

NGYFA MEETING AGENDA



Location: Jackson County Agricultural Facility
1869 County Farm Rd. Jefferson, Ga 30549
Wednesday, February 19, 2025
10:00am

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner, Roy Quilliams at 10:07am.

Roll Call: Present – Apalachee, Banks County, Barrow County, Bethlehem Christian, Cherokee Bluff, Clarke Central, Commerce, East Jackson, Elbert Co, Franklin County, George Walton Academy, Habersham, Hart County, Hall Co Officials, Jackson County, Jefferson, Madison County, North Oconee, Oglethorpe County, Oconee County, Rabun County, Stephens County, and Walton County Agencies (Loganville/Monroe/Walton Co).

Not Present – Cedar Shoals, Cheer director, Flowery Branch, North Hall, and West Hall

I. Review and approval of January meeting minutes

Motion to approve January meeting minutes. Motion made by Amy Carraway, Rabun Co.
Motion seconded by Savannah Rogers, Barrow Co. Motion passed by all.

II. Vice-Commissioner of Finance Report

Motion to approve the 2025 Proposed Budget. Motion made by Fenton Morris, Jefferson.
Motion seconded by Jim Owens, Hart Co. Motion passed by all.

III. East Hall Membership Vote

22 – Yes

0 – No

0 – Abstained

East Hall was approved to probationary league membership to the NGYFA.

IV. Director of Officials Report

Presented by Corey Collins, Director of Officials. No Report.

-The idea of bringing back 'town hall meetings' with officials and all NGYFA coaches. (Will take ideas and speak more on this in the July meeting).

V. Scholarship Committee Report

Deadline for Scholarship form – March 1st.

-Only senior cheerleaders and football players and must have played in the NGYFA for 3 years.

VI. SID Report

Presented by Brooke Whitmire, Sports Information Director. No report.

-Working on transitioning to the new website.

VII. Rule Change Discussion/Vote

Reversible uniforms or two jerseys – presented by Savannah Rogers at Barrow Co.

Proposal withdrawn. No discussion.

Total minutes per quarter – presented by Savannah Rogers at Barrow Co.

Age groups 6U – 9U play 8-minute quarters. Age groups 10U through 7th grade play 10-minute quarters.

No motion made for this proposal.

Rule 2.2 Standing Tumbling #5 – presented by Brooke Whitmire.

Flips and aerals would be allowed in the competition cheerleading. (ex. Front and back tucks & tuck variations).

Motion made by Rick Sanders, Jackson County. Motion seconded by Todd Mayfield, Habersham Co. Motion passed by all.

Rule 2.2 Standing Tumbling #6 – presented by Brooke Whitmire.

Series front and back handsprings are allowed in the competitive cheerleading.

Motion made by Savannah Rogers, Barrow Co Motion seconded by Rick Sanders, Jackson County. Motion passed by all.

Rule 2.3 Running Tumbling #1 – presented by Brooke Whitmire.

Flips and aerals would be allowed in the competition cheerleading. (ex. Front and back tucks & tuck variations).

Motion made by Rick Sanders, Jackson County. Motion seconded by Cherokee Bluff. Motion passed by all.

40 Second clock after extra point is finished – presented by Walnut Grove.

Proposal withdrawn. No discussion.

Extend the season to 8 game regular season – present by Walnut Grove.

No motion made for this proposal.

Rule 1.6 – Player Eligibility – presented by Ricky Woodruff, Leesa Stoner, and Todd Mayfield.

See attached rule change that passed for the most updated rules on player eligibility for the NGYFA.

Motion made by Leesa Stoner, North Hall. Motion seconded by Nick Moulton, Commerce.
Passed by majority.

Rule 1.4 Practice/Game Regulations – presented by Todd Mayfield, Habersham County.
See attached rule change that passed for the most updated practice regulations.
Motion made by Cherokee Bluff. Motion seconded by Rick Sanders, Jackson Co.
Motion passed by all.

Host Dates with 2 or less teams – presented by Todd Mayfield, Habersham County.
Proposal withdrawn. No discussion.

3 available host dates per season – presented by Todd Mayfield, Habersham County.
If an agency does not select 3 or more host dates in a single season that they are available to host, they are subject to not receiving any home games, unless provide documentation of extenuating circumstances to the executive board to consider.
Motion passed by all agencies in favor.

Rule 1.2 Age Requirement – presented by Leesa Stoner, North Hall.
If a player has turned 12 after May 1st but before August 1st is eligible for 11u, if no 7th grade NGYFA team is provided by their organization and their middle school team only allows 7th and 8th graders.
Motion is made by Todd Mayfield, Habersham. Motion is seconded by Cherokee Bluff.
Motion passed by majority. 1 – No.

Rule 2.2 Registration Guidelines – presented by Leesa Stoner, North Hall.
All agencies have a 6-week registration period requirement, but all agencies must also add any eligible player up until May 15th of the current year.
Motion made by Cherokee Bluff. Motion seconded by Chris Rainey, Stephens Co.
Motion passed by all.

