

GREATER 19 YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
Minutes for the August 2006 Monthly Meeting / Smoker  
“That’s the beauty of this league”

**Executive Board Attendance:** (Person / Present / absences in 2006)

Joe DeMarco – President / YES / 1  
Paul Hoffman – Vice-President / NO / 4  
Joe Scarillo – Treasurer / YES / 0  
Scott Madeira – Secretary / YES / 2.5  
Jeff Balzer – Sportsman Committee Chair / NO / 3

**Community Attendance:** (Community / present / total absences in 2006)

Bethel Park / YES / 0  
Canon McMillan / YES / 0  
Keystone Oaks / YES / 1  
North Allegheny / NO / 1 (at smoker, not league meeting)  
Peters Township / YES / 1  
Seneca Valley / YES / 0  
South Fayette / YES / 0  
Thomas Jefferson / YES / 0  
Upper St. Clair / YES / 0

**Next meeting:** Wednesday September 6th, Time and Location TBD. Meeting moved from Thursday 9/7 due to Steelers season opener on Thursday

**Meeting called to order** with lunch at 1:00 PM.

**Notes From Coaches Smoker**

1. Schedule should be available by 8/24 assuming there are no additional changes due to mistakes of conflicts. Another great job by Jeff Fabus on pulling it all together.
2. At 9/6 meeting each community is to bring their scales and weights with them to the meeting. Monroe Scale – Steve Monroe (412) 793-8134 will be there to certify proper operation of the scale and also certify the 50 lb. weights. Cost to certify the scales will be \$45 per community regardless of the number of scales they bring. All communities decided that each community should have a certified 50 lb. weight to calibrate the scale prior to weigh-ins. If a community wants to get a certified 50 lb. weight from Monroe for about \$80. NA, CM and SF asked to get a weight from Monroe.
3. Umpires – Paul Garlitz spoke to the group. He noted that these referees will not be doing BCS games but they are there for the kids. One league rep will need to handle all communication with Paul for game schedule issues and questions. He suggested that we all get NFHS football rules from [www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org).

- a. G19 will provide each referee a rules card prior to each game so they are aware of our rules.
  - b. To wear a face shield, the child must have a note from a doctor AT THE GAME each week. No note, no shield. All shields must be clear. No exceptions.
  - c. Facemask penalties will official's discretion at 5 or 15 yards.
  - d. Mouth pieces MUST be attached to the helmet. The connection from the helmet to the mouthpiece must not be clear. Any deviations to the attached mouthpiece due to braces or other dental condition must have a note from a doctor / dentist.
  - e. Centers are allowed to twist the ball to line up the laces but they may not lift the ball off of the ground without being subject to a penalty. The center can ask the ball to be placed on the ground in a certain way.
4. In G19 this year we have 94 teams and approximately 1900 players plus cheerleaders.
5. Revised rules and by-laws were reviewed with all coaches.
- a. Alcohol Policy – No alcohol at G19 games or practices or any event (except EOS banquets) where children are present.
  - b. Emphasis on sportsmanship and playing time for all communities
  - c. Playoff seedings and standings calculation rules are now in the general rules
  - d. At 6/7 defensive linemen are NOT permitted to shoot the “A” gap. They must make contact head-up with the defensive guard.
  - e. Emphasis on weigh-ins and no “deals” being made between coaches on overweight kids. If you don't make weight you don't play. If there is any daylight visible between the beam and the upper stop then the player has made weight.

### **Treasurer Report:**

Communities that still owe registrations: USC (5 more teams), CM (1), KO (5), TJ (7) and SV (13), SF (7). Registration fee will be \$75 per team again this season. Bring checks to September roster meeting.

### **League Business:**

1. Unbalanced Offensive Lines at 6/7 and 8/9 – SV motioned and CM 2<sup>nd</sup> that the offensive lines at 6/7 and 8/9 must be balanced. At 6/7 this means there will be a Guard and Tight End on each side of the center. At 8/9 there will be a Guard, Tackle and Tight end on each side of the center. The rationale is that if there is a mandatory defense configuration, the offensive line should be the same. Motion passed 6-0. NA was not present to vote.

2. In order to help some communities grow their programs, especially at the younger ages, KO motioned and TJ 2<sup>nd</sup> to allow 3 five year-olds to be rostered on the TJ 6/7 team. The addition of these 3 players will bring the roster to 25 players. This is being done as an experiment for 2006 to see what impact it may have on growing the participation at the younger ages. The motion passed 4 (USC, CM, KO, TJ) – 2 (BP, SV). NA was not present.

3. KO Motioned and CM 2<sup>nd</sup> to allow a 6/7 player from Beechview to play for the KOA program. This child's father is a coach at KOA and the player does not have a program in his own community. Motion passed 5 (USC, CM, KO, TJ, BP) -1 (SV.) NA was not present.

4. 6/7 Offensive clarification – the offensive line at 6/7 consists of a Center, 2 Guards and 2 Tight Ends. The TEs must be skill players. On defense, there are 2 defensive guards and 2 defensive ends. The Des will be permitted to line-up on the outside shoulder of the TE. The exhibits on the web site will be updated accordingly.

5. 8/26 scrimmages will all be in the format of scrimmages. All associations present wanted scrimmages as opposed to exhibition games with the exception of possibly SV who got to vote last and their vote didn't matter.

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**Adjourn:** Meeting ended at 4:15 PM