

**Irving Boys Football Association, Inc.
Organization and Football Rules**

I Association Function

A. The Executive Board, herein referred to as the Board, of the Irving Boys Football, Inc. herein referred to as the IBFA, will approve all rules and policies, which govern the IBFA football program. Each member and IBFA participant over the age of 18 will be screened in accordance to the guidelines set forth by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services. This will also include all referees. The following constitute minimum offenses, which would prohibit an individual from participating with the IBFA in any shape, form or fashion. Every participant in the IBFA, over the age of 18, must complete a background check form, along with an application of membership. A participant is any individual who participates in any IBFA sponsored activity at a level where their contact with minor is direct or indirect. Final approval of membership application and background check will rest with the Board. Anyone currently on Felony Probation or Felony Deferred Adjudication will not be eligible to coach or participate in the IBFA. Any individual that has been convicted of a mister meaner Drug or DWI offense, within the last 5 years, will not be allowed to participate in the IBFA. The following constitute criminal offences in the Texas Penal Code. Sections 19-25 and Section 43:

Murder	Assault	Deadly assault of a peace officer
Public Lewdness	Sale or purchase of a child	Prostitution
Bigamy	Kidnapping	Injury to a child/elderly person
Capital Murder	Sexual Assault	Promotion of Prostitution
Indecent Exposure	Solicitation of a Child	Reckless Conduct
Incest	Aggravated Kidnapping	Aggravated promotion of Prostitution
Voluntary Manslaughter	Harboring a Runaway	Terrorist Threat
Rape/Rape of a Child	Sexual Abuse	Compelling Prostitution
Interference w/Custody	Violation of Court Order	Obscene display or distribution
Involve. Manslaughter	Homosexual Conduct	Obscenity
Enticing Child	Tampering w/consumer Prod.	Sale, distribution, display of obscene material to a child
Aggravated Rape	Sexual Abuse of Child	Criminal Negligent Homicide
Criminal Non-support	Indecency w/a child	
False Imprisonment	Sexual performance by a Child	

B. Complaints

Any complaint against a participant in the IBFA must be in writing. The written complaint can be presented to any Board member or League Director. When a complaint is presented to the Board at a Board meeting, the Board will have 48 hours to give a progress report on the status of the complaint to the complainant. When a complaint is presented to a Board member or League Director, the President must be notified immediately. The Board must convene to here the complaint in a timely manner. All complaints must be resolved within 7 days provided all needed and/or validating information is available. In the event it is not, the complaint must be resolved in a timely manner and update given to the complainant.

II. Membership

A. Regular Members

Any person of good character may become a regular member of the IBFA as long as the following requirements are met.

1. Application for membership/volunteer on file and approved by Board
2. Background check form on file and approved.

B. Voting Member

Each team in the IBFA will have one (1) vote. The Head Coach of said team or his or her representative shall cast this vote. This person must be an approved regular member of the IBFA.

C. Expulsion

The Board may expel any member, who grossly violates the organization's rules and purposes.

D. Executive Board

The government of the corporation and the control and management of its property and finances shall rest in the Executive Board, consisting of the President, Vice-President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These five (5) positions will be elected positions. The Executive Board will appoint, by majority approval of the Executive Board, one (1) Pee-Wee League Director, one (1) Bantam League Director, one (1) Minor League Director, one (1) Major League Director, one (1) Equipment Director, one (1) Director of Information and one (1) IBFA Cheer Division Director. These appointed Directors, other than the Director of Officials, will have a vote on all matters brought before the entire Board, but not on matters brought before the Executive Board. The Director of Officials will have this vote if he or she is not compensated. The President will decide which matters are brought before the entire Board. The Executive Board, with a majority vote of the other Executive Board members, may remove an Executive Board Member. This removal must be ratified by a 3/4ths majority vote, of the Voting Membership at the next called Membership Meeting. The President, as needed, may appoint other officers. These appointed officers will have a voice, but no vote on the Board, unless specifically stated in the rules. All appointed officers can be removed and replaced by a majority vote of the Executive Board. The Executive Board will be elected according to the rules of the IBFA covering elections. There can be no more than one (1) representative, from any team, on the Executive Board.

E. Meetings of the Membership

Meetings of the Regular and Voting Membership shall be held at such times as may be fixed by the resolution of the Board. Special meetings of the Membership may be held at any time upon call of the President. There will be no smoking during any IBFA meeting.

F. Quorum

At all meetings of the Membership, seventy-five (75) percent of the Voting Membership shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the act of the majority present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Voting Membership unless otherwise stipulated elsewhere in these

rules. At all meetings of the Board, at least three (3) elected officers must be present to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

G. Cheerleaders

All cheer organizations must have a Director at the football fields for each game. In order to be a cheerleader or cheer coach for any IBFA team, you must be registered and approved by an IBFA Board approved cheer organization. All cheer teams must meet the following requirements:

1. Cheer teams may not have more cheerleaders/mascots than teams are allowed players.
2. Each cheer team will pay the IBFA a \$10.00 fee per team.
3. All cheer complaints will be handled by the cheer organization.
4. Head football coaches will not be held responsible for the cheer team, but should be included in any decisions that concern the team.

H. Coaches Clinic

Each team must be represented at any league coaches' clinic

I. Team Mom Clinic

Each team must have a Team Mom or team representative at any Team Mom clinic.

III. Officers

A. Officers of the Executive Board

See Rule II D.

The Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer will have one (1) vote on the Board. The President will only cast a vote in case of a tie. The President will cast the deciding vote in a tied Election.

B. Elections

The officers of the Board shall be elected as prescribed by Rule IV, Nominations and Elections

C. Term of Office

Each elected officer will serve until his or her successor is elected and installed. The term of office for each elected official will be two (2) years in the same position. The President, 2nd Vice-President and Secretary will be elected at the end of all even numbered years. The Vice-President and Treasurer will be elected at the end of all odd numbered years. The term of office for appointed officers will be one (1) year. Elections will begin at the end of the 2009-playing season.

D. Vacancies

Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by a special election (See Rule IV Nominations and Elections).

E. Duties

1. President – The President shall direct and supervise the affairs of the organization and shall make an annual report thereon to the members. He or

she shall preside over all meetings. He or she will have the power to form all committees, and will be a member of said committees. All other Board officers will report directly to the President. The President will also be responsible for all interaction with the City of Irving or the Parks Dept. He cannot serve on the Audit or Nominating Committee. Only the President may sign any contract after the Board has approved the contract.