8U to kick off the 1st and 2nd half to start the game

Eligibility Rule – presented by Rick Sanders, Jackson County.
Proposal withdrawn. No discussion.

Tie Breaker Rule – Presented by Brooke Whitmire, Habersham.
See attached tie breaker rule change below to see the new format of how tiebreaker will take place.
Motion made by Cherokee Bluff. Motion seconded by Jim Owens, Hart Co.
Motion passed by all.

Motion made to remove the play in game in the event of a final tiebreaker for seeding purposes. A coin flip will take place of a play-in-game.
Motion made by Zach Churchill, Oconee County. Motion seconded by Franklin County.
Motion passed by all.

VIII. Public Comment

Meeting adjourned at 12:09pm.

Minutes kept by Cami Servatius, Vice President of Communications.

2025 Calendar

Wednesday, January 29, 10:00am

Discuss rule changes and potential new members

Wednesday, February 19, 10:00am

Vote on rule changes and potential new members

Wednesday, May 14, 10:00am

(if necessary)

Wednesday, July 16, 10:00am

Team Declarations and No-Host

Wednesday, August 27, 10:00am

Roster Check-In

Saturday, September 6, 10:00am

Opening Day



**NORTH GEORGIA YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED RULE CHANGES FOR 2025**

(Use 1 form for each rule change)

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

CURRENT RULE:

Uniforms: All jerseys must be reversible. One side is required to be white, the other may be a color of the teams choosing.

NEW RULE:

Uniforms: All teams must have two jerseys. Reversible or two jerseys. One jersey or side must be white, the other jersey or side may be the color of the teams choosing. All teams are responsible for preparedness of any necessary jersey changes. If a player does not have the matching jersey of their team they must be confirmed on the roster, wearing a matching colored jersey and may not have the same number as another player on the field.

REASON:

From a financial standpoint, some companies offer a better price for two jerseys vs reversible jersey. Also, we believe this can assist the players overall body temperature during games that have higher heat index and temperatures.

PRESENTED BY: Savannah Rogers _____

AGENCY: Barrow County Youth Football Organization _____

Email: ngyfacommissioner@gmail.com



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CURRENT RULE:

All age groups play 8 minute quarters

NEW RULE:

Age groups 6U through 9U play 8 minute quarters. Age groups 10U through 7th Grade
play 10 minutes quarters

REASON:

To better prepare the older age groups for Middle School football.

PRESENTED BY: _____

AGENCY: Barrow county

Email: ngyfacommissioner@gmail.com



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CURRENT RULE:

Rule 2.2 Standing Tumbling #5 - Flips and aerials are not allowed (No Tucks)

NEW RULE:

Rule 2.2 Standing Tumbling #5 - Flips and aerials are allowed (ex. front and back tucks & tuck variations)

REASON:

Many teams compete in various competitions throughout the season. An example of one is the Big Red Classic in Gainesville. These types of skills are allowed in those competitions. It would help teams to not have to create more than one routine. Many girls competing at this level also have these skills and would help retention & competition to be able to compete with them.

PRESENTED BY: Brooke Whitmire

AGENCY: Habersham County

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CURRENT RULE:

Rule 2.3 Running Tumbling #1 - Flips and aerials are not allowed (Tucks are not allowed).

NEW RULE:

Rule 2.3 Running Tumbling #1 - Flips and aerials are allowed. (ex. front and back tucks & tuck variations)

REASON:

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CURRENT RULE:

NEW RULE:

40 second clock from the time extra point is finished
until the Ball is kicked off. If not in that time
unsportsman like penalty

REASON:

To help speed games up

PRESENTED BY: Walnut Grove

AGENCY: Walton Co.

Email: ngyfacommissioner@gmail.com



motion - Leeds
N. Hall
2nd - Commerce
Nick

ASSOCIATION
2025

Rule
passed by
majority

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CURRENT RULE:

Rule 1.6 – Player Eligibility.

NEW RULE:

See attachment.

REASON:

Updating written rules to align with the latest eligibility voted changes.

PRESENTED BY: Ricky Woodruff, Leesa Stoner & Todd Mayfield

AGENCY:

Email: commissioner@ngyfa.org
Due no later than Thursday, January 25th at 4:00pm

Rule 1.6 – Player Eligibility

- 1) All registered players on a team from a member park must play for the park or organization representing the school they attend.
 - a) Exceptions –
 - i) A player who attends an elementary school that feeds into more than one high school must play for the park or organization representing the school they are districted to attend based on their home address.
 - ii) A player who is home schooled or attends a private school that does not participate in a football league/organization must play for park or the organization representing the school they are districted to attend based on their home address.
 - iii) If an agency does not offer 6U, a 6U athlete can go to the closest park or organization that does offer 6U based on drive time from their residence to that park or organization's game field.
 - iv) Players in Hall County who attend Da Vinci Academy and World Language Middle School under charter provisions must play for the park or organization representing the school for which they are districted to attend based on their home address.
- 2) Proper paperwork includes:
 - a) Complete team roster with full name, date of birth and jersey number
 - b) Copy of official school documentation verifying school current enrollment in the school year congruent with the football season. This documentation must show the player's full name, enrollment, school name, and year.
 - i) If qualifying under one of the exceptions listed under Rule 1.6 (1) above, official documentation from the school must be provided listing the player's home address, and districted school. Also, must provide proof from county's school zone map verifying districted school based on their home address.
 - c) Proof of age which includes a copy of official school documentation showing date of birth of player or birth certificate. *If school documentation is questioned, a birth certificate will be required.
 - d) Cheerleaders and cheer squads not participating in the NGYFA cheer competition are not required to submit eligibility paperwork.
- 3) All player eligibility must be verified at the annual roster check-in meeting. Any missing paperwork MUST be submitted by Friday, two days following the annual roster check-in date. A \$10 per player late fee will be applied to any player verified after this date. This includes new players and/or current players.



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CURRENT RULE:

Rule 1.4 - Practice/Game Regulations - Re-write of whole rule

NEW RULE:

Typed out rule on second page - needed more room

REASON:

This would eliminate calls/complaints about perceived illegal practices that we have no way of enforcing

PRESENTED BY: Todd Mayfield

AGENCY: Habersham County

Email: ngyfacommissioner@gmail.com

Rule 1.4 – Practice/Game Regulations

1. Pre-season – Begins After GHSA Dead-Week Until Week 1

- a. Two optional 1-hour conditioning practices per week, helmets are optional, footballs are allowed

2. Season (official practices begin)

- a. **Week 1:** Three (3) helmet only practices and 1 full padded practice (105 mins max).
- b. **Week 2-4:** Four (4) padded practices (105 mins max). Preferably three (3) weeknights and one (1) on Saturday.
- c. **Week 5:** Two (2) padded practices (105 mins max) and one (1) helmet only practice (60 mins max).

3. Season (once games begin): Two (2) practices per week (105 mins max) and one (1) helmet only practice (60 mins max).

- a. **Exception:** If a team has a bye week, they are allowed to have three (3) padded practices (105 mins max).



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CURRENT RULE:

no current rule

NEW RULE:

Agencies with 2 teams or less are not guaranteed host dates.

a. teams may be subject to playing neutral site games at a nearby location to accommodate a 4-7 game day schedule
where other agencies may send all of their teams

REASON:

To help clear up reoccurring scheduling issues due to number of teams/agencies in NGYFA

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AGENCY: Habersham County

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CURRENT RULE:

No current rule

NEW RULE:

If an agency doesn't have more than 3 available host dates, they are subject to not receiving any home games

a. An agency may provide documentation of extenuating circumstances as to why they cannot host for the board to consider, examples include: school functions affecting field availability or emergencies

REASON:

With the number of agencies/teams we have in NGYFA this would help alleviate recurring scheduling issues

PRESENTED BY: Todd Mayfield

AGENCY: Habersham County

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AGENCY: North Hall

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CURRENT RULE:

All leagues, except 6U and 7U, will kick-off to start the game and after every score. Kick-offs will be from the 40-yard line. In the 6U and 7U league the ball will be placed on the 30-yard line to start the game and after each touchdown. If a team (9U – 7th Grade) records a safety, the ball will be kicked off from the 20-yard line. In 6U – 8U leagues a safety will result in the ball being placed at the 50-yard line.

8U kickoff after every touchdown.

NEW RULE:

I would like for the 8u go back to kicking off the 1st and 2nd half to start the game not unless the winning team is up by more than 30 points to start the second half.

After every touchdown I would like to place the ball at the 30 yard line to start the series.

REASON:

The reason for going back to this rule is. You only get a 1min in between each series and it is taking way to long to get the kids out there to kickoff after every touchdown.

PRESENTED BY: _____

AGENCY: _____

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Tiebreaker Rule Change

Rule 1.5 – Playoffs

1. In the event of a regular season tie, the tie breaker will be as follows in order:
 - a. Head-to-head (if a 3+ way tie, ~~all teams must have played each other~~)
 - i. If any team has beaten all teams involved in a tie, they will assume the higher seed
 - ii. If any team has lost to all teams involved in a tie, they will assume the lower seed
 - b. ~~Average~~ Total points allowed
 - c. Record versus common opponents (only the teams each team has played count as common)
 - d. Average points allowed amongst common opponents
 - e. Coin flip

Motion for Tiebreaker Play-In Game

If at each level of a tiebreaker, a seeding order cannot be determined, the next tiebreaker will break the tie. There is no going back to the former tiebreaker if it cannot be broken initially. **If the teams are tied after all tiebreakers, a coin flip will determine seeding.**

~~However, if final seeding(s) are being determined, a one-game tiebreaker will be played on the Tuesday following the final regular season Saturday and the game location will be determined by a coin flip.~~