**Kitsap Peninsula**

**Adult Pee Wee Association**

**GENERAL RULES**

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# Sports Year

1. The Pee Wee Sports Year shall be from August 1 through July 31 of the following year.
2. A player’s Pee Wee Age is their age on August 31 of the Pee Wee Sports Year. A player’s Pee Wee Age is used to determine their eligibility for all sports during the Pee Wee Sports Year.

# Sports Commissions

## All sports programs supported by the KPAPWA shall be governed by a Sports Commission.

## Membership: Each Parent Club shall be entitled to place one member on each of the sports commissions, in addition, the 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents may serve on the commission.

## Chairman: The Chairman for each Sports Commission shall be selected by the KPAPWA Executive Board from a pool of Parent Club nominees. The Chairmen shall maintain a contact list (names, phone numbers, and addresses) for their respective commission and provide a report during monthly Central Council meetings.

## Sport Commissions recommend changes to the playing rules. Any recommended change must be presented at a regular monthly meeting of the Central Council for approval. Changes to the playing rules must not deviate or conflict with the General Rules or By-laws.

## Sport Commissions also study other matters relating to their sport and make recommendations to the Central Council.

## Sport Commissions have no authority to utilize Central Council’s funds, issue fines, or make recommendations on forfeits, suspensions or probations.

# Sports Seasons

**Practices may not be started prior to the starting date of each sports season except as indicated.**

## The football season shall start the 1st Monday in August and end no later than the 2nd Sunday in November or November 15th whichever is later.

### All teams shall play a regular season schedule consisting of no more than eight (8) games excluding tiebreaker game(s) See Rule XII.

### All rules governing play that deviate from NFHS rules shall be approved by parent club representative(s) at the KPAPWA general meeting no later than two (2) months prior to the start of the season.

### The first scheduled game or jamboree shall be 1st Saturday before Labor Day or as determined by the Football Sports Commission.

### At all times during the season, players are prohibited from body-against-body contact until they have completed in five (5) practices. Games shall not count toward practices.

### Teams are limited to five (5) football activities within a week. Activities include but are not limited to any and all workouts, drills, practices and games. A week is defined as Monday through the following Sunday beginning with the first Monday in August.

### Football shall be open to all participants that meet eligibility requirements set forth in Rule XII.

### All football teams for levels “A” through “C” shall play eleven (11) player tackle football. “D” level shall play eight (8) player tackle football. “E” shall play eight (8) player flag football. “E” level shall be an instructional league and as such no score shall be kept. The field for “A” through “C” shall be as close to a regulation field as possible.

### “A”,”B”and “C” level teams shall be limited to thirty-five (35) players. “D” and “E” football teams shall be limited to twenty-five (25) players.

### Parent Clubs may organize multiple teams at any level as the club deems appropriate. However, there shall be no try-outs or judging.

### “All Star” tournaments hosted by a Parent Club must be scheduled to occur after the regular championship play for that level. “All Star” tournaments are not endorsed by KPAPWA.

### When there are ten (10) or more teams at a level, there shall be two (2) divisions. Cross Divisional games will be used when determining Division standings for the Playoffs.

### All Parent Clubs shall follow USA Football (or equivalent) Practice Guidelines for Youth Football.

## The basketball season will consist of a boy’s season and a girl’s season. The season will start on the Monday following Thanksgiving and last day of March.

### All teams shall play a regular season schedule consisting of no more than fourteen (14) games.

### Rules governing play that deviate from NFHS rules shall be approved by parent club representative(s) at the KPAPWA general meeting no later that two (2) months prior to the start of the season.

### Games will start the Tuesday following the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday or as determined by the Executive Board.

### Teams at all levels shall be limited to fifteen (15) players.

### Parent Clubs may organize multiple teams at any level as the club deems appropriate. However, there shall be no try-outs or judging.

### “All Star” tournaments hosted by a Parent Club must be scheduled to occur after the regular championship play for that level. “All Star” tournaments are not endorsed by KPAPWA.

### When there are ten (10) or more teams at a level, there shall be two (2) divisions. Cross-divisional games will be used when determining division standings for the playoffs.

## The baseball season shall start practice on or after the 3rd Monday in March and end on or before the last day of June.