2. Vice- President – The Vice-President shall be responsible for the activities of the four (4) League Directors. He or she, along with the League Directors will be responsible for all league registration. In any event of absence or disability of the President, or at the request of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President. He or she, along with the four (4) League Directors, will form the Coaches Selection Committee, and will cast the deciding vote in any tied vote of said Committee.
3. 2nd Vice-President – The 2nd Vice-President will act as the League Parliamentarian. He or She will be responsible for making sure the correct procedures and rules are followed during all IBFA Membership and Board meetings. He or She will be responsible for scheduling referees. He or she will perform other duties as prescribed by the President.
4. Secretary – The Secretary shall give notice of all meetings and shall keep the minutes of all meetings. He or she shall attend to such correspondence as from time to time are assigned to him or her. The Secretary will be the custodian of all official records of the IBFA and shall be responsible for keeping a copy of the tax form 990... All Team Moms will work in conjunction with the Secretary and he or she will see to the proper training of said Team Moms.
5. Treasurer – The Treasurer will be responsible for the IBFA League account. The Treasurer shall not hold any other financial/treasury positions within any other youth league/association/organization. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the IBFA, Inc. They shall keep and preserve proper records of accounts. All records shall at all times be open for inspection by the Board. The Treasurer shall present a detailed and reconciled statement of funds received and disbursed each month to the Board. A similar statement shall be presented to the Members at any scheduled Membership meeting. The Treasurer shall also prepare a detailed statement of all sums received and expended during the fiscal year ending December 31st of every year. The Treasurer, along with the other Board members, is responsible for formulating an IBFA League budget by March 1st of every year. The Equipment Director and Director of Officials will work in conjunction with the League Treasurer.
6. League Directors – The four (4) League Directors will be responsible for their respective leagues. They will, in cooperation with the Board, collect all League fundraising monies. They will form the Coaches Selection Committee, which will approve or deny all participant applications. They will, in cooperation with the Board, fill all vacancies in any Head Coach positions. They will work in conjunction with the Vice-President.
7. Equipment Director – The Equipment Director shall be responsible for the management, repair, replacement, and /or procurement of all equipment the IBFA owns or issues, within the guidelines of the IBFA rules. The equipment Director will follow rules and guidelines handed down from the Board in all these matters. The Equipment Director will work in conjunction with the IBFA Treasurer.

IV. Nominations and Elections

A. Nominating Committee

The Board, prior to November 1st of each year, beginning in 2009, shall appoint a Nominating Committee, consisting of five (5) Regular Members. This committee will nominate at least one (1) candidate for each position to be elected that year. Vice-President and Treasurer in odd numbered years. President, 2nd Vice-President and Secretary in even numbered years. These nominations will come from letters of intent to run, given to the committee, by perspective candidates. No nomination will be taken from the floor. To run for a Board position the candidate must be a regular member in good standing with the League. Regular members also include Voting Members, but you need not be a Voting Member to be a candidate. To serve as President, the candidate must have held a previous position on the Board. To serve as Vice-President, a candidate should have served as a League Director. To serve as Treasurer, the candidate must come from a financial background, or be willing to participate in training classes. The Nominating Committee will interview all prospective candidates to insure their willingness and ability to serve. The Committee will present the slate of candidates at a meeting whose time and place will be set by the Board. At this meeting questions may be asked of the candidates and statements made. At the conclusion of the meeting, nominations will be closed.

B. Elections

The election of officers, for that current year, will be held on a date designated by the Board, but may not take place any later than the last week in December. All voting, including run offs, will be done by secret ballot. The Board prior to the vote will establish a vote counting committee. No candidate may be on the vote count committee. All votes will be by prepared ballot or by roll call. Once the elections take place, the new officers will take office.

C. Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy during the term of an Executive Board Member, any remaining Board member will call for a special election. The last appointed Nominating Committee will then accept letters of intent for new nominees. They will interview perspective candidates and present these nominations at the next called Membership meeting, along with their recommendations for any candidate. Discussion will follow and then the President will call for the Vote

V. Finances

A. Appropriation

No individual or group is authorized to obligate the IBFA, as a League, in any way regarding finances, programming, or solicitations of outside assistance without prior approval of the Board.

B. Solicitations

Any individual must obtain Board approval for solicitation of contributions, donations, or under writings of any nature, to be used by the Irving Boys Football Association as a whole. A written list of the names or firms to be solicited must be

presented to, and approved by the Board before solicitations are made. Their League Director must approve all team fundraisers. No panhandling will be allowed.

C. Income

All receipts (only IBFA receipts can be used) of money must be turned into the Treasurer At the next scheduled meeting or at an appointment agreed to by the Treasurer. All team monies must be turned into Treasurer. Membership will be informed of any other procedures regarding team fiancés or League registration procedures as needed.

D. Accounts Payable

All bills must be presented to the Board prior to payment. All expenditures must be in line with approved league budget. The Board and a majority vote of the Voting Membership must approve anything outside the budget.

E. Financial Responsibility

The IBFA will not be responsible for the loss or damage of any property used on a project unless the Board has accepted responsibility prior to the usage of the property.

F. Returned Checks

Any team that accepts checks will be responsible for collecting funds for bad checks, along with any bank fee charged. Funds will be taken from that teams account to cover the check or checks and any bank fees. The IBFA will no longer accept personal checks for the League fundraiser.

G. Audit

At the end of each season the IBFA Board will have the League books audited, by an audit committee appointed by the League President. The League Treasurer will be a part of this committee for informational purposes only. The League President will not be part of this committee. The Treasurer must file a 990-tax form by May 1st of each year. All IBFA Referees must complete a W-9 and will receive a 1099-misc. at the end of the season if they receive more than \$600.00 in income. The same is for any other paid employee of the IBFA. Each Head Coach will be responsible for having all team financial obligations resolved prior to December 31st of the current football season. Any funds left in a team's individual account belong to that team and not the Head Coach. If the current Head Coach leaves or is removed, these funds will be frozen for the amount of time it takes to determine any outstanding obligations of the team. Failure to meet these requirements will result in the removal of the Head Coach of that team and the team will be declared open. Perspective Head Coaches shall submit a letter to the Coaches Selection Committee so that position may be filled prior to the post-season draft.

