

2019 Clayton Civitan Turkey Bowl Rules

1. SIGN-UP AND ADMISSION:

Sign-Up:

- **Registration:** Registration will open online Tuesday October, 2 2019 and will close through Thursday November 15th, 2019. Once your team is approved by the Clayton Civitan Turkey Bowl Committee you will need to...
 1. **Submit team roster and the \$300 entry fee per team by November 15th, 2019.**
 - *Entry fee will include Turkey Bowl t-shirts for up to 25 players and 5 coaches.*
 - *Contact the Clayton Civitan if your team needs additional t-shirts – claytoncivitan@nc.rr.com*
 - *No refunds on money after November 19th, 2019 unless the tournament is cancelled due to inclement weather for the entire weekend (partial schedule due to weather will not provide a partial rebate*
 2. **Completed player roster is due on Monday, November 15th, 2019.**
 3. **Payment is due at the time of registration or, paper check must be received NO LATER THAN Thursday, November 15. Cash or money order after November 15, 2019.**
 4. **Each coach must present an approved team roster at weigh in, with the following information:**
 - **Correct name**
 - **Correct age**
 - **Jersey number of each player**
 5. ***Each team must have a minimum of 11 players on the roster.***
- **All games will be played at Clayton Civitan Fields.**

Admission costs:

- **\$10 per day for adult**
- **\$5 per day per child**
 - *Children 5 and under are free.*
- *******CASH ONLY*******
- **No Weekend Passes Available.**
- **Players, up to five (5) coaches (including coaches, team mom, and managers) will be admitted to the park at no additional cost from the entry fee.**
- **Sponsorships are available for t-shirts. Please contact Clayton Civitan Office.**

2. GAME DATES:

- **Up to eight (8) teams for each age group (8U, 10U, 12U) will make up the tournament.**
 - *Clayton Civitan Turkey Bowl Committee reserves the right to add to or lower those numbers for any reason, based solely on its discretion.*
- **All games will be played on the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving**
 - *Sunday will be the make-up day for inclement weather*
- **Games may be played from 8:30 am to completion on Friday, and from 9:00 am to completion on Saturday.**
- **Games may start up to 30 minutes earlier or 30 minutes later than scheduled.**
- **Teams should be at the field and prepared to play 30 minutes before their scheduled game.**

- Tournament format will be determined by the number of teams playing.
- Civitan reserves the right to change the tournament format as needed.
- Based on eight (8) teams*, the teams will be:
 - Divided into two (2) divisions playing each team in the division one time (3 games for each team).
 - Each team will play two (2) games on Friday and one (1) on Saturday.
 - Division winners will play a championship game for 1st and 2nd places.
 - Division winner will be based on the following order:
 - Best Record
 - Head-to-head
 - Highest point differential in games played
 - Most points scored in the games
 - Least points allowed in the games
 - Draw from a hat
 - **Should eight (8) teams not be available for each age group, or if the CCTB committee elects to add additional teams to specific divisions, the brackets will be designed to allow for a minimum of three (3) games for each team.*
- Game schedule will be available by Wednesday, November 27, 2019 and IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON SHORT NOTICE SO FLEXIBILITY IN SCHEDULING IS REQUIRED. Please check website.
- Home teams will be scheduled in advance of each game. Home team bench will be on the press box side of field.
- A trophy will be awarded to the head coach of the 1st place teams and 2nd place teams. Players on the 1st and 2nd place teams will receive a medallion (up to 25 players per team).

3. GAME CLOCK:

Time Limits:

- 10 Minutes between Games to transfer teams and give officials breaks – NO EXCEPTIONS
- Official game time will be noted in the press box and by the officials
- Each team must be on field and ready to start game every 90 minutes
- Maximum game time limits are:
 - **8U:**
 - 1 hour & 5 minutes
 - Four (4) quarters of eight (8) minutes duration
 - (5) minute halftime – **Teams must remain on sideline**
 - (2) minutes between quarters – **Teams must remain on sideline**
 - **10U / 12U:**
 - 1 hour & 20 minutes
 - Four (4) quarters of eight (8) minutes duration
 - (5) minute halftime - **Teams must remain on sideline**
 - (2) minutes between quarters - **Teams must remain on sideline**
- If in the 2nd half, it appears the allotted time limit is not going to be met, the clock will only stop for
 - change of possession
 - Penalty
 - Scores
 - Player injury.