### All teams shall play a regular season schedule consisting of no more than fourteen (14) games.

### Rules governing play that deviate from NFHS rules shall be approved by parent club representative(s) at the KPAPWA general meeting no later that two (2) months prior to the start of the season.

### The first game shall be on or after the third (3rd) Saturday in April or as determined by the Baseball Sports Commission.

### An attempt should be made to schedule all games occurring in April, during the day on Saturdays.

### Teams at all levels shall be limited to fifteen (15) players.

### Parent Clubs may organize multiple teams at any level as the club deems appropriate. However, there shall be no try-outs or judging.

### “All Star” tournaments hosted by a Parent Club must be scheduled to occur after the regular championship play for that level. “All Star” tournaments are not endorsed by KPAPWA.

### When there are ten (10) or more teams at a level, there shall be two (2) divisions. Cross-divisional games will be used when determining Division standings for the Playoffs.

# Squads and Assessments

The Central Council shall govern participation and gather assessments necessary to run the day to day operation of the Pee Wee sports.

## Participation:

### Parent Clubs are required to declare all teams entering competition at the request of the Second Vice President by the date designated at a Central Council meeting prior to the start of the season.

## Assessments – “GO-Fund”:

### The General Operations and Emergency Fund – Hereafter referred to as the GO-Fund, is established for the purpose of providing a reserve to pay Central Council’s standard operation expenses as authorized by the Central Council.

#### Officiating costs

#### Postage

#### Stationary and printing

#### Trophies and awards (as authorized by Central Council)

#### Endorsement

### Parent Clubs which have failed to pay their assessments in full prior to the September Central Council meeting shall not be permitted to participate in another sports season until the assessment has been paid in full.

### Pre-assessments shall be assessed at the beginning of each sports season to pay for the expected expenses of the sport season. These assessments shall be levied on a per team basis and shall be derived according to the following formula:

#### On all levels each team shall be assessed by multiplying one-half the cost of a game by the number of games scheduled during the sports season.

#### The cost of a game shall be calculated by estimation of officials cost, playoff costs (officials, venue, and trophies) and miscellaneous other costs (administrative costs and insurance) for the sports season. For football and baseball, this total should be divided by the number of games scheduled at the D level and above. For basketball, this total should be divided by the number of games scheduled at the E level and above.

### The KPAPWA treasurer shall present each Parent Club with their assessment at the first regular meeting after the sports season schedule is complete.

### Each Parent Club shall pay assessments no later than the next Central Council meeting after an assessment was levied.

### Parent Clubs failing to pay their assessment to the GO-Fund by the prescribed deadline shall not be allowed to continue to participate until the assessment has been paid in full. Participation is defined as such: Parent Clubs will forfeit all voting rights pertaining to General Rules, By-Laws, and day-to-day operations.

### Parent Clubs failing to pay their assessment to the GO-Fund by the date teams are submitted to the Association 2nd Vice President for the next sports season shall not be allowed to continue to participate until the assessment has been paid in full. Participation is defined as such: teams from the Parent Club will not be scheduled in the current sports season or future seasons until the assessment has been paid in full.

### A ten percent (10%) penalty per month may also be added to the assessment at the discretion of the Executive Board.

### Parent Clubs will be entitled to a refund of a portion of their assessment if for any reason a paid official fails to appear at a game which is eligible.

### Should a team forfeit a game at which paid officials are in attendance, neither Parent Club will receive a refund of their assessment.

### In cases where teams are disbanded after assessments have been levied, Parent Clubs with the affected team may be entitled to a refund of that portion of their assessment which would have covered the cost of officiating games involving the disbanded team. The Parent Club which disbanded the team shall not be entitled to any refund for the disbanded team.

### In the case where an official is present at a game, and the game must be postponed or otherwise rescheduled, the official’s fees will be paid out of the GO-Fund. Central Council will pay out of the GO-Fund for any make-up games required.

### Central Council shall pay all officiating costs for tiebreakers and playoff games from the GO-Fund.

### At the end of a sport season after all expenses have been paid, the treasurer shall evaluate the GO-Fund and either make a special assessment to bring the fund back up to the operating level of $4000.00 or in the event of a surplus, allow a credit against the next sports season assessments.

# Parent Clubs

## Every club shall provide Central Council with a copy of their club’s General Rules and By-Laws and provide an update prior to the start of each Sports Year (August 1st)

## Team names and colors are listed on supplemental attachment 8.

## Changes of Parent Club colors and team names must be approved by the KPAPWA (Central Council) prior to the start of the sport season.