H. Purchases

The Board will entertain bids on all purchases of over \$400.00 and they will award said bids. Before bids are taken on any service or item, said service or item must be included in a budget approved by the board. The Board will select a League photographer. All teams will be required to use this photographer. Failure to do so will result in the removal of the Head Coach from the team.

I. Irving All-Sport Association Fees

The IBFA will pay The Irving All-Sport Association a \$10.00 fee for each football and IBFA Cheer team. This will be paid out of League funds.

VI. League Rules

A. Administration

The IBFA Board will have the power to rule on anything pertaining to the League and its Membership not covered in the rules. The IBFA Board will enforce all rules, pass judgment as required by the rules, carry out penalties as required by the rules, and set penalties for non-compliance of the rules without defined penalties. All rulings of the IBFA Board are final and may only be changed by the Board.

B. Rule Changes

Rules cannot be changed or altered except by one of the following methods.

1. A voting member may submit a proposed rule change, at any time, to their League Director. The Director will bring the proposed change to the next Board Meeting. The change will be discussed to decide if it merits further action. The Board may alter the proposed rule change. The proposed change must pass by a unanimous Board vote. If this happens the Membership will be informed of the change.
2. The Board, in a unanimous decision may change a rule at any time. The membership will be informed of the rule change.

C. Playing Rules

The playing rules, which will govern the operation of the IBFA Leagues, are the **National Federation** Rules unless otherwise noted in this set of League Rules and are not to be compromised unless so stated by the IBFA Rules. The Board may rule on anything not covered in these rules or the NCAA rules and have the responsibility of interpreting the rules, but may not change or alter these rules, except as expressly stated by Rule VI.

VII. Communication

A. E-mail/Posting at Playing Fields

All communication that cannot be exchanged at a scheduled meeting that needs to take place between the Board and the Membership of the IBFA will be done via E-mail and a posting of this information at the playing fields. You may expect these communications from anyone on the Board and your League Director. In some cases you may receive a phone call. It is important that you keep the Secretary informed of any change in your address, phone or e-mail address. Head Coaches may also call their League Directors for information.

VIII. Sportsmanship

A. Gross Misconduct

Any gross misconduct at anytime by any IBFA participant will make them liable for suspension, fine, and/or criminal prosecution upon verification of the incident by the Board.

B. Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Unsportsmanlike conduct by any participant during an IBFA game will make the participant's team liable for a penalty. Any coach (es) or player(s) ejected from a game will be ejected for the remainder of that game and the entire next game. If problems continue the participants will be required to come in front of the Board.

C. Conduct Behind Team Box

Spectators and parents should not stand or congregate behind the opponent's team box area in a disruptive manner even though they are outside the wire, cabled or fenced area. Loud or abusive language directed toward a player or an official will not be tolerated. Disciplinary action will be taken toward coaches who violate this rule. If loud or abusive language from behind either team's bench outside the wire, cable or fenced area occurs during a game, the team responsible for the action may be penalized yardage until the offender has left the area. Each sideline must be cleaned after each game by the team that used the sideline. Noncompliance of this rule will result in a team fine of \$20.00.

D. Physical or Verbal Abuse

Any individual who physically or verbally assaults anyone at any time, will without prior notice, be automatically suspended from the IBFA and all organization or team functions immediately upon verification of the incident by a Board member. The person guilty of the assault must appear before the Board at the next called Board meeting for the incident to be handled in a proper manner.

E. Public Intoxication

Any participant or spectator who is observed and verified drinking alcoholic beverages at or in the vicinity of an IBFA sponsored function where Persons under the age of 18 are present, will appear before the Board at the next called meeting for the incident to be handled in a proper manner.

F. PA Systems & Noise Makers

No megaphone, microphone, air horn, radio or PA system may be used, during game play that would interfere with the game on the field or the ability of a coach to communicate with his team. Officials at the field will determine if noise is too loud or disruptive.

G. Unsportsmanlike Conduct Penalty

Any coach who receives a penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct will be fined five (\$5.00) dollars for the first offense. On a second same game offense, the coach will be ejected for the remainder of the game and the entire next game. This coach will also receive a \$25.00 fine to be paid by the offender before they are allowed to participate in any IBFA function. This coach will also have to appear before the Board at the next called Board meeting. A coach is defined as an adult participant in the IBFA.

IX. Coaching

A. Head Coach

Each team shall have a Head Coach, who shall be responsible for managing the team at all IBFA games and other IBFA functions. The Head Coach will also be a member

of the IBFA Voting Membership and will have one (1) vote on all matters put before the Voting Membership. The Head Coach may appoint another approved regular member to cast their vote on matters that are put before the Voting Membership. No one may be the Head Coach of more than one (1) team except on an “interim” basis. The Head Coach of any team must have their application and background check form turned in and approved before the first day of practice. The only exception is for Head Coaches that have not been awarded a team before the first day of practice. The Head Coach must also make sure all adult participants on their team have an approved application and background check on file before the first pre-season game. The Coaches Selection Committee or the Board may only make any exceptions to this rule. All IBFA Head Coaches, will be required to sign an IBFA Head Coaches Agreement. A new agreement must be signed each year. Refusal to sign this agreement will result in the removal of the Head Coach, by the Executive Board.

B. Open Teams

Any time a team comes open in the IBFA the Coaches Selection Committee will make sure all members are notified. The Committee will then take letters of intent from all persons interested in becoming the Head Coach of that team. The Committee will review all requests and conduct interview of perspective applicants. They will then award the team to the applicant they feel best suited for the team, after final Board approval of said coach.

C. Interim Head Coach

Any team that comes open during the current playing season, the Board may appoint an interim Head Coach for the remainder of the season. The team will fall under the Open Team Rule.

D. Team Representation

Each Head Coach must be present at all Regular Membership Meetings or have an approved representative at said meeting. Failure to do so will result in a \$20 fine not to be paid out of team account. The second missed meeting will result in the removal of the Head Coach and the team will be declared open. Only the Board can grant an exemption to this rule.

E. Review

At the conclusion of each playing season, but before the post-season draft, the Coaches Selection Committee will review all Head Coaches. All Head Coaches that intend to return as the Head Coach of that team must submit a letter of intent to their League Director before the end of the playing season. Any Head Coach that intends to give their team up should also do so by turning in a letter of intent to give up the team before the end of the current playing season. Failure to do so could keep a participant from being considered for the Head Coach of another team. If the Coaches Selection Committee finds a Head Coach did not perform their duties in a manner deemed appropriate, the Committee may vote to remove the Coach with Board approval. All current Head Coaches will be informed of their status for the next playing season, before the post-season draft.

