

Pylon Premier Tackle Football

2025 Official Rules & Regulations

I: Game Play & Structure

- **Rule Format:** All games follow NCAA rules **with Pylon-specific modifications** listed below.
If not stated, standard NCAA rules apply, including overtime.
- **Game Length:** Four (4) **10-minute regulation quarters** for all age divisions.
- **Timeouts:** Each team receives **3 timeouts per half**.
- **Coaches on Field:**
 - **6U Division:** One (1) offensive and one (1) defensive coach allowed on the field.
 - **All Other Divisions:** Coaches must remain on the sideline.
- **Special Teams:**
 - **6U & 7U:** No live punts. All punts are **30-yard walk-offs**. If 30 yards can't be walked off, the result is a touchback.
 - **8U–14U:** Live punts and PATs follow NCAA rules.
 - **Field Goals & Extra Points (6U/7U):** Protected kicks – no defensive rush allowed.
- **QB Protection (6U/7U):**
 - Under Center: Defense may line up over center.
 - Shotgun/Pistol: No direct alignment over center or A gaps.
 - A-gap blitzing must start 3 yards back from the line of scrimmage.
- **Kickoffs:**
 - **6U & 7U:** From the 50-yard line.
 - **8U–14U:** From the 35-yard line.
- **Game Ball Requirements:**
 - Must be **leather** (no composite or rubber).
 - Teams must provide their own ball or face penalties (7-0 deficit after 5 mins; forfeit after 10 mins).

- Minimum Ball Sizes:
 - 6U–9U: K2
 - 10U–11U: TDJ
 - 12U–14U: TDY
- **Mercy Rule:** Running clock begins with a **20-point lead**. Regular clock resumes if margin drops below 20.

II: Rosters & Eligibility

- **Rosters:**
 - Fall roster only. No all-star or spring teams permitted.
 - Players must be locked into one age level/team as of **August 15, 2025 (12:00 AM)**.
- **Eligibility:**
 - Players must compete in a **minimum of 4 games (13U/14U)** or **6 games (6U–12U)** during the fall.
 - No high school players allowed. Once a player has completed 8th grade, they're ineligible.
 - 8th graders on any high school roster are not eligible for Pylon Tackle.
- **Age Cutoff:** July 1, 2025 – players age on this date determines their age group.
- **Roster Platform:** All rosters must be listed and certified on the **SportsThread** platform.

Player Certification Process:

1. **Online Certification** (SportsThread Age Verification).
2. **On-Site Book Check** (hard copies only).
3. **Pre-Game Face Check** with Pylon officials.

- **Required Documents:**
 - Government-issued ID (physical only, no paper copies).
 - Fall 2024 report card with name, grade, and address.
 - Current player photo.

III: Sidelines, Security, & Conduct

- **Sideline Access:**
 - Maximum of **10 sideline passes** per team (including all staff/volunteers).
 - Sideline violations will cause **game stoppage** or **forfeit** if not resolved.
 - **Game Day Protocol:**
 - **Clear bag policy** enforced for all individuals entering.
 - No wagons or bagged canopies.
 - Down markers/chains will be operated by **official event staff only**.
 - **Coach Requirements:**
 - All coaches must pass a background check to receive field access.
 - Coaches must be listed in the official SportsThread roster.
 - **Media Access:**
 - All media must be **pre-approved 48 hours before the event**.
 - No same-day media access allowed.
 - Submissions: <https://pylonfootball.com/media-request>.
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IV: Zero Tolerance Policy

- **Verbal or Physical Misconduct:**
 - Immediate ejection and removal from the facility.
 - If the offender refuses to leave, the game is forfeited.
- **Fighting or Altercations:**
 - Lifetime ban from all Pylon events, including non-Pylon affiliated youth sports.
- **Cheating:**
 - Subject to board review with penalties including disqualification or permanent bans.