- This will be at the discretion of the referees and Tournament Director
- If a team is leading by 24 points or more (Mercy Rule)
 - A continuous clock will begin two minutes after the extra point, or the ensuing kickoff, whichever comes first, and will not revert back
 - No onside kicks will be allowed
 - No passing will be allowed
 - *Clock will only stop in the event of a player injury*
- Each team will be given
 - Two (2) 30 second time-outs each half.
- No sudden death rules for division games and these games will end in a tie.
- The Championship game (1st and 2nd place game) will have a sudden death where
 - *The score will be broken by placing the ball on the defensive team's ten (10) yard line and giving them four (4) downs to score.*
 - *The ball will change hands and give the other team the same opportunity.*
 - *Each team will be allowed only one time out during the sudden death procedure.*
- This procedure will continue until there is a winner. A flip of a coin will decide the defensive team for first four (4) downs of overtime play. _____ (initial)

4. AGES / DIVISIONS:

- *Each Player shall bring one of the following to the weigh-in checks w/ Civitan staff:*
 - *Birth certificate*
 - *State-Issued Identification*
 - *Passport*
 - *Military ID*
- 8U Division:
 - *Players must be a minimum of 6 years old and not 9 years old on 8/1/2019*
- 10U Division:
 - *Players must not be 11 years old by August 1, 2019*
- 12U - Limited Division:
 - *Players must not be 13 years old by August 1, 2019*

5. WEIGHT LIMITS:

- Clayton will furnish an approved set of scales for weigh-in.
- A player may weigh-in wearing a minimum of game jersey and gym shorts.
- All players will weigh-in 1 hour before the 1st game only.

- Each coach must present an approved team roster at weigh in, with the following information:
 - Correct name
 - Correct age
 - Jersey number of each player
- Any player whose name and number does not appear on the roster, who does not weigh-in prior to kickoff, or who does not have a proof of age document as previously noted above, may not play.
- It is the responsibility of the coach, prior to the weigh-in, to identify to Clayton any player's name on the official roster that may be missing at weigh-in but may be attending the tournament at a later time.

WEIGHT LIMITS (CONTINUED)

8U Division:

- Weight limits:
 - *110 Pounds*
 - *Players weighing 111 – 190 may play from tackle to tackle on the offensive & defensive lines*
 - *Players weighing 111 – 190 shall be identified with a colored stripe on the helmet after weigh-in*
- Any striped player playing tackle-to-tackle positions shall be limited to the five positions on offense line
 - *Center*
 - *Guard-2*
 - *Tackles-2*
- Maximum of four positions on defense line, which must be lined-up within the offensive line tackle-to-tackle positions.
- All striped players must be
 - *In a 3 or 4 point stance at time ball is snapped on offense, defense, punt, and punt return teams.*
 - *Striped players may punt the ball but may not advance the ball by running or receiving.*

****ANY TEAM CAUGHT USING STRIPED PLAYERS IN ANY OTHER POSITION WILL RECEIVE A 10 YARD PENALTY. ANY PLAYER CAUGHT REMOVING THEIR HELMET STRIPE WILL CAUSE THE TEAM TO FORFEIT THE GAME.****

10U Division:

- Weight limits:
 - *130 Pounds*
 - *Players weighing 131 – 190 may play from tackle to tackle on the offensive & defensive lines*
 - *Players weighing 131 – 190 shall be identified with a colored stripe on the helmet after weigh-in*
- Any striped player playing tackle-to-tackle positions shall be limited to the five positions on offense line
 - *Center*
 - *Guard-2*
 - *Tackles-2*

- Maximum of four positions on defense line, which must be lined-up within the offensive line tackle-to-tackle positions from A-Gap to C-Gap ONLY
 - *NOTE: A STRIPED PLAYER CANNOT BE LINED UP HEAD UP ON THE CENTER*
- All striped players must be
 - *In a 3 or 4 point stance at time ball is snapped on offense, defense, punt, and punt return teams.*
 - *Striped players may play on the kickoff return team on the front line only and may not advance the ball.*
 - *Striped players may punt the ball but may not advance the ball by running or receiving.*

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12U – Limited Division:

- Weight limits:
 - *160 Pounds*
 - *Players weighing 161 – 190 may play from tackle to tackle on the offensive & defensive lines*
 - *Players weighing 161 – 190 shall be identified with a colored stripe on the helmet after weigh-in*
- Any striped player playing tackle-to-tackle positions shall be limited to the five positions on offense line
 - *Center*
 - *Guard-2*
 - *Tackles-2*
- Maximum of four positions on defense line, which must be lined-up within the offensive line tackle-to-tackle positions from A-Gap to C-Gap ONLY
 - *NOTE: A STRIPED PLAYER CANNOT BE LINED UP HEAD UP ON THE CENTER*
- All striped players must be
 - *In a 3 or 4 point stance at the time ball is snapped on offense, defense, punt, and punt return teams.*
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6. EQUIPMENT:

- Each team is responsible for providing:
 - Player equipment
 - First aid equipment
 - Kicking tee (10U/12U - Limited)
 - Water coolers/bottles.
- All Teams must wear matching jerseys.
- Players must have self-protection equipment including:
 - Mouth pieces
 - Rubber cleats

- **Players are not allowed to wear the following non-playing items:**
 - Jewelry
 - Arm bands (Non-Essential, does not include tournament wristband)
 - Leg bands
 - Head bands, etc.
- **Clayton Civitan will be furnishing the following game balls to the referees to use for the games:**
 - **8U Division**
 - Type Wilson K2
 - **10U/12U - Limited**
 - Type Wilson TDJ
- Each team would be responsible to make sure the game ball is dry if playing in wet conditions.
- Teams may be allowed to play with their own ball provided the ball is of equal size and quality to the ball furnished by Clayton Civitan as deemed by the games head official as not to give a team an unfair advantage.

