

Grasscutter (aka “Cutter”)

9 Year Olds

Player Requirements

- Must have completed & submitted Concussion & Head Injury Sudden Cardiac Arrest Forms
- Must meet age requirements (based on age on August 1, 2018)
- Agree & abide by Knox County Sports Code of Conduct

Coaches (Head, Assistant) Requirements

- Must have successfully passed national background screening
- Must have completed USA Football Level 1 Coach Certification
- Agree & abide by Knox County Sports Code of Conduct
- 1 Head Coach & 4 Assistants allowed on sideline during game with Coach ID Badge.
 - A 5th Assistant with Coach ID Badge is allowed to track plays for each player.

Ball R5-PW

Weight **115** pound maximum for backs/ends. Teams weigh-in before each game.

Green Strippers Must wear the green stripe on helmet until meet weight
 Can not advance the ball
 (Offense) Can be upright (does not have to be in 3-point stance
 (Offense) Can not be on end of line – must have receiver on both ends
 (Defense) Players can not play MLB/OLB or DB. Only D-Line between OTs.
Not Defensive Ends
 (Defense) Must be in 3 or 4 point stance
 (Kickoff) Can not go more than 10 yards downfield
 (Kickoff Return) Must be within 10 yards of the ball at kickoff

Substitutions Coaches may sub freely. Strongly encourage that all play 4+ plays per game

Game Timing 8 Minute Quarters with running clock until final 2 minutes of 2nd & 4th Quarters where HS timing rules are used. Clock stops on timeouts, scores, and injuries. No overtime in regular season

Field Length 80 Yards

Penalties 4 yards, 8 yards

Kicking No kicking. Ball placed on 35 yard line.

Defense:

- Plays inside 10 yard line, may have up to 8 men in box
- May not blitz
- No forward movement before ball snapped
- 4-7 players on defensive line in the box. Green strippers between OT **Not Defensive Ends**
- Interior linemen in 3 or 4-point stance
- Linebackers must be 2 yards back from downed players
- Safety must be 4 yards back from downed players

Offense:

- Halfbacks must be 4 yards behind downed players

Punts Ball moved 20 yards downfield, but not inside 10 yard line.

PAT 1 point for rush/pass

Mercy Rule

Team leading by 21 points or more, the following will occur: a) Team leading by 21+ will run passing plays only until the score is less than 21 points. b) Team losing by 21+ will receive the ball at the 50 yard line following a score by the opposing team anytime during the second half. c) Game is declared over if up 21+ at end of the 3rd quarter and at any time in the 4th quarter. d) The clock shall run during the 2nd half, if point difference is 21+ and only stops during injuries, timeouts and scores. e) If the differential becomes 20 points or less in the 3rd quarter, normal rules apply.