## Every effort shall be made to avoid two teams having identical colors. This shall be the home team’s responsibility.

# Game Participation

## All players at all levels that are in attendance, in uniform and physically capable to participate are required to play in the game or the game shall be declared a forfeit. To ensure this is complied with, a coach or the designated representative of each team shall meet together before the game to exchange game rosters and annotate any absences on the game rosters. Exceptions to the rule would be a failure of athletes to attend regularly scheduled practices or for disciplinary reasons. Coaches electing to not play an athlete due to this reason must inform the opposing coach prior to the beginning of play. The coach or designated representative of each team shall meet after the game to finalize game day rosters and verify scores and athlete participation was correctly recorded.

### Late arriving players should be reported to the opposing coach prior to participation in the game.

### Football only: because a scorebook is not used, as in basketball and baseball, prior to the start of the game both teams will be required to line up on the opposing 40 yard line to allow the opposing coach or designated representative to compare player/jersey numbers with the exchanged roster. Any discrepancies identified should be clarified between the coaches at this time and notated accordingly.

## Tournament play of any sport, in and outside of Kitsap County, will be the financial responsibility of those Parent Clubs wishing to participate. Parent Clubs wishing not to participate shall not be fined or made to pay in any form for said tournaments. Nor shall KPAPWA use monies from the regular accounts such as Special Athletic Fund, GO-Fund, or any other account where all Parent Clubs have paid into during the sports seasons to play.

# Equality of Competition

## Multiple teams will be allowed for each club per level and each team will have equal rights and privileges.

## All teams on the same level are included in one league, divisions to be determined by the 2nd Vice President for each sports season based on the number of teams at that level.

## Parent Clubs are required to inform the Central Council in writing of how many teams will be fielded for each level to the Second Vice President by the date designated in the council meeting prior to the start of the season. Clubs not submitting paperwork defining number and types of teams will not be scheduled.

### It is the Parent Club’s responsibility to ensure they have sufficient gym/field availability scheduled to ensure all teams fielded have location at the appropriate times to host games.

## Central Council strongly encourages all clubs to divide the teams EQUALLY by age. The method of dividing the teams shall be left up to the individual parent club.

# Team Resignation

## When a player’s name has appeared on two (2) game rosters of any team during a sports season in progress, he/she shall then be considered a member of that particular team, and shall be restricted from playing for another team. Any exception to this rule must be approved by the Executive Board.

# Coach’s Pledge

## It is the responsibility of the Parent Club to ensure all coaches, and their assistants, have signed the Coach’s Pledge and provided the original copy to Central Council 2nd Vice President. The pledge must be on file two days prior to the first scheduled contest of the respective sport season. The pledge binds him/her to the policies of the KPAPWA for coaches. The Coach’s Pledge forms are supplemental attachment one (1) and are available from the KPAPWA Executive Board via the KPAPWA website (www.kpapwa.com).

## It is the responsibility of the Parent Club to ensure all coaches, and their assistants, have submitted a Washington State Patrol (WSP) background verification form giving consent for Executive board to perform a background check for felony convictions within the last 10 years through the courts of the State of Washington. Refusal to comply with the above will result in the ineligibility from coaching.

## The Coach’s Pledge and the WSP background check forms must be completed prior to each sports season regardless if it was completed during the previous season.

## The Coach’s Pledge and the WSP background check forms must be completed by any parent volunteer that directly interacts with the children during the course of practices or games.

## Any team with any coach on the field without previously filing a Coach’s Pledge and WSP background verification will forfeiture the game and a $25 fine will be assessed to the Parent Club.

# Coach, Player and Spectator Conduct

## It is mandatory that no persons connected with any team smoke, vape, use any nicotine products and marijuana products or use profane language while on the playing field, including, but not limited to the coach’s box, or while near the players or benches before, during and after a game. Coaches, players, and spectators will conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner before, during and after pee wee contests.

### Any intentional, malicious, or flagrant acts of unsportsmanlike conduct by coaches and/or players which result in disqualification from the contest will draw an automatic one (1) game suspension. The game to be missed will be the next game played by the offender’s team. An appeal of the suspension may be made to the Central Council Executive Board. Any further complaints brought forth against the penalized coaches and/or players will be handled by the Central Council as it deems necessary following the hearing procedure.

