

NGYFA MEETING AGENDA



Location: Jackson County Agricultural Facility
1869 County Farm Rd. Jefferson, Ga 30549
Wednesday, January 28, 2026, 10:00am

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner, Roy Quilliams at 10:04am

Roll Call: Present – Apalachee, Banks County, Barrow County, Cedar Shoals, Cherokee Bluff, Clarke Central, Commerce, East Jackson, East Hall, Elbert County, Flowery Branch, Franklin County, George Walton Academy, Habersham, Hart County, Jackson County, Jefferson, North Oconee, Oglethorpe County, Oconee County, Stephens County

Not Present – Bethlehem Christian Academy, Cheer Director, Hall Co Officials, Madison County, North Hall, Walton County Agencies (Loganville/Monroe/Walton Co), West Hall

Open Meeting:

I. Review and approval of December meeting minutes

-Motion made by Jim Owens, Hart Co to approve the December meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Savannah, Barrow Co, All approved.

II. Vice-Commissioner of Finance Report

-Presented by Rick Sanders, Vice Commissioner of Finance

III. Lakeview Academy Membership Presentation

-No Presentation.

IV. Director of Officials Report

-No report, Director of Officials not present for January meeting.

V. By-Law Committee Report

-Presented by Rick Sanders. No Report. Will have more clean-up of by-laws and information at the February meeting.

VI. Scholarship Committee Report

-Presented by Brooke Whitmire. No report.
-Will take applications until March 1st.

VII. SID Website Report

-Player spotlight Google form that can be submitted to highlight one cheer and one football athlete per month.

- All submissions are due by the 5th of each month.
- The Executive Committee will vote on one cheer and one football athlete.
- The spotlight will be posted to the Website on the 3rd Monday of each month.

-Where are they now?

- NGYFA athletes that go on to play Collegiate or Professional level to spotlight annually.
- More details to come.

VIII. Competition Committee Report

-No report.

IX. Rule Change Discussion

-See pages 3 -- 15

X. Public Comment

Motion to adjourn at 11:55pm.

Motion made by Jim Owens . Motion seconded by Maddie Rodgers.

2026 Calendar

Wednesday, January 28, 10:00am

Wednesday, February 18, 10:00am

Wednesday, May 27, 10:00am

Wednesday, July 15, 10:00am

Wednesday, August 26, 10:00am

Saturday, September 5, 10:00am

Discuss rule changes and potential new members
Vote on rule changes and potential new members
(if necessary)

Team Declarations and No-Host

Roster Check-In

Opening Day



**NORTH GEORGIA YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED RULE CHANGES FOR 2026**

(Use 1 form for each rule change)

CHANGE IS: NEW DELETION (Partial) ADDITION

CURRENT RULE:

Rule 2.1 Game Rules 9+9A 6 live ball plays during regular season and playoffs.

NEW RULE:

Minimum 6 live ball plays continues for regular season, during post season/playoffs no minimum play requirements.

REASON:

No other rec sport has minimum playing requirements for post season play. This allows us to put our best on the field for a competitive playoff game. Also eliminates a ref during SB to monitor playing time.

PRESENTED BY: Daniel Eubanks & Michael White

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CHANGE IS: NEW ADDITION
 DELETION

CURRENT RULE:

6 game season

NEW RULE:

We propose starting the season earlier to allow additional voluntary conditioning and staggered byes while staying fully GHSA-compliant. The schedule includes 8 regular-season games, full playoffs (First Round → Quarterfinals → Semifinals → Super Bowl), and a November flexibility weekend to ensure all games are completed safely.

REASON:

This change improves preparation, balances competition, and accommodates high school field availability.

