



Cabot Youth Football

2009 Rules Committee Ballot

The following rule changes were recommended by the 2009 Rules Committee and adopted by the Executive Committee to be presented to the Cabot Youth Football Association Members for vote.

Please select one answer for each item below. Ballots containing items not voted on will be cast aside, so if you choose not to vote for a specific measure, please simply select NO VOTE CAST.

1. Once a league reaches 128 players (14-16 players per team), should the CYFA Executive Committee have the ability to add players to teams over the current 16 player max, in order to accommodate scheduling maximization?

* NOTE. This rule changes will eliminate the automatic creation of another team in a specific league without regard to scheduling concerns, new coach selections, etc...

YES (26) NO (11) NO VOTE CAST

2. Omit section 4 & 5; page five of the CYFA By-Laws, "Coaches...A team will not be taken away from a returning head coach. The only time a team would be taken away from a head coach would be for disciplinary reasons." Replace with "The Executive Committee will select new coaches through various subjective and objective criteria. No single factor will determine selection. However, the Executive Committee will strongly consider the following criteria when selecting a coach:
 - a. Returning head coach
 - b. Returning first assistant coach
 - c. Years coaching both head and first assistant in the CYFA program.

*NOTE: This rule change will ensure coaches will be selected with the best interest of the students-athletes as priority. The CYFA Executive Committee already has the authority to approve each coach every year; this change simply clarifies the language.

YES (0) **NO (27)** NO VOTE CAST

3. Should the returning players (including returning locked players) of a team without a head coach or first assistant coach returning be in essence "dissolved" and thus allowed to enter the draft as a "new" player or have the ability to be locked on another team?

*NOTE: This rule change will allow more players to enter the draft if the Head Coach or First Assistant Coach does not return. This rule allows the "new" Head Coach to select his own locks and draft the remaining players instead of inheriting the remaining locked or returning players.

YES (16) **NO (18)** NO VOTE CAST (1)

4. Should the returning locks of a team without a head coach or first assistant coach returning be in essence "dissolved" and thus allowed to enter the draft as a "new" player or have the ability to be locked on another team?

*NOTE: This rule change will only allow the dissolution of the locked players and the remaining returning players would stay with the team if the Head Coach or First Assistant Coach does not return.

YES (25) NO (10) NO VOTE CAST

5. The Pro League cutoff date to be moved to the same date as all other leagues, and the leagues be re-structured to 12-under, 10-under, 8-under, and 6-under for the Pro, Semi Pro, Rookie and Mini Camper Leagues respectfully. The rules will be modified to read that for the Pro League, no one turning 13 before the CPSD, the Semi-Pro league, no one turning 11 before the CPSD, the Rookie League, no one turning 9 before the CPSD, and the Mini-Camper League, no one turning 7 before the CPSD.

*NOTE: The intent of this rule is to ensure no thirteen year old athletes play in our league. Moving the date back one month to Thanksgiving provides a transparent and arbitrary date that we can track each year and ensures thirteen year old athletes do not play in our league (our league playoffs conclude before Thanksgiving). This change allows more legitimate sixth graders the opportunity to play in our league. We already have a rule that will not allow seventh graders to play in our league.

YES (29) NO (3) NO VOTE CAST (3)

6. Add the word "safety" to the current rule of CYFA By-Laws, page twelve "The Game" section 4, to read: "During the first and third quarters, substitutions may be made only if a player injury occurs or for disciplinary and/or **safety** reasons."

YES (10) **NO (25)** NO VOTE CAST

7. Reduce the "mercy rule/game clock continuous running requirement" limit from 28 points to 24 points.

YES (29) NO (4) NO VOTE CAST (2)

8. Replace existing rule of CYFA By-Laws, page four "SuperBowl/CYFA sponsored Post Season" Section a: "Top four teams in each division will go to playoffs..." and replace with: "The League will be divided into divisions if there are 8 or more teams in the League. If there are less than 10 teams in a League, there will be four teams in the playoffs. If there are 10 or more teams in a League, there will be six teams in the playoffs." Head Coaches for each League will determine the playoff formatting for their respective Leagues at the annual Fall coaches meeting prior to the season starting. The majority will rule for each League and the decision will be final.

YES (27) NO (4) NO VOTE CAST (3)

*NOTE: This rule will reward division winners with an automatic bid for playoffs and ensure all remaining bids are awarded based on overall record, not divisional placing.

9. Allow the CYFA Executive Committee to change minor and/or administrative clarifications to only the following items: change "may" to "shall" regarding coach background checks, remove the reference to the Community Bank clock, remove the reference to concession operations when we don't run the concession stand, and update the charts to reflect the applicable Cabot Public School Age Cut off date (this year it will be September 1, 2009 instead of last year's September 15th date).

YES (32) NO (0) NO VOTE CAST (3)

* NOTE. These items are for administrative simplicity purposes. In essence, no substantive rule will be changed whether or not this ballot item passes or not.