X. Coaches and Team Box

A. Team Box and Playing Field Area

Any adult, on any part of the IBFA playing field, must be an approved IBFA participant. All approved IBFA adult participants, will be given an identification badge. This badge must be displayed at all times while on an IBFA field. Failure to comply will result in that person being asked to leave the field. Persons, under the age of 18 years of age, may be allowed on the sidelines with the Head Coaches approval. These people must be kept to a minimum. Team coaches may walk goal line to goal line on their side of the field. All players must stay within the 20-yard lines, with the exception of the player taking plays into the huddle.

B. Coaches on the Field

One (1) offensive coach and one (1) defensive coach will be allowed on the field, during play, for the two (2) pre-season games. In the Bantam League only, this will also be allowed for the first two (2) regular season games. In the Pee-Wee League only, this will be allowed for the entire season, including playoffs, championships and bowl games. These coaches will be permitted to diagram plays in the offensive huddle, but must remain 5 yards behind the backfield once the huddle is broken. The defensive coach must remain 5 yards behind the deepest positioned defensive player.

XI. Protests

A. Protest Clause

Only player eligibility may be protested. If a coach wishes to protest a game, he must notify the officials prior to the end of said game. This coach must file a twenty-five (\$25.00) fee with any member of the Executive Board. This fee will not be returned if the protest is denied.

XII. Outside Participation

A. Other Organizations

No player, signed to play in the IBFA, will be allowed to participate in any other organized football program during the regular or post-playing season and remain eligible to play in the IBFA. The only exception to this rule will be 12-year-old players who will enter the 7th grade during the current IBFA playing season. A 12 year old, in the 7th grade, may play for the IBFA and his or her Junior High School program. A coach may contact his previous years players and invite them back to play, but a coach may not recruit new 12 year old players from a 7th grade Junior High School program. Any IBFA coach found doing this would be immediately suspended from all IBFA participation for at least one (1) full year. The Executive Board will hand down final disciplinary action. If any player is found to be actively participating in any other program, during the regular or post-season, while playing in the IBFA, other than specified above, the players Head Coach will be suspended from all IBFA activities for at least one (1) full year. The Executive Board will hand down final disciplinary action. The player will also be suspended from any other participation in the IBFA for the remainder of the regular and post-season.

B. Coaches Participation in Other Organizations

Any coach found to be actively participating in any outside football program, other than a school program, might be subject to disciplinary action by the IBFA Executive Board. The Executive Board will determine if coaches' participation has a negative effect on the IBFA and take the appropriate action. If any active IBFA coach is found recruiting active IBFA players, to play in another football program that plays during

the current IBFA regular or post-season, that coach will be subject to disciplinary action by the IBFA Executive Board.

C. Out of League Games

No IBFA coach may take their players or players from any other IBFA team, to participate in any other league play, during the IBFA regular or post-season, without permission of the IBFA Executive Board. Said coach must also obtain written permission from any player's coach and parents. No IBFA equipment shall be used for any play other than the IBFA regular or post-season.

XIII. Contracts

A. Signed Contracts

Every player and cheerleader in the league must be signed to a contract. Every adult participant must have a signed background/volunteer application, and a signed coach's agreement. A final roster of every team, along with all contracts, birth certificates and a medical release, must be turned into your League Director, by the 2nd regular season game of each year. This will also be used as your team's program roster. Any player without approved paperwork will be ineligible until all paperwork has been turned in and approved. After the pre-season draft, all teams may add players to fill their rosters. You may do this by a valid freeze slip or assignment of a player by your League Director. As of the 1st pre-season game, all players including walk-ons must be given to your League Director for proper assignment. No player may be added to any team after the 2nd regular season game, without Board approval. All paperwork must be with the team at all IBFA functions.

B. Registration Fee

Every IBFA player shall be responsible for paying an entry fee of \$90.00. **All brothers (under the same guardianship) will pay \$70.00 ea.** The Board may offer a fundraising program to help raise the money for the player registration fee. Each year the Board will set the date that all registration fees will be due. Any coach, whose team has not paid their fee, in full, by this date, will not be allowed to coach until the fee has been paid. No cash or personal checks will be accepted as payment of a team's registration fee. Only certified funds will be accepted as payment for team registration fees. Company sponsorship checks may be accepted with Board approval.

C. Releases

When a player is signed or drafted to a team, said player will remain under contract to that team for the duration of his age group. Only the IBFA Executive Board will have the power to release a player. The Board will make every effort to insure this type of action is the last possible resort, or that is best serves the player, coach and League for the release to be granted.

XIV. Qualifications

A. Eligibility

Any player who wishes to play football in the IBFA may do so as long as they meet the following requirements as listed below.

- B. Proof of Age
All players will be required to provide a copy of their birth certificate as proof of age. The Board may request a certified copy of a player's birth certificate. If a birth certificate is not available, the Board must approve any other instrument used.
- C. Pee-Wee League Age Requirements
The Pee-Wee League shall be made up of participants who are at least four (4) years old, and will not be more than six (6) years old before August 1st, of the current playing season. This age group will be non-contact and will be flag football. Approved regulations and specific rules of play have been incorporated at the end of this rulebook.
- D. Bantam League Age Requirements and Weight Limits
The Bantam League shall be made up of participants who are at least seven (7) years old and not more than eight (8) years old before August 1st of the current playing season. Any participant weighing more than ninety (90) pounds will be considered a restricted player.
- E. Minor League Age Requirements and Weight Limits
The Minor League shall be made up of participants who are at least nine (9) years old and not more than ten (10) years old before August 1st of the current playing season. Any participant weighing more than one hundred and ten (110) pounds will be considered a restricted player.
- F. Major League Age Requirements and Weight Limits
The Major League shall be made up of participants who are at least eleven (11) years old and not more than twelve (12) years old before August 1st of the current playing season. Any participant weighing more than one hundred and thirty (130) pounds will be considered a restricted player.
- G. Restricted Players
Restricted players must play on the line, end to end on offense or defense. They must play as a down lineman in a three (3) or four (4) point stance. On defense the player must have his or her hand on the ground from tackle to tackle, but may play in the up position at end. On offense, a lineman is considered in a four (4)-point stance if the player has their hand on their knees. A restricted player at defensive end may not line up more than six (6) feet outside the last interior lineman. Violation of any of these rules is considered a major penalty. An "X" shall identify all restricted players at least six (6) inches in height, placed on the back of the player's helmet. Any restricted player may punt or kick off. A restricted player can advance the ball on defense only when a fumble is recovered or an interception occurs.
- H. Weigh Ins
All players in contact leagues will be required to weigh-in before the 1st per-season game. The next weigh-in will take place before the 1st playoff game. The Board will determine the time and date. The weigh-ins will be conducted in accordance with rules set down by the Board. At this time all restricted players will have an "X" placed on the back of their helmets by the coach at the first weigh-in. Failure to comply will result in a one (1) game suspension of the next regular season/playoff game. The Head Coach of a team may challenge his own player's weight at any time, with approval of their League Director.

