

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

There are currently two GRPS teams (ORANGE and RED) that will compete within the Ottawa-Kent (OK) Silver Middle School Conference while following their adopted guidelines.

OK –SILVER MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

NUMBER OF GAMES: Six plus one scrimmage

RULES: Current MHSAA rules will be followed with some modifications

- Both grade levels shall play on a standard field. (GRPS IS ONLY 7TH/8TH)
- No overtime will be played.
- The MHSAA Mercy Rule will be used.
(After the first half, any time the score differential reaches 35 points or more, the following changes, and only these changes, shall be made regarding rules determining when the clock will and will not be stopped. The clock shall run continuously except for the following situations when it will be stopped (TIPS):
 - Timeouts (charged to a team)
 - Intermission (between 3rd and 4th quarters, and after a score)
 - Penalty enforcement (whistle to ready-to-play)
 - Safety reasons (injuries ect.)Normal timing procedures shall resume if the point differential is reduced to less than 35 points.
- Ball Size: Middle School (unless a school chooses to use a standard high school ball.)
- In the event of an injury an official time out will be called. The injured player must be removed from the game for at least one timed down.
- Coaches or players ejected from a game will also sit the next scheduled game.
- No practices shall be held prior to three weeks before the first game. Teams of other leagues may be used in scrimmage and used as fill-in during the season in the case of a “Bye” week.
- A game may only be postponed in the case of threatening conditions (lightning and severe weather watches or warnings). Make-up schedule of postponed games is the responsibility of the home field director.

- Officials shall be a minimum of 11th grade students participating on the Varsity Football team. No younger students shall be used. At least one official shall be registered with the MHSAA and be at least 21 years old. It is recommended that at least four officials be used in all games.
- Extra Point:
 - A successful run is worth one point.
 - A successful kick is worth two points.
- Length of quarters will be 8 minutes or if both schools agree, than 10 minute quarters can be used.

WEIGHT & AGES:

- A player's age as of September 1st shall determine his age for the season.
 - Any player will be ineligible if he/she becomes 15 before September 1st.
 - Any player above the 8th grade is ineligible to play.
- Any player that weighs over 165 pounds cannot carry the ball of advance.
 - There will be no exceptions to the weight limit. Players must be weighed in without equipment.
 - One official weigh-in will occur no more than sixty (60) minutes before game time. All fields will have a 10 pound weight to check the scales accuracy.*** Any Infraction will be treated as a personal foul and will result in a 15 yard penalty and ejection of both players and coach.
 - Any weight discussion shall be decided by the field director or his designee.
 - A birth certificate must be produced 7 days upon request.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT RULES

- All athletes, coaches and parents should demonstrate EXCELLENT sportsmanship at all times
- No sideline coaching from parents or spectators will be tolerated
- Parents will need to arrange transportation home for their child from HOME games. On AWAY games, busing will be provided to bring the athletes back to their home school. Athletes will be able to ride home with their parents from AWAY games ONLY if they have signed their son/daughter out with the coach and/or athletic director