## Coach Pledge Violations: any violation of the pledge may require an appearance before the Executive Board to answer the charge(s). Substantiated flagrant or repeated violations may result in restriction or removal by the Executive Board.

## The coaches from each team will note on the bottom of the opposing team roster the name or names of the ejected players or coaches. This will be initialed by the referee or umpire. T

## All volunteer game officials shall have the same authority as paid officials. This includes the ability to eject players, coaches and/or spectators from a KPAPWA sanctioned event.

## Any physical confrontation by the spectators and/or coaches at a KPAPWA sanctioned event shall result in a one (1) year suspension from participation in any pee wee games. This penalty is subject to review by the KPAPWA Executive Board upon request from any Parent Club involved in said confrontation.

## It is recommended that the head coach be CPR and First Aid certified.

## All teams in all sports are required to have Game Day Field Managers present for crowd control throughout the length of the game. Game Day Field Manager responsibilities are identified in Attachment 6.

## Music:

### Any music played at a Clubs field will not contain profane language.

### No music is to be played during the game, but can be played as follows:

#### During warm-ups prior to the games coin toss.

#### During halftime, until the referee places the ball for the 2nd half kick-off.

# Penalties

## Changes in Team participation after designated date (Reference Rule VII.C):

### A fine of fifty dollars ($50.00) shall be assessed for teams dropped after final submittal.

### Clubs adding teams after the designated date shall be assessed a fee of ($50.00).

## Violation of the General Rules or failure of a coach to submit the opponent’s game roster (delivered or postmarked) within seventy-two (72) hours of the game to the Association Registrar shall result in:

### Ten Dollar ($10.00) fine per day per roster.

## If a player’s name appears on a team roster and/or plays in a game, the player must be cleared by the Association Registrar to play on that team in all respects (Registration form, birth certificate, waiver, move release, exception form if required, etc.). Violation of this rule (intentional or unintentional) will result in an automatic forfeiture of the game in question.

### If after registrar notification, any player(s) listed on the ineligible list that plays in a game will result in a forfeit, $25.00 fine and 1 game suspension of the coach for the first offense and a $50.00 fine and suspension for the remainder of the sports season for any further violation. Appeals can be made through the KPAPWA President within 48 hours of suspension notification to the Executive Board.

### Any player(s) found on a game roster submitted by the opponent discovered as ineligible by the Association Registrar will results in a $5.00 fine. The Association Registrar will notify the club of ineligible player. Player(s) will be added to ineligible list until requirements are met to clear player(s). Rule XII B 1 will apply to any further violations.

## To ensure no intentional violation of the General Rules, including eligibility, any suspected violations can be brought to the attention of any KPAPWA Executive Board Officer, including the Association Registrar. The Executive Board shall review the alleged violation and take statements from all parties concerned. These statements may be given to a board member over the phone, in writing to the board, verbally before the board or a combination of the above as determined by the Executive Board based on the complexity of the situation and time constraints.

### The Executive Board will review the alleged violation. If the Executive Board decides that an intentional or flagrant violation has occurred additional penalties may be imposed. These penalties may be probation, suspension or monetary fines levied on the Parent Club.

#### Twenty-five dollars ($25.00) for the first violation

#### Fifty dollars ($50.00) for each succeeding violation.

### The offending club may appeal the ruling to the KPAPWA President at which time the Executive Board will schedule an appeal’s hearing on the matter within forty-eight (48) hours. The original penalty or penalties will stand until the appeal’s hearing is concluded. The hearing shall be attended by a quorum of the Executive Board and by at least one representative of the offending club. In addition, the hearing may be attended by all affected parties who may elect one spokesperson to speak on their behalf in addition to the club representative(s).

### For violations involving a club board member who is also coach, the 1st offense will result in a minimum of one (1) year suspension from coaching. The 2nd offense will result in an indefinite suspension from coaching. The member in question can remain on the board at the discretion of the affected Parent Club. The suspension will begin at the time of the ruling.

## The offended club’s President and Registrar will be verbally notified within 48 hours of all penalties imposed for violations of 12.A through 12.C. The Parent Club’s President or Vice President must inform the affected individual(s) within 24 hours of receipt of their notification.