XV. Team Size

A. Maximum Players per Team

There will be a maximum of twenty-two (22) players on each Major league team and a maximum of twenty-four (24) in the Minor and Bantam League, without Board approval. The maximum number of players on a Pee-Wee team will be twenty-two (22). The Board may change the maximum number of players in any League as needed. The Board, may if needed, disband a team and place its members on other teams as needed.

B. Team Equivalent Levels

It will be the responsibility of the League Directors to insure proper and equal playing strength between all teams within a given age group.

C. Rosters

Each team must turn in an Initial Team Roster no later than June 15th. A copy of this roster will be made available to the IGCA and the IBFA Cheer Division, for the purpose of selecting siblings to cheer for their siblings' team. The IBFA cannot guarantee siblings will be able to cheer for their siblings' team. This roster must include current phone numbers and addresses of all team members. A second roster must be turned into your League Director no later than the 1st day of practice. This roster must include each player's full name, birthday, and address and phone number. It must also include the source by which this player came to the team (draft, walk-on, assigned, etc.) A final team roster will be due no later than the 2nd regular season game. This roster must include all of the above information plus the player's jersey number and weight. You must also turn in a team photo with this roster. This roster will be used for the IBFA Program. Any player added after the 2nd regular season game would be by Board approval only. That player's information must be added when they are placed on the team.

D. Players Released to Reach Team Player Limit

If any player must be released to allow a team to reach the player limit, walk-ons then freezes must be released before draft choices or returning players from the previous year. The only exception will be for non-active players. A non-active player may be released before a freeze. The Board will make the final determination on whether or not a player will be considered non-active. If a player is release to get to the maximum roster limit, that leagues director will assign that player to the proper team.

XVI. Team Members

A. Tryouts

In the event try-outs are held, all leagues will conduct a draft after the try-out. Each draft will be a continuation of the previous draft.

B. Freezes

A signed letter of confirmation or protected player slip from a player's custodial parent or legal guardian must be submitted to your League Director prior to any draft the player could be involved in. In case of a dispute, the Executive Board will determine the validity of the freeze slip. Freeze slips will not be honored if signed

after the 1st Pre-season game. Your League Director must approve players added to a team after the 1st Pre-season game, before officially adding that player to your team.

In the Bantam league only, each Bantam league head coach will be allowed to freeze 2 players, which have never played in the IBFA before, to the Pee-Wee League, to be frozen to their team once they reach the playing age for the Bantam League. For this freeze to be honored the head coach that freezes the player must submit that freeze to the Pee-Wee Director and that player must be assigned to a Pee-Wee team as needed. These players will be protected thru the 2nd round of the draft in which they become eligible to play in the Bantam League.

C. Draft Rotation

Draft rotation will be determined by the current year's final standings. Last place will pick first in each round. The rest of a league will draft in ascending order, until all eligible players have been picked. In the event there is an expansion team in any League, that team will be awarded the 1st pick in each round, with the rest to follow in ascending order. If the Head Coach or their representative does not represent any team in any draft, that team will be declared open and the League Director will appoint someone to draft for that open team.

D. Draft Rules

All players participating in the Pee Wee League as a six (6) year old, the Bantam League as an Eight (8) year old or the Minor League as a ten (10) year old must go thru the draft to be eligible to play in the Bantam, Minor or Major Leagues. If a drafted player decides not to play the year immediately following the draft but returns to play the second year, that player must play for the team that originally drafted the player. Players that should have been in any draft and are left off, must be placed into the next draft or assigned if all drafts for that playing season have taken place. The Board will set the time and date of any draft. Siblings of players already on a team are protected for the first five (5) rounds of the draft. If there are not enough players to complete five (5) full rounds, then the players are only protected through the last full round. If a protected player is not taken during the protected rounds, than the player in the draft and their sibling will go to the team that drafts the protected player. Any Head Coaches son/daughter or grandson/granddaughter in any draft will be protected and an automatic fifth round pick. Any Head Cheer Coordinator's son/daughter or grandson/granddaughter will be protected through the fifth (5th) round, provided that coordinator has been with the team three (3) or more seasons. The Board will set rules for who may attend any draft. In the event a player is drafted and it is later found out that player was not age eligible for that draft, the player will be placed back into the draft for the next year. There will be no trades allowed at any time in the IBFA.

E. Draft Rosters

All information for draft eligible players must be turned into your League Director, by the third (3rd) regular season game. This roster must include all in-active players that are draft eligible. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action by the Board. Your League Director will provide a roster for draft eligible players, as soon as all needed information has been turned into the League.

F. Pro-Bowl Rosters

Pro-Bowl participants, as well as their jersey sizes, must be turned into your League Director before the last regular season game. These participants can only be senior players from each age group except in the Major League. Each participant will be responsible for the cost of his or her jersey.

XVII. Equipment

A. Required Equipment

All players are required to wear an approved helmet with an approved face guard. As of the end of the 2011 playing season, there will be no colored helmets allowed in the IBFA. Effective as of the 2008 playing season, the IBFA will no longer purchase helmets, in any color other than white. Players are required to wear approved shoulder pads, cleats, pants with pads and teeth protector, at all times where contact will take place.

B. Equipment Return

It is the responsibility of each Head Coach to return or make available for inspection, all League furnished equipment, at the request of the Board. Failure to do so may result in the removal of said Head Coach and possible legal action. The Board will set the time and place for any equipment returns or inspections.

