**2025 Wabash Valley Youth Football Classic:**

**Tournament Overview**

**Dates & Divisions**

* **K-2nd Grade**: October 4–5, 2025
* **3rd-4th Grade**: October 11–12, 2025
* **5th-6th Grade**: October 18–19, 2025
* **7th-8th Grade**: October 25–26, 2025

**Mission Statement**
To foster a competitive yet inclusive environment prioritizing sportsmanship, safety, and memorable experiences for all participants.

**Eligibility & Age Guidelines**

* **Age Determination**: Players’ eligibility is based on their age as of August 1, 2025.
* **Grade Verification**: Teams must submit official school documentation (e.g., report card) confirming each player’s grade.

**Tournament Structure**

**Format**: Round-robin and elimination brackets. All teams guaranteed 2 games, with potential for 3 based on participation.

**Awards**

* **1st & 2nd Place Teams**: Medallions (individual) + team trophies.
* **Sportsmanship Awards**: Recognition for exemplary conduct.

**Team Requirements**

**I. Documentation**

* **Grade Verification**: Submit school documents with header/address.
* **Roster Submission**: Details include player name, jersey number, grade, and weigh-in data.

**II. Weight Regulations**

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| **Division** | **Max Weight (lbs)** |
| 2nd | 90 |
| 4th | 115 |
| 6th | 135 |
| 8th | N/a |

* **Weigh-Ins**: Conducted 60 minutes before your first game. Players exceeding limits are ineligible.
* **Single Striper Rule**: Players over max weight may only play offensive line or defense (no ball advancement).

**Game Rules**

**A. General Play**

* **Ball Specifications**:
	+ Grades 2–4: K2 ball
	+ Grades 5–6: TDJ ball
	+ Grades 7–8: TDY ball.
* **Clock**: 10-minute quarters (running clock until the final 2 minutes of each half). Halftime: 15 minutes max.

**B. Special Rules by Division**

* **Punts**:
	+ Grades 2–4: No rush; 5-second kick window.
	+ Grades 5–6: Optional snap; defense rushes after whistle.
	+ Grades 7–8: Live rush (HS rules).
* **PAT/Field Goals**:
	+ 1 point (3-yard run/pass), 2 points (5-yard run/pass or 10-yard kick).
	+ Grades 2–4: No rush; Grades 5–6: Live rush if snapped.

**C. Overtime**

* **Format**: IHSAA rules.
	+ 1st OT: 1st & goal from 10-yard line.
	+ Subsequent OT: 1st & goal from 5-yard line.

**Code of Conduct**

* **Zero Tolerance**: Fighting = expulsion from current + next game.
* **Penalties**: Unsportsmanlike conduct (swearing, arguing) = 15-yard penalty + potential ejection[.](https://readthereporter.com/DailyEdition/2025-03-03-Weekly.pdf).
* **Coaching**:
	+ Grades 2–4: 2 coaches on-field for play-calling.
	+ Grades 5–8: Sideline instruction only[.](https://readthereporter.com/DailyEdition/2025-03-03-Weekly.pdf)

**Logistics**

* **Check-In**: Arrive 1 hour before first game for weigh-ins/paperwork[.](https://readthereporter.com/DailyEdition/2025-03-03-Weekly.pdf)
* **Contact**: Ben Laloux (Email/Phone provided in original materials)[.](https://readthereporter.com/DailyEdition/2025-03-03-Weekly.pdf)

**2nd Grade Specific Rules**

**1. Kickoff Rule**

* No kickoff; ball placed on the 35-yard line at half-start and after touchdowns[.](https://readthereporter.com/DailyEdition/2025-03-03-Weekly.pdf)

**2. Punt Rule**

* No punt; 25-yard walk-off rule. Ball cannot be placed inside the 20-yard line on declared punts[.](https://readthereporter.com/DailyEdition/2025-03-03-Weekly.pdf)

**3. Safety Rule**

* After safety, ball placed on nearest 45-yard line[.](https://readthereporter.com/DailyEdition/2025-03-03-Weekly.pdf)

**4. Defensive Alignment**

* **No Noseguard**: Prohibited in all situations[.](https://readthereporter.com/DailyEdition/2025-03-03-Weekly.pdf)
* **Interior Linemen**: Must align head-up on guards/tackles in 3- or 4-point stance (no gap alignment except on 4th down/goal line)[.](https://readthereporter.com/DailyEdition/2025-03-03-Weekly.pdf)
* **Linebackers**: Must start 3 yards behind defensive line; blitz allowed post-snap[,](https://readthereporter.com/DailyEdition/2025-03-03-Weekly.pdf) no more than 7 in the box pre snap.
* **Goal Line/4th Down**: Linemen may align in gaps inside the 10-yard line