

Cy-Fair Sports Association

Football Committee

Proposed Rule Changes for 2006 Season and Beyond

1. **Article X, Section 4** – Added language that allows a *player to remain on his original team when his parents/legal guardian move after team formation.*
2. **Article X, Section 10** – Adopted language that grants *final Head Coaching assignment authority to the Football Committee.* Should the CFSA Executive Board do away with School Commissioners, we will edit this section to eliminate the School Commissioner's role entirely. We also added language consistent with the new policy regarding the *requirement for criminal background checks for all Head Coaches.*
3. **Article XI, Section 2** – Added language to *give the Football Committee some flexibility to increase or decrease prescribed penalties* depending on the circumstances of the rules violation.
4. **Article XII, Section 3** – Revised *ball carrier eligibility in the Varsity level to include all players regardless of weight.* All other division's ball carrier weight limits remain the same as last year.
5. **Article XII, Section 4** – Added *'Punts' to the formations which allow an 'ineligible' ball carrier in Freshman and JV to line up in a 'ball carrier' position.* This allows a player that is over the weight limits in Freshman and JV to punt the football.
6. **Article XIV, Section 5** – Flag games will have two 25-minute halves. The *first 20-minutes of each half will be continuous* and run on the scoreboard by the official scorekeeper. After the completion of the final play in the 20-minute period or at the point in which the 20-minute period expires, the *clock will then be kept on the field and coaches will be permitted to call time outs. The clock will stop after the occurrence of normal NCAA clock stopping events in the final 5-minutes of each half.*
7. **Article XIV, Section 9** – The Head Coach for each team will *establish a 2-yard zone from the edge of each sideline in which players are not allowed to stand.*
8. **Article XIV, Section 24** – Head Coach must *declare his intent to kick to the sideline referee and the referee must notify the opposing Head Coach.* When a declaration is made, the center must be protected. *A team may still kick without declaring, however, they forfeit the protection for the center.*
9. **Article XVI, Section 1** – *Before the first day of school, teams may have 4 events. After school starts, teams are limited to 3 events per week.* If a team has 3 games in a 7-day period, they may have one additional practice.

All other changes are considered editing, wordsmithing and clarifying in nature.