



Greater Eastside Junior Football Association

GEJFA Council Training



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ORGANIZATION

- **Under the umbrella of Bellevue Boys and Girls Club and other Eastside Boys and Girls Clubs**
- **Junior Football Council**
 - **5 elected officials (non-voting)**
 - **3 Club Athletic Directors (generally abstaining)**
 - **17 Club Reps (voting)**
- **Executive Directors Council**
- **Grievance Committee**



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Elected President – Shawn Hartline

Elected First Vice President – Greg Pardee

Elected Second Vice President – Kim Blackburn

Elected Secretary – Dan Crowe

Treasurer – John Veentjer

Scheduler – Billie Hartline

Officials Coordinator – Shawn O'Brien

Web Master – Billie Hartline

Web Application – Billie Hartline



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- **Club Boards**
- **Corporate status**
- **501(c)(3) status**
- **Finding volunteers**
- **Coach selection**
- **Equipment procurement**
- **Fund raising**



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Coaches

- **Application**
- **Background check**
- **Conclusion awareness training**
- **Good teacher**
- **Heads Up USA Football Certification**



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Registration

- **Eligibility**
 - Age
 - Boundaries
- **Team size**
- **Splits**
- **Transfers**
- **Rosters (Master & Game)**



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Cheerleaders

- **No Boundaries**
- **Rosters**
- **Coach background checked**
- **Outreach membership**
- **Subject to GEJFA rules**



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GEJFA Fees

- **Outreach Membership Fees**
- **Officials Fees**
- **Admin Fees**
- **Field use adjustment**



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GAME SCHEDULE FORMAT

- **Four Conferences**
- **Seven regular season games**
- **Playoffs**
 - **Top four teams each Conference**
 - **Council to pair Conferences for playoffs**
 - **First round week eight, Qtr, Semi, Championship**
- **Match-up games week eight and nine**



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Field Management

- **Designated Field Manager**
- **Weigh-ins**
- **Feeding officials**
- **Emergency Plan**



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FIELD MANAGEMENT

Agreements – Indemnification

Continue to tighten up, minimize exposures

Liability

Parents need to watch their kids

**Must enforce participants only on field
not on the roster -- expect to be denied field access**



GAME TIME MANAGEMENT

- **We don't have slack time in the schedule**
- **Games must start on time**
 - **That means kick-off at the scheduled start time**
 - **Second half kick-off promptly 10:00 minutes following finish of first half**
- **Clear the field promptly**
- **Officials will be told to emphasize**



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SUBSTITUTION RULE

- **Everyone plays**
- **On change of possession, fullest possible change out**
- **Free substitution after four plays; however, on change of possession, fullest possible change out**
- **Free substitution after score, for PAT & kickoff; substitution rule starts again (new) at next scrimmage**
- **Free sub for injured player**
- **Minimum 12 plays; strive for equity**
- **Violations to Grievance Committee**



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NON-PARTICIPATING PLAYERS

- **Extended injuries**
- **Disqualification (ejection) previous game**
- **Discipline**
 - **Club approved approach**
 - **Consistently and uniformly applied**
- **Identified on roster and at roster exchange**
- **On sideline without shoulder pads and helmet**
- **Opponent to list in Game Report**



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SCORE MANAGEMENT RULE

- No team will **LEAD** another by more than 32 points
- Start managing score early
- Teach every position to every participant **
- **Team down by 21 (even after scoring) can elect to receive and has choice in second half**
- At 25 point differential, no kickoff; leading team starts from own 20; trailing team from 50
- **Running clock 4th quarter or earlier by agreement – both teams get clock stopping TOs**



SCORE MANAGEMENT RULE (cont'd)

- **Penalty for violations**
 - **More than 32 points on offensive score – automatic suspension**
 - **More than 32 points on defensive score – appear before Grievance Committee before next game**
 - **More than 38, by any situation, auto suspension**
 - **Second violation is season suspension**



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OTHER NFHS & GEJFA RULE EMPHASIS

- **No removable cleats**
- **Only clear helmet shields**
- **Only colored mouth guards**
- **Proper football per NFHS except size per GEJFA**
- **Kicking tees of the proper size**



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OTHER NFHS & GEJFA RULE EMPHASIS

- **Player who doesn't make weight two consecutive games must move up**
- **No hard surface casts/braces/etc**
- **Ejected coaches accompanied to Grievance Committee by their Head Coach and Club Director**
- **Ejected players do not appear before Grievance Committee and there is no appeal**



RECENT YEARS' ISSUES

- **Eligibility**
- **Substitution rule violations**
- **Conduct – coached unsportsmanlike conduct**
- **Guests at the High School fields**
 - **Respect School officials and Field Managers**
- **Scouting -- Only games, no practices, no video**
- **Official weigh-in**
- **Electronic Communications**
- **Video Passes**
 - **Parent meeting – let them know**



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JERSEY COLOR

- **See rule 4.G. for Club colors**
- **Everyone is to have two jerseys – one dark and one light – two tone acceptable for both**
- **Home team wears dark color (new)**
- **Visiting team wears light or contrasting color (new)**
- **Communicate between Clubs if necessary**



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GAME REPORTS

- **Team Game Report after each game is required by Sunday at 1:00PM**
- **See GEJFA web site**
- **Comments on poor ratings, otherwise meaningless**
- **Each Team submits (Club coordinators review)**
- **GEJFA management also review**
- **Repeated failure to submit report will result in Head Coach appearance before Grievance Committee**



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HEALTH AND SAFETY

- **First Aid trained member of coaching staff**
- **Know medical history of each player**
 - **Diabetics, asthma, bee string allergies**
- **Hydration**
- **Head, neck or back injuries**
- **Good hygiene**



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PROTESTS

- **See Rule 7; in general, protests are discouraged**
- **Do it right or don't do it**
- **In writing via Club Director within 72 hours; advance notice to GEJFA President on Sunday**
- **Substitution Rule protests on the field**
 - **Communication between head coaches**
 - **For continued violations give notice of intent to protest; game continues; document**
 - **Violations addressed by Grievance Committee**
- **Other complaints made to Council via Club Rep**



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FIELD AVAILABILITY

High School availability

Large Clubs – Home games

We are very tight on the schedule

Emphasize time management/leave field promptly



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RESOURCES

- **GEJFA Web Site – download & read rules**
- **USA Football (www.usafootball.com)**
- **National Alliance for Youth Sports
(www.nays.org)**
- **American Sports Education Program
(www.asep.com)**
- **Others (see GEJFA web site)**



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OFFICIALS

- **Sophomores and above should have four officials**
- **Rookies and Cubs should have three officials**
- **Issues to be addressed in Game Report, not on the field**

We need more officials