# Eligibility

Parent Club:

Each Parent Club will have approved prescribed boundaries of an area from which it shall allow players. Players will be eligible to play with that Parent Club only if they reside within the boundaries provided.

Parent Clubs shall have their prescribed boundaries easily referenced on their website which details the residency requirements as well as a published boundary map. It is also required to have a form of registration disclaimer during the registration process for each sport’s season that emphasizes the residency requirements and details the Parent Club’s boundary map.

A. A player must reside within the prescribed boundary lines of the Parent Club for which he/she plays the first day of the sports season in progress. A player will be regarded to reside within the Parent Club’s Parent Club boundaries if:

• Their parents are living together and are residing within such Parent Club boundaries, OR;

• Either of the player’s parents or their court-appointed legal guardian reside within such boundaries.

Residence, reside, and residing refer to a place of actual continuous habitation. A place of residence once established shall not be considered changed unless the parents, parent, or guardian makes an actual change of residence.

The Parent Club shall require a document from tier 1 or 2 to prove residence within the Parent Club’s boundaries for new player registrations. Players and their parents/guardians are advised that a false statement of residence will lead to ineligibility to play up to including forfeiture of games and suspension of play for the season.

When an Association Registrar requires an address verification on a player’s residency the parent(s) or guardian(s) of said player will be required to establish residency by providing supporting documents **containing the full residence which includes parent(s) or guardian(s) name, street address, city, state and zip code information**, dated or in force of the **current sport’s year**, from **one or more documents from EACH of the three Tiers detailed below**:

**TIER I**

• Driver’s License

• School Records

• Vehicle Records (Registration, Lease, etc.)

• Employment Records

• Insurance Documents

**TIER II**

• Welfare/Child Care Records

• Federal Records (Federal Tax, Social Security, etc.)

• State Records

• Local Municipal Records

• Support Payment Records

Homeowner or Tenant Records

• Military Records

**TIER III**

• Voter’s Registration

• Utility Bills (Gas, Electric, Water, Sewer, Phone, Waste Disposal)

• Financial Records

• Medical Records

• Internet, Cable, or Satellite Records

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

• Three documents from the same Tier (utility bill, cable bill, and bank statement) constitute only ONE document.

• Certain documents may be used in different Tiers, but will count for only one Tier per player. For example, if a water or sewer bill is used to satisfy Tier II as a municipal record, that same bill CANNOT be used as a utility bill to satisfy Tier III.

• Any documents submitted as proof of residence must show customary usage or consumption to demonstrate actual continuous habitation as determined by the Association Registrar.

The only acceptable deviation of this rule will be in the following alternatives

### If a player moves his/her residence, or is transferred to another district as a result of a boundary change during his/her sports career, he/she may elect to finish his/her sports career with the district from which he/she moved or transferred providing he/she has been a registered squad member of that district for at least one year. If the player chooses to remain with the old district, the player is to remain with that district for the duration of his/her sports career. To be eligible to remain with the old district the player and parent/guardian must sign a statement acknowledging they are aware it is for the duration of his/her sports career. This signed statement, supplemental attachment three (3), must be on file with the Association Registrar before the player will be cleared to play. A one (1) year probationary period applies to all players who have signed a move release form to stay with their previous district. If the player moves his/her residence more than ten (10) miles from the address of record on the move release, he/she may elect to finish his/her sports career with the district he/she moved to or with the previous district.

### Players who belong to any of the organizations who choose not to field sports for a particular sports season through the pee wee (i.e. baseball) and/or that organization directly fields teams for another organization (i.e. Pony League, Little League, etc.) shall be given the option to play Pee Wee’s for another KPAPWA club for that sport. Players must return to their Parent Club for all other sports.

### All original waivers, move releases, and/or exception forms must be submitted to the Association Registrar and processed prior to participation in a game.

## Physical Limitations:

### Age:

A player’s Pee Wee Age, as defined in Rule I, is used to determine their eligibility for all sports during the Pee Wee Sports Year.

