls or for scouting purposes. It is for your own personal use for your own memories of your child. Video taping children other than your own is strictly against ALL policies. Clarification of a rule MUST be done before the next snap. Once play begins nothing can be done to correct the misinterpretation of the rule.

**XV. APPEALS**

You will have 48 business hours from receiving any suspensions to file an appeal in writing on decisions reached by the Acosta/Nations Tobin Sports Center.

**XVI. FIELD PERMITS**

1. Are issued by Athletic Field Reservation Policy.

**XVII. FEES (All fees must be paid with EXACT CHANGE)**

1. Parent class will be \$5.00 for live session and \$15 for video session per family.
2. Registration fees will be \$300.00 per team plus officials fees.
3. IDs will be \$5.00 per picture.

**RANDOM DATES**

July 19, 2009	11:00am	Coaches Meeting
July 23, 2009	6:30pm	Coaches Meeting
July 26, 2009	11:00am	Coaches Meeting
July 30, 2009	6:30pm	Coaches Meeting
Aug. 20, 2009	Entire Registration Fee Due	
Aug. 20, 2009	Rosters/Parent Permission Slips Due	
Aug. 29, 2009	Season Starts !!!	

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**(All fees must be paid with EXACT CHANGE)**

**ALL IDs ARE \$5.00 PER PLAYER.**

**ID TIMES AND DAYS**

**4321 Delta Dr. (915) 534-0254**

**Monday through Thursday 4:00pm - 8:00pm**

**Saturdays 9:00am - 2:00pm**

**PARENT CLASSES**

**(All fees must be paid with EXACT CHANGE)**

The charge for the Live Class is \$5.00 per family.  
The charge for the Video Class is \$15.00 per family.  
See flyer for Live & Video Class dates and locations.

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