

GREATER 19 YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
Minutes for the August 2007 Coaches Smoker

**Executive Board Attendance:** (Person / Present / absences in 2007)

Joe Scarillo – President / YES / 0  
Pat Panteley – Vice-President / YES / 0  
JD Wilson – Treasurer / YES / 0  
Scott Madeira – Secretary / YES / 2  
Jeff Conn – Sportsman Committee Chair / Yes / 3

**Community Attendance:** (Community / present / total absences in 2007)

Bethel Park / Yes / 0  
Canon McMillan Yes / 0  
Keystone Oaks / Yes / 0  
North Allegheny / Yes / 0  
Peters Township / Yes / 0  
Seneca Valley / Yes / 1  
South Fayette / Yes / 0  
Upper St. Clair / Yes / 0

**Next meeting:** League Meeting: Thursday September 13th, 8:30 PM @ Dormont

**Meeting called to order** at 3:00 PM.

**Playoff Issues**

1. G19 will recognize an American and a National champion at 10/11. This means 16 10/11 teams will make the playoffs (8 from each division.) The two championship games will be played on championship Saturday at PT with the other age groups.
2. There will NOT be a game between the American and National champions to determine an “overall” champion. This was discussed by the board and the league representatives and no community wanted to make a motion to add the American vs. National championship game to the schedule. The game will not take place.
3. **Tie-breaker changes** – The league unanimously voted to change the tie-breaking procedures for the upcoming season. They are:
  - a. Winning Percentage (no change)
  - b. Head to head (if applicable)
  - c. Point Differential (new)
  - d. Coin Toss

Point differential is calculated as follows: The losing score is subtracted from the winning score. The winner is awarded the difference in the score up

to a maximum of 11 points. The loser has the same margin (up to a maximum of 11 points) subtracted from their overall differential.

Example 1: Team A beats team B 33 to 7. Even though team A won by 26 points, team A would receive 11 points. Team B would receive a -11 points for the game.

Example 2: Team A beats team B 10 to 6. Team A won by 4 and would get 4 differential points. Team B would get -4 differential points.

At the end of the season the greatest points differential would be used to break ties.

This rule is being put in place to encourage more playing time on defense. Winning 33-6 is no better or worse than winning 33-22. Both games would carry the 11 point maximum point differential for playoff tie-breaking purposes. It is no longer necessary to pitch a shut-out on defense when you are winning by a large margin.

## **Referees**

The referees, Paul Garlitz and Dave Ditler came to the smoker to talk about the season and rules changes. This is the summary:

1. Face shields and arm casts will require a medical excuse from the doctor in order for the player to play with a face shield or cast. In addition, the face shield must be clear and the cast will need to be properly padded.
2. Mouth pieces must be attached to the helmet and the connection must be visible. If not, tape should be wrapped around it to make it visible.
3. Rules changes
  - a. Coin Toss – The referee will ask the visiting team to call the toss prior to tossing the coin. They will re-state what was called. This will avoid any potential confusion and a repeat of the Jerome Bettis Thanksgiving Day fiasco of a few years ago.
  - b. Facemask penalties on touchdown runs. Offense will have the choice of taking the penalty on the extra point or the kick-off.
  - c. Celebrations – There will be NO CELEBRATIONS after scores. Period.
4. Each community will have a representative responsible for calling referees to resolve issues or problems.
5. 3 referees at 6/7 this season. The third referee is responsible for watching the A gaps on all plays.

## **League Rules Questions**

1. Weigh-ins were discussed. Summary is as follows:

- a. Legally clothed from the waist down. Must wear jersey. If overweight the jersey may be removed in an attempt to make weight.
  - b. Whatever shoes you wear to weigh-in are the shoes you will play with.
2. Spikes – screw-in spikes are permitted. However, there must be no exposed metal on the bottom of the shoe.
3. 6/7 – Offensive line is Center, 2 Guards, 2 Tight Ends. TEs must be skill players – max red stripes you can have on the field at one time is 3 (Center and 2 guards)

### **Schedule**

Times and locations for some games have changed. An updated schedule will be sent out early in the week.

**Meeting Adjourned: 5:12 PM**