### Height: All players, all squads, and all sports: NO LIMITATIONS

### Weight: All players, all squads, and all sports: NO LIMITATIONS

### All football teams are established according to the player’s Pee Wee age:

#### 12 & 13 year old players will play “A” level

#### 10 & 11 year old players will play “B” level

#### 8 & 9 year old players will play “C” level

#### 6 & 7 year old players will play “D” level

#### 5 & 6 year old players will play “E” Level

#### 6 year olds have the option to play at either the “D” or “E“ Level

### Maximum age limits for baseball are established according to the player’s Pee Wee age:

1. 13 year olds must play NO LOWER THAN “A” level
2. 11 & 12 year olds must play NO LOWER THAN “B” level
3. 9 & 10 year olds must play NO LOWER THAN “C” level
4. 7 & 8 year olds must play NO LOWER THAN “D” level
5. 6 year olds must play NO LOWER THAN “Coach Pitch” level
6. 4 & 5 year olds must play NO LOWER THAN “T-Ball” level

### Maximum age limits for basketball are established according to the player’s Pee Wee age:

#### 13 year olds must play NO LOWER THAN “AA” level

#### 12 year olds must play NO LOWER THAN “A” level

#### 11 year olds must play NO LOWER THAN “B” level

#### 10 year olds must play NO LOWER THAN “C” level

#### 9 year olds must play NO LOWER THAN “D” level

#### 7 & 8 year olds must play NO LOWER THAN “E” level

#### 5 & 6 year olds must play NO LOWER THAN “EE” level

### Any player can play above his/her age group but cannot play below it. (As an example n 11 year old may play “A” level ball but could not play “C” level.)

## Certification of Birth:

### Record of Birth must be a photocopy of a certified copy from the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health, Hospital Birth Records, Passport, Military Dependent ID card, or Baptismal certificate. One of the above certificates of birth must be presented to the Association Registrar as the certificate of a player’s date of birth during registration. The club’s Registrar must submit the certificate of birth to the Association Registrar. The Association Registrar will retain these on file.

### All certificates for players reaching Pee Wee Age 15 by the Pee Wee Sports Year eligibility age date are no longer required to be maintained and may be destroyed.

## Master Rosters:

***NOTE: The intent of Rule XII.D is to certify all players participating in the particular sport season are eligible in all respects, including that they have signed up with the proper district.***

### To be eligible for participation (this includes practice) in any sport, each player’s name shall be included, last name first in alphabetical order, on a master roster sheet for that particular sport.

### A preliminary master roster and notebook must first be submitted to the Association Registrar by the date designated in the council meeting prior to the start of the season. All additional players’ names may be submitted on a weekly basis until the halfway point of the season is reached, at which time no players may be added to the master roster. Detailed instructions for preparation and handling will be distributed by the Association Registrar.

### Penalties:

#### There will be a twenty-five dollar ($ 25.00) fine for each day the preliminary master roster is not submitted per XII.D.1

#### Late preliminary master roster submissions will be processed at the discretion of the Association Registrar not to exceed 7 days.

#### Submissions are effective for eligibility only after being processed by the Association Registrar per 12.D.3.b.

## Game Roster:

### The rules listed below are intended to provide an adequate method for the Association Registrar to determine that each player participating in the particular game has:

#### Been certified, registered and listed on the Game roster.

#### Any league games played with an ineligible player will be forfeited.

### Team (Game) rosters must be presented to the Association Registrar for game roster certification two (2) weeks prior to the first game. Rosters must be submitted in alphabetical order by last name. Once team rosters are certified (i.e. presented to the Association Registrar and verified as having no problems) no penalty will be imposed that sports season if an accidental violation is later found. Penalties may, however, be imposed because of any violations involving players whose names were not on a roster at the time of certification

#### Late submissions must be added to the bottom of the certified roster.

### The coach of each team shall exchange rosters with the opposing coach prior to any contest including the jamboree, and tournaments. This roster will list in alphabetical order the players’ full names, as they were approved by the Association Registrar or the Eligibility Committee, and number for players participating in that contest.

### To ensure accurate totals for qualified official fees are paid to the correct organization; it is mandatory to check the block indicating whether paid referees are present, the number of paid officials and their organization.

### For baseball rosters:

#### The number of pitches pitched will be listed behind the pitcher’s name.

#### After each game, opposing baseball coaches shall sign the roster with their players listed on it acknowledging the pitch count and all eligible players have participated.

# Playoff Format

## Tie in standings: In all cases where a tie in standings exists on any team, the following procedure shall be followed and conducted by the 2nd Vice President:

### A tie in the standings shall be defined by divisional standings.

### If there is a two-way tie for the last playoff position, regardless of head to head outcome, it shall be played off.

### If there is a multiple tie for the last playoff position, regardless of head to head outcome, a single elimination tournament by halves will be played.

