

## **CHAPTER XV**

### **KERNON D. GRIFFEN MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT**

1. ALL debts to NORCALFED will be cleared prior to October 1st of each year. Those Conferences not in good standing will forfeit their right to participation in any and all Tournament games.
2. Each Conference must select its entries for the tournament. A Conference is not required to enter any or all of it's top teams in the tournament. A team must have Conference approval to enter.
  - a. If two teams are tied, the winner of the regular season game between the two teams will determine its position in conference standings.
  - b. Selection of teams for entry to the Tournament does not alter the final win/loss standings.
  - c. Comparison of total scores as a method to break ties is expressly prohibited. Preseason win/loss record is also prohibited.
  - d. If three or more teams are tied, and it is not possible to use head to head competition from the regular season as a tie breaker, a Conference will use the "Cornell Plan" to select its conference champion and seed its tournament participants. The Deputy Commissioner shall be responsible for securing the field, Officials, chain gang and times of play. This game shall be played no later than the Tuesday prior to tournament weekend.

### **CORNELL PLAN MODIFIED**

The team shall draw to determine their order of participation in a round robin tie breaking procedure. The first offensive team shall decide the direction of offensive plays shall be run. The ball will be placed on the 50-yard line. The offensive team shall be given the chance to advance the ball in four (4) plays.

At the end of the fourth play, the yardage shall be measured and recorded. The ball shall be returned to the 50-yard line and the next offensive series shall begin. At the end of the final offensive series, the yardage shall be totaled and the teams ranked 1, 2, and 3 according to total yardage.

This will be done by the Conference Deputy Commissioner. In the event two teams advance the ball and equal distance, the procedure shall be repeated for the teams which are tied. In the event of a team advancing the ball over the goal line in any one of its first three attempts, the ball will be returned to the 50-yard line, and play will continue until the team has consumed its four offensive plays.

In the event an offensive team fumbles and the defensive team recovers, or a forward pass is intercepted, the offensive team's point of furthest advance becomes the immediate previous line of scrimmage and the offensive team has consumed all of its offensive plays.

A team shall run all four of its offensive plays, unless a turnover occurs. There shall be no waiver of playing rules during these plays, no clock, and the rules and penalties for delay of game are not waived. There will be only one time-out per team, per series of four plays. Times outs for injuries will be an official's time out. The coaching staff may not address a non-injured player during a time-out for injuries.

There shall be a one (1) minute interval between each offensive series. The coaching staff may address the team during these intervals. Time spent participating in the tie breaking procedure shall not be considered as practice time for those teams participating in the playoffs.

e. The schedule for a three team tie breaker shall be as follows:

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Team A	Team B
Team B	Team C
Team C	Team A
Team B	Team A
Team C	Team B
Team A	Team C

f. A Conference must enter its section teams to the pairings. The Section teams may be designated only as one or two.

3. On or before the Monday preceding the first game of the Tournament, Certified Team Rosters of participating teams will be sent to the Commissioner by Mail.
4. Immediately upon completion of each round of games, and not later than 7:00 p.m. of the Sunday of the weekend in which the game was played, all Host Deputy Commissioners must advise the Commissioner, or designated Asst. Commissioner as to the score of the games hosted. The Championship games will be hosted by one Conference, alternating each year, between conferences between Division I and Division II Games. The net proceeds of the gate and snack bar will benefit the Host Associations exclusively.
5. The guest Associations and/or NORCALFED are not required to, and must not underwrite the financial success of any Tournament game.
  - a. The admission to Cheer Competition and Tournament games shall not be over six (\$6.00) dollars per family, three (\$3.00) dollars for all ages twelve (12) and over, all under the age of twelve (12) shall be one (\$1.00) dollar.

- b. Game officials, coaches, managers, players, water boys, equipment boys, Deputy Commissioners and Association Presidents will be admitted free to Tournament games in which they or their team(s) are participating.
  - c. The sale of "50-50" tickets and "Drawing" tickets shall be permitted at all Tournament games.
- 6. The Commissioner will provide team trophies and individual awards for the champions and runners-up in each division.
  - a. The trophies shall designate:
    - 1. Division Champions
    - 2. Division Runners-up
    - 3. Kernon D. Griffen Memorial Tournament
    - 4. Year of Competition
  - b. The trophies must be identical, and in two sizes, one above the largest. Engraving of team name and other data will be at the expense of the team.
  - c. There will be a Championship "floating" trophy-one for each division-which is kept by the Champion until it is either re-won or lost at the following tournament. Engraving of the team name, Conference and year will be at the expense of the team.
  - d. The individual awards will have the same designation as the trophies. They will be identical in size. Two distinct color combinations shall be used.
- 7. The Host Association/Conference must furnish, supply and pay for:
  - a. Field rent and lights, if necessary.
  - b. A room to change clothes and toilet facility.
  - c. A Doctor, Ambulance (stand by ambulance with first-aid staff nearby) or E.M.T.
  - d. Police protection as the Host Deputy Commissioner deems necessary.
  - e. Miscellaneous personnel as required, such as, but not limited to:
    - 1. Announcers
    - 2. Ticket sellers and takers
    - 3. Locker room guards
    - 4. Chain gang
- 8. All teams will be required to furnish their own transportation, food and lodging. Parents and guardians will not be admitted to locker rooms. All players must be told not to leave money, jewelry or other valuables in the locker rooms. The Host Association/Conference and Host Deputy Commissioner will not be liable for losses of these items left in the locker rooms.
- 9. If an Association/Conference fails to provide a team to any of its berths in the Tournament, it is obligated to pay NORCALFED a penalty of Five Hundred (\$500.00) dollars per team. When collected, the Treasurer of NORCALFED will compensate the offended Conference, Two Hundred (\$200.00) dollars and the offended team, Three Hundred (\$300.00) dollars.