PRESENTED BY: Savannah Rogers

AGENCY: AYAA

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2026 AYAA Full Season Calendar: (GHSA-Compliant, Age Groups Removed, Full Playoffs)

Week / Date	Activity / Practices	GHSA Compliance Notes
Mar 1–May 15	Registration	Registration period
By June 1	Uniform Ordering	Uniform order deadline; allows 6–8 week delivery before games
June 2–24	Voluntary Conditioning / Roster Evaluation	Up to 2 non-padded practices per week, helmets optional; pre-season GHSA compliant; after Dead Week #1 (May 25–31)
June 25–28	Optional Conditioning	Continue non-padded conditioning; last days before Dead Week #2
June 29–July 5	GHSA Dead Week #2	No organized team activities allowed; fully GHSA compliant
July 6–26	Voluntary / Pre-season Conditioning	Helmets only; continue skill drills, finalize roster sizes; GHSA pre-season compliant

July 27–31	Official Practices Week 1	3 helmet-only + 1 full padded practice (105 min max); start full pads; GHSA Week 1 structure
Aug 3–7	NGYFA Roster Check & Official Practices Week 2	All team rosters must be verified by NGYFA; practice limits maintained (4 padded practices max; preferably 3 weeknights + 1 Saturday)
Aug 10–14	Official Practices Week 3	4 padded practices max; 105 min max; GHSA compliant
Aug 15–21	Week 1 Games	2 padded + 1 helmet-only practice per week; mid-August kickoff; staggered byes allow extra padded if bye
Aug 22–28	Week 2 Games	Staggered byes; HS field conflicts avoided; compliant
Aug 29–Sept 4	Week 3 Games	Labor Day weekend bye (Sept 7); teams on bye may have 3 padded practices
Sept 5–11	Week 4 Games	GHSA weekly practice limits followed

Sept 12–18	Week 5 Games	2 padded + 1 helmet-only per week; bye exception if applicable
Sept 19–25	Week 6 Games	Teams on bye may have 3 padded practices (105 min max)
Sept 26–Oct 2	Week 7 Games	Last staggered bye week; GHSA compliant
Oct 3–9	Week 8 Games	Last regular season games; practice limits maintained
Oct 10–16	First Round Playoffs (Wild Card / Round 1)	GHSA post-season rules followed; 2 padded + 1 helmet-only practices per week
Oct 17–23	Quarterfinal Playoffs	GHSA post-season rules followed; 2 padded + 1 helmet-only practices per week
Oct 24–30	Semifinal Playoffs	GHSA post-season rules followed; 2 padded + 1 helmet-only practices per week
Oct 31–Nov 6	Super Bowl / Championship	Championship week; GHSA compliant; season ends first week of November

Nov 12	Flex / Makeup Weekend	Optional; reserved for any postponed games or delays; GHSA compliance maintained
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 DELETION

CURRENT RULE:

Rule 1.7 1b "... if any agency does not offer 6U, a 6U aged athlete may go to the geographically closest park or organization that offers the 6U age group based on their home address and organization/agency's home field address"

NEW RULE:

Open this rule to all age groups so that players who's closest park who does not offer a team within that age group may choose to either play up or go to the next closest park that does offer that age group.

REASON:

Improve Game Play and Increase safety: Fewer injuries should occur since there would be fewer players playing in an age group for which they are under developed. Game play would improve since coaches would not be required to play under developed players in a game for 6 snaps each. Practice would improve since more complicated football concepts would be more easily understood by a team with a higher average of appropriately developed players.

PRESENTED BY: Savannah Rogers

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CHANGE IS: **NEW** **ADDITION**
 DELETION

CURRENT RULE:

No rule in place

NEW RULE:

Offensive linemen or teammates are permitted to assist or push the ball carrier forward during short-yardage plays (commonly known as a “tush push”), provided it is done safely, does not involve lifting, provided it does not involve illegal blocking techniques like interlocking interference, or otherwise physically endangering the ball carrier. This rule follows GHSA guidelines and clarifies that such forward assistance is legal.