#### Half for football = 2 quarters.

#### A half in basketball shall be in accordance with the NFHS Rules

#### Half for baseball = “A” level – 4 innings, “B”, “C”, or “D” levels – 3 innings.

#### There shall be a winner declared at the end of each half. Team one (1) and Team two (2) will play the first half with the winner advancing and the loser being eliminated. Team three (3) and team four (4) will play the second half with the winner advancing and the loser being eliminated. The two (2) winners shall play each other with the winner being declared the last playoff team.

### All ties that do not involve the last playoff position shall be decided by a head to head outcome (score shall not be a factor). If head to head does not apply, playoff positions will be decided by a coin toss.

## Playoff Schedule:

### A playoff schedule shall be established for all “AA”, “A”, “B”, “C” and “D” levels. Central Council will have the final approval for all playoff formats, higher seeded teams will be the home team for all sports throughout the entire playoffs. Home team will be determined by a coin toss in the event of equal seeding.

### Basketball shall have a Bracket Tournament Playoff (ie. March Madness). “E” level basketball will play two extra games against equal competition.

### If there is only one division at a level with 7 teams or less, a playoff shall be established to have the top six (6) teams play as per the following:

#### Game 1: 3rd place vs. 6th place

#### Game 2: 4th place vs. 5th place

#### Game 3: 1st place vs. Lowest remaining seed

#### Game 4: 2nd place vs Highest remaining seed

#### Game 5: Winner of game 3 vs Winner of game 4

### If there is only one division at a level with 8 or 9 teams the top six (6) go to the playoffs. The top two teams will have byes in the first round of playoffs. If there is a tie for 2nd or 3rd place, the first (1st) tie breaker would be a head-to-head, and the second (2nd) tie breaker would be a coin toss.

#### Game 1: 3rd place vs. 6th place

#### Game 2: 4th place vs. 5th place

#### Game 3: 1st place vs Lowest remaining seed

#### Game 4: 2nd place vs. Highest remaining seed

#### Game 5: Winner of Game 3 vs. Winner of Game 4

### If there are two divisions, a playoff shall be established to have the top four (4) teams from each division play as per the following:

#### Game 1: 1st place Division A vs. 4th place Division A

#### Game 2: 2nd place Division A vs. 3rd place Division A

#### Game 3: 2nd place Division B vs. 3rd place Division B

#### Game 4: 1st place Division B vs. 4th place Division B

#### Game 5: Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2

#### Game 6: Winner of Game 3 vs. Winner of Game 4

#### Game 7: Winner of Game 5 vs. Winner of Game 6

## Trophies:

### Trophies shall be provided by KPAPWA for the first (1st) and second (2nd) place teams based on championship playoff results.

# Protests

## If a coach wishes to protest a game because of a rule interpretation and/or administration of the rules; he/she shall notify the official and the opposing coach that the games is being played under protest, in accordance with NFHS Rules, and both game rosters must be clearly marked “PLAYED UNDER PROTEST” and then signed by the head coach lodging the protest and the head official present. The coach must then file a written protest, have it approved by the Parent Club President and then present it to the KPAPWA Secretary within forty-eight (48) hours after completion of the game in question.

## All protests will be evaluated by the Executive Board and a representative from each team should attend the executive board meeting.

# Waivers

## No player may be waived from his/her home club unless:

### The home club is unable to field a team at the player’s level, during the sport season in question.

### The home club has closed registration for the sport in question and placing the player on his/her proper team would make the team unreasonably large.

*Note 1: If a closed team loses a player or players, the team may add players to reach the original size (the size of team at the time of closing).*

*Note 2: When a player has been waived due to team size, which may only occur twice during his/her pee wee career, he/she may not be waived to the same district. To be eligible to play for the new district, if the player had been waived due to team size, a waiver form (supplemental attachment 2), containing the clause that a player can never be waived again during his/her pee wee career needs to be signed by the parent/guardian. This signed waiver must be on file with the Association Registrar before the player will be cleared to play.*

## Families that wish to change clubs to play out of district or to be released from a move waiver would need to present their case to the Central Council Executive Board with the two affected clubs Council representatives present. The vote on whether to approve the exception would occur at the executive board level.