C. Official Game Ball

The board will vote on the official game ball for all official games. Each team will be responsible for providing a game ball to be used.

D. Team Fundraising

All teams will be allowed to have 2 fundraisers each year. Your League Director, and IBFA Treasurer, prior to conducting any fundraiser, must approve them. You must turn in a Fundraiser Audit Form with all money collected, to the IBFA Treasurer. Each team may also conduct a fundraiser during Opening Day Ceremonies. This will not count against your two allowed fundraisers or totals that you may collect from each parent. Each team must file a team budget, with your League Director, prior to the start of practice. Each parent may be asked for no more than eighty dollars (\$80.00) out of pocket per player. You may also ask a parent to participate in fundraisers for another forty dollars (\$40.00) per player. This does not include your Team Registration Fee. This makes a total of one hundred and twenty dollars (\$120.00) that you may collect and spend per player. All team sponsorship money must be turned into the League Treasurer and those monies will be deducted from the total you may collect from your players, or applied towards that team's registration fee.

XVIII. Practice

A. Practice Prior to First Scheduled Day

No practice or skull session or workout, may be held prior to the first scheduled day of practice without Board approval. Each year the Board will determine the first day of non-contact and contact workouts. Any coach found guilty of any practice prior to the start date, will be subject to disciplinary action by the Board. Note: Each IBFA team will be allowed to have three (3) non-contact workouts the week before the start

of contact workouts. The Board will set the start date and length of the workouts prior to the start of practice.

B. Practice Schedule

No workout, of any kind, may be held on Sunday. There will be no two or more a day workouts. Prior to the start of school, in the IISD, but before the IBFA's first pre-season game, no practice shall be longer than 2 hours in length or last past 8:30 p.m. You may practice Monday through Saturday, taking at least 1 day off during that period.

C. Practice After School Starts

After the start of school, in the IISD, no workout may be longer than one and one-half hours in length, or last beyond 8:00 p.m. There will be no more than three (3) contact workouts per week and one (1) non-contact workout limited to one hour in length. The non-contact workout may consist of non-contact drills in non-contact gear only.

D. Workouts with Outside Organizations

No IBFA team will be allowed to workout with any team, outside the IBFA, without Board permission. No IBFA team will be allowed to workout with any team, inside or outside the IBFA that is not in the same age group, or have the same weight restrictions, as the IBFA, without Board approval.

E. Illegal Drills

No, full speed contact drill that positions two (2) or more players more than two (2) yards apart, will be allowed in the IBFA. The Board, May at ant time, deems a drill illegal and requires a coach to discontinue its use.

F. Players from Another Team

No IBFA Coach may allow a player from another team or another organization, to participate with his team without Board approval. If said player is a participant in the IBFA, that coach must also have the approval of that player's Head Coach.

G. Rainouts

The City of Irving Parks and Recreation Department maintains a Field Rainout Hotline number which is 972-994-1120 (call after 3:00 pm). It is the responsibility of all IBFA Head Coaches to make sure and check that any City fields they workout on are playable on any given day. Any coach found working out on a City field after they have been rained out, will be subject to disciplinary action by the Board.

XIX. Substitution

A. Unlimited Substitution

Any team, other than Pee-Wee teams, will have unlimited substitution,

B. Playing Time

Every player, in the Bantam, Minor or Major League, must play in at least four (4) contact plays per game. These plays must take place during regulation play. These downs cannot be free kick extra point tries. The 5th quarter does not count as

regulation time. Exceptions to this rule will be by Board or League Director Approval only. This exception must be approved prior to the start of the game.

XX. Kick Off/Punts

A. Kick Off

The receiving team will line up at midfield and the kick off team will kick from 10 yards back, in all contact Leagues. The receiving team must place a minimum of five (5) players ten yards in front of the ball. On a touch back, the ball will be placed on the 20-yard line. If the game is played on a 70-yard field, the ball will be placed on the 15-yard line.

B. Punts

In the Bantam League only, there will be no penetration of the neutral zone by either the offensive or defensive team, on a punt, until the ball is kicked. A Bantam League team must declare their intention to punt, to the officials, before the start of the play. If a time out is taken after a declaration to punt, the team must declare the punt again. Failure to do so will result in a major penalty.

XXI. Extra Point

A. Definition

The ball will be placed on the two (2) yard line for the Bantam, Minor and on the three (3) yard line for the Major League. In the Major and Minor league, a legal forward pass or run will be worth two (2) points, while a PAT Kick will be worth one point. In the Bantam League, a PAT Kick or a legal pass will be worth two (2) points, while a run will be worth one (1). The PAT Kick will be a free kick. The ball is to be held by a player on the ground or on a flat kicking tee. The PAT Kick will have a time limit of 5 seconds then the play will be blown dead.

B. Field Goal Attempts

A field goal attempt will be a free kick if the line of scrimmage is the (5) yard line or beyond in the Pee Wee League, the (10) yard line or beyond in the Bantam and Minor League and the (15) yard line or beyond in the Major League. There will be a five second time limit on all free kicked field goal attempts after the time limit the play will be blown dead.

XXII. Defense

A. Bantam League Only

Defense Blitzing Linebacker – Any player that lines up between the interior linemen and penetrates the lineman or penetrates the line of scrimmage anticipating the count of the quarterback. Anybody that lines up more than (3) yards behind the interior lineman and has forward movement towards the line of scrimmage anticipating the count of the quarterback before the ball is snapped. Any defense which doesn't consist of blitzing linebackers' and/ or nose guard. Linebackers must line up no less than (2) yards from the line of scrimmage and can't advance before the ball is snapped. No players may be lined up directly in front of the center. Initial contact of any defensive linemen lined up between the offensive guards must be made with a player other than the center.

1. Bantam League Only

All defensive linemen other than the defensive ends must be in a 3 or 4 point stance. Defensive ends may be in a 2 point stance with their hands placed on their thigh pads. Penalty will be a personal foul.

B. Minor and Major Leagues

Wide-open defense

C. Nose Guard

A nose guard isn't allowed on center unless the quarterback begins in a position to take a "hand off" type snap from the center. Interpretation: when the quarterback isn't in position to take a "hand off" snap from the center, no defensive man will be allowed to make a direct hit on the center unless a play develops directly in that area. Penalty is a judgment call, minor penalty and an automatic first down.

