ZERO TOLERANCE
FOR POOR SPORTSMANSHIP

WHEN: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday - November 13th thru15th, 2026

WHERE: Various fields in Troy, Ohio. Directions can be found at **www.TroyJuniorFootball.com**

FEE: **TEAM ENTRY FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE** and is $500 per team 12 to 25 players ($10 per each extra player) w/ a 35 max. roster. There are EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNTS for Teams. Early Team Entry Discounts for the following ONLY:

$400 if post marked or paid PRIOR to August 1st
$425 if post marked or paid PRIOR to September1st
$450 if post marked or paid PRIOR to October 1st

A paid entry fee is required to reserve consideration for the tournament. Teams submitting paid entries earliest will receive priority consideration for tournament selection and may be eligible for a first-round bye. Make checks payable to **Troy Junior Football, Inc.** and mail to: **PO Box 707, Troy, OH 45373** (please be sure to include your team name in the memo portion of the check), Teams may also register online using a credit card through **www.TroyJuniorFootball.com**. Any league/city/team that brings more than one team (regardless of age group) the cost is only $400 per additional team.

PLAYERS: *This is an Elementary School Tournament with divisions of 9U (3rd Grade), 10U (4th Grade), 11U (5th Grade) and 12U (6th Grade). Eligibility is based on age as of August 1, 2026, regardless of grade. Players must NOT have reached age 10 (9U), 11 (10U), 12 (11U) or 13 (12U) before that date. Players may compete in a higher division, but only one division per tournament. Regardless of age, NO 7TH GRADE OR HIGHER PLAYERS ARE PERMITTED, to avoid conflicts with OHSAA eligibility regulations prohibiting participation with non-school football teams during the school season. In accordance with current OHSAA eligibility regulations (Ohio High School Athletics Association) "7.4.1) A member of an interscholastic football team may NOT participate in an athletic contest, a tryout or any type of team or group training or practices with a non-school team in that same sport between August 1 and May 31." As a result, and regardless of age,* ***any player that participates as 7th Grader (or higher) is strictly PROHIBITED from participating in the Trojan Horse****. This removes any/all possible question of eligibility and/or possible conflicts with the OHSAA Eligibility Guidelines.*

TEAM BOOK: Each team shall submit a Team Book containing all required paperwork (i.e. Team Roster, signed Waivers and Code of Conduct Forms) at the time of weigh-ins for review by Tournament Officials. The Team Book shall also include a copy of each player's photograph, birth certificate and grade card (clearly indicating grade level). Photocopies are acceptable. The Team Book shall be organized in a pocket folder, three-ring binder or similar binder and remain with the Head Coach throughout the tournament. It shall be available for review by Tournament Officials at any time during the tournament.

WEIGHTS: Players will be weighed in full football equipment (including helmet and shoes) prior to their team's first tournament game. Maximum ball carrier weights are 150 lbs. (12U), 135 lbs. (11U), 120 lbs. (10U), and 110 lbs. (9U). Players exceeding the maximum weight for their age division may not advance the ball from the backfield, throw a forward pass, or line up in the offensive backfield. There is no weight limit for Tight Ends or Split Ends to catch a forward pass down field (including hook-and-ladder plays); however, they must line up on the line of scrimmage and may not run an end-around unless they meet the applicable weight limit. There is no defensive weight limit. Any player may advance an interception or fumble recovery. Violation of this rule shall be penalized as an illegal formation (5-yard penalty). Each player will be weighed one time only prior to the team's first game, with an opposing coach present to witness the weigh-in. The official weigh-in is final. There will be no re-weighs and no additional weigh-ins after the kickoff of the team's first game. Coaches should ensure players who are close to the weight limit are not wearing unnecessary undergarments or extra padding prior to weigh-in.

AWARDS: Trophies will be awarded to the 1st Place, 2nd Place and "Iron Horse" teams in each grade level. Divisions will be determined by football program size and the total number of participating teams.

GAMES: Each team is guaranteed at least two games (modified double elimination), with the exception of the 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place and "Iron Horse" teams. The Tournament Champion will finish undefeated, while the 2nd Place, 3rd Place and "Iron Horse" teams will finish with one loss.

RULES:

- Modified NFHS Football Rules shall govern play, except as noted below. High school officials will be provided.
- Games will consist of four 8-minute quarters with an 8-minute halftime.
- A running clock may be implemented in accordance with OHSAA procedures upon the recommendation of the game officials and with the agreement of both Head Coaches.
- Cheerleaders are permitted, but must remain behind the Parent Line or within designated sideline areas.
- Parents and spectators must remain behind the Parent Line or within designated bleacher areas.
- A maximum of eight (8) sideline personnel are permitted inside the Coaches Box.
- There are no live kickoffs. Possession will begin at the 35-yard line at the start of each half and after each score.
- There are no live punts. A declared punt will advance the ball 35 yards and 12 seconds will be deducted from the game clock. If the line of scrimmage is inside the opponent's 38-yard line, the ball will be placed at the 3-yard line.
- No blitzing is permitted through the A gaps (between the offensive guards), unless the defender is aligned at the line of scrimmage in a three- or four-point stance, or at least 3 yards behind the line of scrimmage at the snap. A violation shall be penalized as a Defensive Personal Foul (15 yards and an automatic first down).
- Intentional blocking below the waist (chop blocks, cut blocks, or similar techniques) is prohibited. Incidental contact below the waist is permitted; however, deliberately targeting an opponent's knees is prohibited. Initiating forcible contact with the helmet against an opponent (helmet-to-helmet contact) is also prohibited. Violations of either rule shall be penalized as a Personal Foul (15 yards). Judgment shall be at the discretion of the game officials. Any player receiving a second illegal helmet-contact foul during the same game shall be ejected for the remainder of that game.
- PATs may be kicked for 1 point, run from the 2½-yard line for 1 point, or completed by a forward pass caught in the end zone for 2 points. Field goals are worth 3 points. There is no rush or fake kicks on PATs or field goal attempts. Snaps must be made from a traditional center position (between the legs) and caught cleanly by the holder. Any bad snap, muffed hold, or kick not attempted within 7 seconds of the snap shall be ruled dead.
- Games played on fields without goal posts will be designated as "No Kick" games. Those fields do not have electronic scoreboards, and the game clock will be kept on the field by the officials.
- No game shall end in a tie. If the score is tied at the end of regulation, overtime will begin with a coin toss to determine first possession. Each team will be given one possession from the opponent's 20-yard line. If the score remains tied, each team will be given one possession from the opponent's 10-yard line. This procedure will continue until a winner is declared. Each team shall be allowed one timeout for all overtime periods.
- Each Head Coach is responsible for the conduct of their players, coaches, parents, and spectators. Unsportsmanlike conduct, as determined by Tournament Officials, may result in forfeiture of a game and/or disqualification from the current and future Trojan Horse Tournaments.

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