

2013 Rule Changes Summary:

1. Game time changes....the game times per level were changed to the following:
 1. 9:00 D Level
 2. 10:30 C Level
 3. 12:00 B Level
 4. 1:15 A Level
 5. 3:00 E Level
2. All ERB qualified players will wear a green sticker on the back of their helmet, A-E levels, so that the referees can determine if the offense has lined up in an illegal formation. The Penalty will be 5 yards, repeat the down. If an ERB player does not “make-weight” any Sunday after opening day, his green dot shall be covered over with white tape for that game. If that same player “makes-weight” the next Sunday, the white tape shall be removed to reveal the green dot and permit that player to play as an ERB.
3. Referee Rate has been increased by \$5, to \$60 per ref, per game.
4. Via USA Football affiliation, Coach Certification will be required for all coaches per the course on www.usafootball.com, \$5 per coach. Any Coach that was certified in 2012 will be required to take the 30 min. re-certification course , \$5 dollars per coach.
5. Conference Structure Change Overview:

Proposed vote on realignment of divisions into three: American, Continental and National. Programs will be assigned to each division utilizing a coefficient combining equal parts enrollment size of the representative high schools covering each program and the programs’ applicable winning percentage (2 years of results for upcoming A and B teams and 1 year of results for upcoming C teams).

In year 1, limits will be imposed such that no team currently in the American Division will be placed in the National Division and vice versa. These limits will not apply to Belleville. In year 2, with the majority of the data being derived from the new alignment, no limits will be imposed.

The programs with the six highest coefficients will be assigned to the American Division. The next six highest coefficient programs will be assigned to the Continental Division. The six lowest coefficient programs will be assigned to the National Division. If any programs assigned to the American Division were in the National Division in the 2012 season, they will be limited to the Continental Division. The top coefficient programs in the Continental Division who are eligible for the American Division will be moved up in their place. If any programs assigned to the National Division were in the American Division in the 2012 season, they will be limited to the Continental Division. The lowest coefficient programs in the Continental Division who are eligible for the National Division will be moved down in their place.

Within each Division, teams will be ranked based on program winning percentage. Scheduling will take this ranking into account when developing the matchups. The primary goal of scheduling will be that all six teams within each division play head to head during the regular season.
6. League Conference Structure for 2013: (based on equal evaluation of Winning % and Enrollment)

American Conference

Scotch Plains-Fanwood
Richmond Boro
Westfield
Millburn
Bloomfield
Perth Amboy

Continental Conference

Sparta
Chatham
Sayre Woods South
Cranford
Summit
Irvington

National Conference

Berkeley Hts.
Springfield
New Providence
Parsippany
Morristown
Belleville

2013 Rule Changes Summary (cont'd):

7. Playoff Qualification Rules:

1. 8 teams will qualify for the playoffs for levels A-D

2. The first place team from each Conference automatically qualifies for the playoffs.
Tiebreaker for Division champs: 1- head to head, 2- total IC wins, 3- overall playoff points, 4- overall wins, 5- defeated opponents playoff points. If 3 way tie, begin at 2.

3. The other five Wildcard bids are awarded to the five teams with the most overall playoff points, regardless of conference.
Tiebreaker for Wildcard : 1 - head to head, 2 – overall playoff points, 3 - defeated opponents playoff points. If 3 way tie, begin at 2.

8. Playoff Seeding Rules:

The 3 division champs are seeded 1-3 based on overall playoff points. Ties will be broken using the wildcard system. The wildcards will be seeded 4-8 based on overall playoff points. Ties will be broken using wildcard system.

Div champ 1(seed 1) vs Wildcard 5(seed 8)

Vs

Wildcard 1(seed 4) vs Wildcard 2(seed 5)

Div champ 2(seed 2) vs Wildcard 4(seed 7)

Vs

Div champ 3(seed 3) vs Wildcard 3(seed 6)