



GREENWICH YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

2019 Bantam Rules

Bantam division playing 9 man football.

The width of the field 40 yards, length is 80 yards.

Minimum play count will be 15 plays for all teams.

OFFENSIVE FORMATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS:

The Offense must have at least 3 backs in the backfield lined up within the tackle box. 2 of the backs must be at least 3 yards from the Line of Scrimmage. The backs must be in a balance set, either in an I formation or in split backs: must have 1 back on either side of the QB.

The Offense must have at least 1 receiver to either side of the formation either as a Tight End or Split End. At either position the player must line up on the Line of Scrimmage.

The Offensive line must have 5 men on the Line of Scrimmage: a guard and tackle on either side of the center, unbalanced lines are not permitted. Splits between offensive linemen must not be more than 1 yard.

No motion may be employed.

DEFENSIVE TEAM FORMATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS:

The base defense will be 4 down linemen, 3 linebackers and 2 safeties.

All Defensive Lineman must be lined up head up on the Offensive Lineman with no shading to a side: Guards on Guards/Tackles on Tackles. At no time may there be a defensive player lined up on the Center or Tight End.

Defensive Lineman must be in a 3 or 4 point stance.

The 3 Linebackers may be no closer than 3 yards to the Line Of Scrimmage but may line up anywhere sideline to sideline but may not be moving forward at the time of the snap.

The 2 Defensive Backs must be no closer than 6 yards to the Line Of Scrimmage and may line up anywhere from sideline to sideline but may not be moving forward at the snap.



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SPECIAL TEAMS:

There are no Kickoffs on the Bantam level. At the beginning of each half and after a TD, the ball will be placed on the 30 yard line.

On any down a team may elect to punt, the ball is then moved 20 yards from the LOS. However, the ball cannot be placed within the receiving team's 20 yard line.

After a Touchdown the Offensive team may elect to run or pass for an extra point. Extra points may be attempted from the 2 yard line (1 point) or the 5 yard line (2 points). There is no kicking for extra points or field.

OTHER

After a Safety the ball will be placed at mid field to start the next possession

Games that are tied after regulation will use the "Kansas City Tiebreaker" to determine a winner. The Visiting team will call the Referee's coin toss and the winner of the toss may choose Offense, Defense, or End of Field for play. The loser gets the remaining option. Each team has one possession from the 10 yard line in which to score.

If the score remains tied after each team has had a series of downs there is no coin flip rather the loser of the Overtime coin flip is given his choice of the above options and the process is repeated from the 10 yard line.. Overtime will continue with the ability to choose first alternating between the two teams. If a tie still exists after both teams have had 2 possessions, the ball then moves to the 5 yard line until a winner is determined.

Interceptions and fumbles recovered by the defense will result in loss of possession and be a dead ball. The defense cannot score off of an offensive play in overtime. Beginning with the second overtime period, teams must go for two points following a Touchdown (Bantams and Juniors only). At the Senior level on the second series the options will be to rush or pass only from the 5 yard line.

Each team will be allowed 1 timeout during each overtime period.

One Coach for each team will be permitted to be on the Field at the Bantam Level. At the Bantam Level the Offensive Coach is permitted to have a playbook in the huddle but is still responsible for pace of play and is permitted no additional time between plays. After the Offense breaks the Huddle the On- Field Coaches may not provide additional direction to the Players other than to assist them in lining up in their appropriate location on the field.

- A. All fumbles are considered a dead ball with the exception of a fumbled snap. If a snap is fumbled the play can be continued by the quarterback including handing off the ball or attempting a pass. At the Senior level all fumbles are live and may be recovered and advanced by either team. Designed fumble plays at all levels are prohibited and a penalty for illegal procedure will be assessed.