XXIII. Forfeit Time

A. Forfeit Time

Forfeit time shall be ten (10) minutes after the scheduled game time. If a team doesn't field eleven (11) eligible players within the time limit, the game shall be declared forfeited and a loss will be counted against that team. If the officials that are going to officiate the game are more than (10) minutes late after the scheduled game time, the forfeit time will be the minute the officials arrive on the field. If the officials can't start a game at the scheduled game time because the preceding game is still in progress and it's more than (10) minutes after the scheduled game time, forfeit time will be immediately after the preceding game ends.

B. Double Forfeit

If neither team can field (11) eligible players, a double forfeit will be declared and a loss will be counted for both teams.

XXIV. Playing Time

A. Length of Game

The playing time for all games in the Bantam, Minor, and Major Leagues will consist of four (4), eight (8) minute quarters with a ten (10) minute halftime rest period and a one (1) minute time-out between quarters. Each team may use four (4) time-outs per half. In addition, a fifth (5) quarter, which will not impact the final game score, will be played immediately following the fourth (4th) quarter. This fifth quarter will be used as instructional playing time for the benefit of those players who haven't received adequate playing time. This fifth (5th) quarter will be eight (8) minutes long and each team will have one time out. The home team will get the ball at midfield and play will begin like a regular game without kick off. Each team will have four minutes on offense and four minutes on defense. After a score, the opposing team will get the ball at midfield. There will be no fifth (5th) quarter following City Championship or Bowl Games. Only one (1) official is required for the fifth quarter play. There will be no fifth (5th) quarter upon the Head Coach's discretion if one of the two (2) teams playing doesn't meet the consideration of adequate playing strength of (18) or more players as prescribed in Rule XXIII – Contracts Parts A. (4) or if a team loses by thirty or more points.

B. 17 Points or More Lead
Delete Rule (2010 season)

Hot Clock: will run during the regulation time of a game if a team is leading by thirty (30) or more points. The hot clock will only be stopped during a team time out (by the losing team), official time out, after a touch down and PAT and the Kickoff.

C. Time Between Plays

After the referee puts the ball in play, the offensive team will have thirty (30) seconds to huddle and get the ball in play.

D. Game Stoppage

Once a game has started, any decision to stop the game shall be at the referee's discretion. In case of a tie, refer to Rule XXX.

E. Official Time Outs for Water Breaks

During games that are played in hot temperatures, official time outs will be given when necessary for water breaks. This will be allowed at the discretion of the officials and the Board of Directors. A minimum of one water break in the middle of each quarter will be given.

F. Game Postponement

In case of rain, the officials and the Board of Directors will determine whether games should be postponed or cancelled.

XXV. Officials

A. Minimum Number of Officials

The IBFA will furnish a minimum of two (2) officials (three if possible) for each game. There will be a minimum of three (3) officials (four if possible) for playoff and championship games. It will be the responsibility of the President, or his appointee, to provide a new set of playing rules to the game officials at least one month prior to each season. The President, or his appointee, will also see that a qualified member of the Officials Association give a review of the NCAA rule changes each year at the general membership meeting prior to the first game. If the minimum numbers of officials aren't present, both teams' coaches must agree to play with one official. If one coach disagrees, the game will not start until the minimum number of officials is met. League Directors must be present at the time of the agreement.

B. Major League Structure

The Major League will consist of eight (8) teams. Each of the eight teams will play each other one time during the regular season not counting the preseason. Games will be scheduled as three (3) preseason games followed by seven (7) regular season games. All eight teams will participate in the post season tournament. In case of a controversy regarding the color of jersey to be worn when competing teams have similar colors, the primary color, which is assigned in rule, XXVILB will apply.

C. Major League Teams

The Major League will consist of the following teams and colors:

Big Dogs	-	Black on Purple
Buccaneers	-	White on Red
Cardinals	-	Red on White on Black
Cowboys	-	White on Silver on Navy
Desperados	-	Black on White on Royal Blue
Red Raiders	-	Red on White on Vegas Gold
Redskins	-	Gold on Maroon on White
Tigers	-	Purple on Gold

D. Minor League Teams

The Minor League will consist of the following teams and colors:

Bobcats	-	White on Red
Ballas	-	White on Royal Blue
Big Dogs	-	Purple on Black
Wildcats	-	White on Black on Purple
Cowboys	-	Silver on White on Navy
Eagles	-	White on Black on Kelly Green
Gators	-	Royal Blue on White on Orange
Jets	-	Black on White on Gold
Desperados	-	Black on White on Columbia Blue
Longhorns	-	White on Black on Burnt Orange
Raiders	-	Black on White on Silver
Tigers	-	Purple on Gold on White

E. Bantam League Teams

The Bantam League will consist of the following teams and colors:

Ballas	-	Blue on White on Orange
Big Dogs	-	Purple on White on Black
Bobcats	-	Black on White on Red
Cowboys	-	Navy on Silver on White
Desperados	-	Black on White on Royal Blue
Longhorns	-	White on Burnt Orange
Mustangs	-	Red on White on Navy Blue
Panthers	-	Royal on White on Columbia Blue
Tigers	-	Black on White on Vegas Gold
Wildcats	-	Black on White on Purple

F. Pee Wee League Structure

The Pee Wee League will consist of eight (8) teams. Each team will play (3) Preseason and (7) regular games. These games will consist of each team playing every Pee Wee League team. If an expansion takes place, the schedule will be changed to meet the new criteria.

G. Pee Wee League Teams

The Pee Wee League will consist of the following teams and colors:

Big Dogs	-	Purple on White on Black
Chargers	-	Navy on White Red
Cowboys	-	Silver on Navy on White

Desperados-	White on Navy
Eagles -	White on Black on Forest Green
Longhorns -	White on Burnt Orange
Wildcats -	Black on White on Purple
Saints -	Black on White on Vegas Gold

Additional rules concerning the Pee Wee League will be incorporated each year.

H. Post Season Tournament Seeding

In the Major, Minor, Bantam and Pee Wee leagues the playoffs will be determined by the top eight (8) teams with the best regular season record. In the first round, 1 vs. 8, 2 vs. 7, 3 vs. 6 and 4 vs. 5.

I. Post Season Tournament Team Designations

The winners of the second round playoff games in the Major, Minor, Bantam and Pew Wee Leagues, will meet in a Championship game. The winners of the Championship game will be their respective leagues “City Championships: The losers of the Championship game will be designated as their respective “City Runner Up”. The losers in the playoff games will be designated as “Playoff Teams” in their respective leagues. The losers of the second round playoffs will be considered third and fourth places and the losers in the first round will be fifth through eight places with the season record determining finishing position.

