

2009 PLACE KICK, PUNT, AND PASS FOOTBALL COMPETITION RULES



ELIGIBILITY:

1. The competition is open to all boys and girls ages 8-13. The six age classifications are based upon the child's age as of the day of the local competition. **Boys and girls will compete separately in the same respective age group.**
2. There will be a \$4.00 fee for each participant. The fees will be used to offset the costs involved in running the program. The \$4.00 entry fee is returned to IPRA.
3. Parents must verify on the registration form the birth date and the age of their child on the date of the local competition. They must also sign the waiver/registration form.
4. Participants may register and compete in only one local round of competition at a site nearest to where the participant resides. Competing in more than one local round will result in the automatic disqualification of that participant.
5. Competition will be held in the following six age groups: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 years of age. *Boys and girls compete separately in each respective age group.*

SCORING/COMPETING:

1. Each participant will throw two passes, two kicks from a kick-off tee and two punts as a part of his/her competition. The best single effort in each of the three events will be used in calculating the final score. Tee size is the regulation high school kick-off tee (2").
2. Scores are based on both distance and accuracy. Example: if a participant passes the ball 100 feet, but their ball lands 30 feet to the right of the measuring tape their final score would be $100 - 30 = 70$. Distances shall be rounded to the nearest foot (ie. inches from 1" up to 5.99" will revert to previous foot, scores with 6" and above will round up to next foot). No participant will receive a negative score, instead their score will be zero. Example: If the participant scores 40 for punting, 60 for passing, and 22 for kicking from a tee, then the participant's final score would be 122.
3. There is no violation if the kicking tee is kicked with the ball during the placekick event. The participant may follow through and go over the line **after** kicking, punting or passing the ball. However, if the participant makes contact with or goes over the line prior to releasing the ball, the event will be recorded as a scratch (0).
4. Scores will be determined from where a participant's punt/pass/kick first makes contact with the ground. Bounces or rolls do not add to the score.

REGULATIONS:

1. No football shoes/cleats/turf shoes are allowed. Only gym shoes (soft sole) will be permitted. No bare feet allowed. Failure to wear gym shoes will result in the disqualification of the participant.
2. All equipment, other than gym shoes, which is needed for competition will be provided by the event director. Participants may not use his/her own football or tee.

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REGULATIONS - (continued)

- Participants in the 8, 9 and 10 year old classifications will use the junior sized football. Participants in the 11, 12 and 13 year old divisions will use the intermediate size football.

ADVANCEMENT:

- All athletes must compete at the local level and in only one local competition.
- The top three finishers (1st, 2nd, & 3rd) in each age bracket and gender from each local competition will advance to the district competition. Contestants who qualify for the district competition must compete at the location to which they are assigned.
- At the district competition, each competitor will begin the competition with a score of zero. The top three finishers within each age bracket and gender from all district competitions will then advance to the state finals.
- At the state finals, each competitor will begin with a score of zero. The top finisher in each age bracket and gender will be declared the State Champion. The top finisher is the participant who has achieved the highest final score at the state finals.

TIE BREAKERS:

- If a tie exists for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place at the local, district or state finals, each participant involved in the tie will compete in a play-off to determine the final standings. The play-off will consist of the participants competing head to head in a repeat of all three events. The play-off winner will advance to the next round. If the tie exists for 1st place, the participant that finishes 2nd in the play-off will be awarded 2nd place. The next highest final score will be awarded 3rd place. If the tie is for second place, the winner of the play-off will be awarded 2nd place and the next highest finisher in the play-off will be awarded 3rd place.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Cancellation decisions for the competition will be made on-site by the director of the competition. If the competition is postponed, the competition shall be held prior to the deadline of the designated competition (i.e. Local, District).
- Competition dates are:

Local Competitions August 1 – October 5

<i>District Competitions</i>	SW	Ankeny	Saturday, October 10
	NW	Sioux City	Saturday, October 10
	NE	New Hampton	Saturday, October 17
	SE	Coralville	Saturday, October 17

State Finals Bergstrom Football Indoor Practice Facility
Iowa State University, Ames

- o **Saturday, October 24**
- o 8 & 9 year olds 11:00 a.m.
- o 10 & 11 year olds 12:30 p.m.
- o 12 & 13 year olds 2:00 p.m.

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