REASON:

During a reg. season game, a play involving teammates pushing the ball carrier was called back due to a lack of clarity in our rules. Our current rulebook does not reference GHSA guidelines regarding the “tush push,” nor does it specifically address offensive linemen assisting the ball carrier. This addition ensures consistency with GHSA rules, provides guidance to coaches and officials, and prevents future misunderstandings or penalties for legal plays. **PRESENTED BY:** Savannah Rogers

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NORTH GEORGIA YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION PROPOSED RULE CHANGES FOR 2026

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CHANGE IS: NEW ADDITION
 DELETION

CURRENT RULE:

14. The maximum number of coaches allowed for football on the sideline is 6. For cheer squads, the maximum number of coaches allowed on the sideline is 4. One water boy/girl is permitted. Any person declared as a water boy/girl must be under the age of 18 years old. All football and cheer coaches should always have their NGYFA coach's badge with them on the sidelines for identification.

NEW RULE:

Each team may have 1 Team Mom Badge.

REASON:

With roster sizes reaching up to 35 players this season, having a background-checked adult assigned to assist our minor water carriers and help respond to minor injuries or heat-related issues on the sideline is a critical safety need. Coaches are often fully engaged in game play and cannot/don't always step away, so allowing a designated adult to fill this role ensures players receive immediate attention and helps maintain a safe, organized sideline environment for all athletes.

PRESENTED BY: Savannah Rogers

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CHANGE IS: **NEW** **X** **ADDITION**
 DELETION

CURRENT RULE:

Rule 2.1 – Game Rules #14. The maximum number of coaches allowed for football on the sideline is 6.

NEW RULE:

The maximum number of coaches allowed for football on the sideline is 8.

REASON:

Helps to keep kids organized on the sideline when teams have a high number of players. Teams where their top assistants may miss games. Tough to get parents to help fill those coaching needs during practice, then tell them they can't coach on the sidelines during games.

PRESENTED BY: Andrew Bishop

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CURRENT RULE:

NEW RULE:

Hall County Teachers and/or Administrators that live out of the district they teach at should be allowed to play/cheer for the district they work in. This rule would only apply to individuals with a teaching certificate.

REASON:

This was part of the Hall County rules that were taken out last year, but later on the executive board voted this specific rule back in. This needs to be transparent under the rules of the website.

PRESENTED BY: Nick Short & Hose Rodriguez

AGENCY: Cherokee Bluff & Flowery Branch



NORTH GEORGIA YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION PROPOSED RULE CHANGES FOR 2026

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CHANGE IS: NEW ADDITION
 DELETION

CURRENT RULE:

Blitzing is allowed in all age divisions except in the 6U and 7U leagues. Also, a defensive player cannot line up on the center in the 6U and 7U leagues. Additionally, the quarterback cannot run a sneak play straight behind the center while lined up under the center or from the shotgun formation. Blitzing is a tactic used by the defense to disrupt the offense. A blitz is when a higher than usual number of players rushes the opposing backfield. In both the 6U and 7U leagues, defensive teams can have a maximum of 6 players on the line of scrimmage.

NEW RULE:

6U and 7U line of scrimmage is TE to TE or Tackle to Tackle. Corners can play press coverage. Linebackers must start 3 yards off of the line of scrimmage. -Safety

REASON:

To help the official recognize a team that is blitzing, and stop teams from having more than 6 players on the line of scrimmage.

PRESENTED BY: C. Todd Mayfield

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 DELETION

Aug 14

CURRENT RULE:

NEW RULE:

All required badges (coach, delegate, or other staff) must be submitted by the designated submission deadline established by NGYFA each season.

Any badge requests submitted after the deadline will be considered late submissions and will incur an additional late fee of \$X per badge, in addition to the standard badge cost.

\$10 2 wks pr

Late submission fees must be paid in full by the end of each season.

REASON:

This rule should be put into place to ensure timely processing, league compliance, and efficient season operations.

PRESENTED BY: Cami Wood

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