J. Division Champions

In the Major, Minor, and Bantam Leagues, the team in each league division with the best win/loss record in divisional play, will be declared division champions. In case of a tie those teams will be declared Co Division Champions.

K. Post Season Tournament Ties

Any playoff or championship game, which is tied at the end of regulation play, will play one complete overtime quarter. If the teams are still tied at the end of overtime, a coin toss will determine who will receive the ball first. The team that loses the toss will decide which end to defend. The ball will be placed on the (10) yard line and the first team will be given (4) plays to score. The other team will be given the same number of plays to score. The game will continue until there is a winner under the tiebreaker rules.

XXVI. Tied Season Records

A. Regular Season Tie Records

In case of a tie between two or more teams, the tie will be broken in the following order:

1. Head to Head two teams only. If three or more teams have the same regular season record, go directly to the 2nd tie breaker.
2. Win/loss record against same opponents. Team with the best record gets the higher seed.
3. Team with lowest point differential in losses only. Example: Bills lose to Dolphins 34 – 33, point differential is 1 point. Patriots lose to Dolphins 28 – 14, point differential is 14 points. If Bill and Patriots have the same record, the Bills get the higher seed.
4. Team with lowest total points allowed against like opponents.

5. Coin Flip

XXVII. Trophies

A. League and division champions or co-champions will receive patches or other appropriate type award. Participants in the playoff games will receive trophies or other types of awards for City Champions, City Runner up, and playoff teams. All players, five coaches and one sponsor that are eligible will receive an award for playoffs as well as all Pee Wee players not making the playoffs. **Any player receiving a Five (5) year jacket must fill out a Five year jacket form and turned into the Major League Director by the second regular season game.** The list of players eligible to receive an Award jacket will be submitted to the Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled meeting prior to the ordering of the jackets. This list will be on record with the league treasurer.

XXXL. All Star Bowl Game

A. Participants

This will be a post season game for all players moving into the next League. These teams will be determined by Division standings based on the draft order of the current season. If the player is not moving into the next level, that player will not be allowed to participate. There will be an exception for the Major League. Coaches may submit any age eligible player provided they agree to pay for their playing jersey. In order to ensure adequate representation of each player and team, each player must play at least one full quarter.

XXXIII. Spring Football League

A. Rules are to be incorporated by the Board of Directors

IRVING BOYS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION PEE WEE LEAGUE RULES

1. Ages shall be four (4), five (5), and six (6) years old as of August 1 of the current season.
2. Playing field will be eighty yards by forty yards in increments of five yards. The extra point mark will be at the two-yard line.
3. There will be eleven players per team on the field at a time.
4. All offensive players are eligible to advance the ball after a back receives the snap from the center. The center must turn and face his own goal before he is eligible.
5. Only one coach allowed on the field at a time. (One offense and one defense). Each coach must be positioned five yards behind the deepest player.
6. The pee wee game will consist of four quarters of eight minutes each with a running clock. A running clock is defined as a stopping only for the following reasons:
 - A. Team time outs
 - B. Injury time outs
7. The halftime period for the Pee Wee games will be ten minutes.
8. The Board of Directors will approve the official football.

9. The ball will be placed on the twenty-yard line to start the game and after each score. There will be no kickoffs. There will be free punts.
10. A ten-yard gain will constitute a first down.
11. Penalties will be enforced at five, ten and fifteen yard distances.
12. Seven players must play on the offensive line and must assume a set position (hand on knees, three of four-point distance). Offensive lineman may also use hands to block on the line of scrimmage but they may not hold.
13. Thirty seconds are allowed between plays.
14. No defensive player may line up closer than five yards in front of the center. A minimum of four defensive linemen must line up one yard off the line of scrimmage and they must be inside the offensive end.
 - A. You must make contact with the guards before you can touch the center. Violation of this rule will be a major penalty of (10) yards.
15. Flags must be worn AS DESIGNED one on each hip by all players. Flags must be at least twelve inches long and two inches wide. The flags must be attached only to the belt end. No alterations are allowed to the regulation flags. Violation of this rule will be a major penalty of (10) yards.
16. When the ball carrier loses a flag for any reason, the play ends.
17. Flag guarding isn't allowed by the ball carrier penalty will be (10) yards.
18. Any dropped ball or when the ball hits the ground on a snap, the play ends.
19. A ball carrier falling to the ground ends the play.
20. Tackling and/or tripping of any player, as ruled by the official, will result in a fifteen (15) yard unnecessary roughness penalty. Anyone player, who commits two unnecessary roughness penalties in one game, will be warned along with the head coach. On the third violation by the same player, that player will be ejected for one whole game (as to IBFA League Rule VIII (B)).
21. A team roster will not exceed twenty-two players.
22. All players will play a minimum of one half of the game on offense or defense. When possession changes, the bench must clear.
23. Flag uniforms include pants with a seven-piece pad set (2 thigh pads, 2 knee pads, 2 hip pads and 1 tailbone pad), numbered jerseys, flags and a mouthpiece. No player will be allowed to play without any of the above.
24. All blocks must be with extended arms and open hands. Violation is a (15) yard penalty.
25. Stiff-arming will not be allowed and will be regarded as a form of flag guarding. (10) Yard penalty. Stiff arming or blocking above the shoulders will be regarded as an unnecessary roughness penalty (15) yard penalty.
26. Gloves with a tacky substance, applied or manufactured, cannot be worn. Violation of this rule will result in a (15) yard penalty and loss of down.
27. PUNTS: There will be no penetration of the neutral zone by either the Offensive or the Defensive team on punts until the ball is kicked. A team must declare to the officials and the opposing coaches when they intend to punt. Failure to attempt a punt after a declaration to punt has been made will result in a (15) yard penalty. If the declaration is made, the ball will be given to the punter five (5) yards behind the lone of scrimmage. If the ball is dropped or any time the ball hits the ground, the play will be ruled dead.
28. Players may not intentionally knock a player out of bounds without going for the player's flag. Violation of this rule is a (10) yard penalty.
29. A defensive player may not take possession of the ball from the offensive player unless it is a hand off, a pitch or interception.

IBFA RULES ACCEPTED BY:

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