7. SCORING:

- Touchdowns are six (6) points.
- Extra points are:
 - *One (1) point if scored by running or passing from the two (2) yard line OR...*
 - *Two (2) points from the four (4) yard line.*
- The team scoring a touchdown must immediately signal to the official if they are going for one (1) or two (2) points.

8. FIELD:

- Some bleachers are provided, but parents and fans may wish to bring chairs
- Areas will be available at the Clayton Park to warm-up teams 45 minutes prior to each game
- No other field use will be available

8U Division:

- All games will be played on an eighty (80) yard field

10U/12U:

- All games will be played on an eighty (80) yard field
- Kickoff will be made from the thirty (30) yard line
- Kickoff after safety and/or touchback will be from the twenty (20) yard line.

9. OFFICIALS:

- Paid officials will be employed for each game
- All fifteen (15) yard penalties will be ten (10) yards
- Five (5) yard penalties will be five (5) yards
- *No team will be able to protest an official's call or judgment
- **Any other protests will be decided by Clayton's Turkey Bowl Committee, & its director, and decision will be final.
- ***No member of the Clayton Civitan Turkey Bowl Committee may challenge or change any decision made by the officials on the field.

10. SPECTATORS:

- The only people allowed on the sidelines are
 - *coaches/manager (up to 5 maximum)*
 - *trainers (up to 2)*
 - *Cheerleader sponsors*
 - *Chain gang*
 - *Football Players*
- Press people must remain behind the fences and off the sidelines unless otherwise authorized by the Clayton Turkey Bowl Tournament Director.
- No outside food or beverages are allowed inside the park
- No coolers will be allowed in the park
 - *ONLY exceptions are coolers brought by team moms with beverages or snacks for the team; subject to inspection.*
- Alcohol usage in the park or parking lot is not allowed
 - *Anyone expected of drinking, will be asked to leave the park.*
- Concessions will be available at the park.

****Families (with valid stamps) may leave the premises between games or during games. Teenagers/children will not be allowed to run in and out of the gates****

****Any parent ejected from the park will not be allowed to return to the park for remainder of the tournament.****

11. SPORTSMANSHIP:

*****Clayton Civitan is a family organization that sponsors these activities to ensure that players, coaches and their families have a positive and safe experience in a family friendly setting. Any type of malicious behavior will not be tolerated for any reason. This includes but is not limited to...**

- *Communication of threats to officials, players, coaches or other spectators for any reason*
- *Communication of inflicting injury or harm to another teams player, coaches, or spectator for any reason*
- Any coach ejected from a game by Clayton Civitan Turkey Bowl Committee Member or an Official on the field will not be able to participate in any remaining tournament activities and will be removed from the premises.
- Any player ejected from a game by an official on the field will not be allowed to play in the remainder of that game and must be held out for one quarter of the next game.
- A coach OR parent will not be allowed to film another team that you will be playing; however, you may go watch and take notes.
 - *Any coach OR parent doing this will be dismissed from the tournament.*
- No headsets/cell phones allowed for coaches on sidelines.

12. FORFEITS:

- No refunds will be given to the teams, sponsors, or spectators for any team forfeiting.

- Clayton Civitan Turkey Bowl Director will make all attempts to get each team their allotted games.

8U SPECIFIC GAME RULES

The following rules apply to the 8U age division only.

- There will be no kickoff in 8U play
- All game will be played on a (80) yard field
- The ball will be placed at mid field to
 - *Start the game*
 - *Start the second half*
 - *After each score*
- The clock will start when the ball is placed and the chains are set
- No more than 7 people on the line of defense
- Ends may stand
- Tackle to tackle players must be in a 3 or 4 point stance
- No blitzing
- Linebackers must be 3 yards off the ball
- Once the ball is handed off or the Quarterback makes an attempt to run or pass the linebackers may go
- There will be one warning given
 - *After the initial warning, it will be a 5 yard penalty*
- The defense is allowed to have a nose guard over center
- One coach is allowed on the field with the offense and defense
- Once the offense is set:
 - *The coach must be 10 yards back from the line of scrimmage*
 - *The coach is no longer allowed to talk or communicate with their players*
 - *1st offense is a flag and a warning*
 - *2nd offense is a flag and 5 yard illegal procedure penalty*
 - *3rd offense is a flag and a 10 yard unsportsmanlike penalty on the coach, the coach must leave the field Another coach may take his place on the field*
- **PUNT RULE:** If a team on 4th down chooses to punt
 - The defense may not blitz or rush the punter
 - The defense may not cross the neutral zone
 - Once the ball is punted it will be marked down where the ball has stopped or where the receiving team takes possession
 - If the defense rushes the punter it will be a 10 yard penalty and automatic first down
 - Defense must take a knee during the punt and may NOT raise their hands