

2019 KATY YOUTH FOOTBALL®

Winter Classic Tournament

Date of Event:	December 14 & 15, 2019
Location:	Saturday, December 14, 2019 Morton Ranch High School, 21000 Franz Rd, Katy, TX 77449 Sunday, December 15, 2019 *** Championship games *** Morton Ranch High School, 21000 Franz Rd, Katy, TX 77449
Admission:	Saturday (MRHS Stadium Only - \$5 per Adult, kids under 18 free) Sunday (MRHS Stadium - \$10 per person, kids 5 & under free)
Cost (Non-Refundable):	\$450 per team
Registration Deadline:	December 13, 2019 (No exceptions after this date)
Mandatory Check-in:	<u>1 1/2 hours before your first game in the tournament.</u>
Divisions:	<u>Ages as of August 1, 2019</u> 8U,9U, 10U, 11U, 12U & 14U
Tournament Format:	Each team will have a 2 game guarantee. Saturday games/Non-Championship Games will consist of four quarters, each quarter will be played with a 10 minute running clock. The clock will only stop the last 2 minutes of the half and end of the game. The Championship games on Sunday will be timed according to NCAA Rules, as adopted by UIL, with 10 minute quarters. There will be one winner in each division.
Awards:	1 st – Team Trophy, Players individual medals (Free Registration to 2020 KYF® Winter Classic Tournament) 2 nd – Team Trophy, Players individual medals
Concessions:	<u>NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS ALLOWED!</u> There will be open concessions throughout the entire tournament weekend. All violators will be asked to leave properties if they refuse to comply.
Register:	www.katyyouthfootball.com Robert Cortez (713) 253-2379 Robert.Cortez@katyyouthfootball.com

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League/Team Name: _____

Division: _____ (8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U or 14U)

Tournament Check List

Financial Status _____

Complete Roster _____

Code of Conduct Understood _____

Player Certification Forms _____

Player Birth Certificates (Copy) _____

Acceptance of Rules & Guidelines _____

KYF® RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY – (MUST BE SIGNED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN FOR EACH PLAYER AND BY ALL COACHES) – Any Player without a signed waiver by Parent/Guardian will not be eligible.

When you arrive for check-in – Please have all paperwork ready. All players will be checked before each game. Players should be in alphabetical order. The parents of all players must have signed the wavier/release, as well as the player certification form for the player to be eligible. Birth certificates must be present. Parent need not be present for team check in. Players must be present. Please have all documents in alphabetical order by player, and line up players to be checked 1 by 1 in alpha order.



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The Rules of the Game

Official Playing Rules and

Code of Conduct

This document contains the official playing rules for Katy Youth Football® Winter Classic Tournament. Katy Youth Football® follows the current version of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Football Rules as adopted and amended by the University Interscholastic League (UIL) for High School Football in the State of Texas, with the Following additions, exceptions and clarifications as enumerated herein.

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Official Playing Rules

I. Player Eligibility

1. Players must meet the tournament age requirements as follows: (Note all divisions may not be offered)
 - a. 8U: Must be 8 on 8/1/2019 (Cannot be 9 years old on or before 8/1/2019)
 - b. 9U: Must be 9 on 8/1/2019 (Cannot be 10 years old on or before 8/1/2019)
 - c. 10U: Must be 10 on 8/1/2019 (Cannot be 11 years old on or before 8/1/2019)
 - d. 11U: Must be 11 on 8/1/2019 (Cannot be 12 years old on or before 8/1/2019)
 - e. 12U: Must be 12 on 8/1/2019 (Cannot be 13 years old on or before 8/1/2019)
 - f. 13U: Must be 13 on 8/1/2019 (Cannot be 14 years old on or before 8/1/2019)
 - g. 14U: Must be 14 on 8/1/2019 (Cannot be 15 years old on or before 8/1/2019)

II. DUTIES OF COACHES AND TEAMS

1. There shall be no smoking, tobacco chewing, or drinking of alcoholic beverages on the field of play during practice or games. Tobacco, alcoholic beverages and drugs are not permitted on any KISD premises at any time per KISD policy. KYF® agrees with and supports KISD policy in this matter. This policy also applies to other KYF® events, or any premises in which official KYF® activity is conducted.
2. ANY PERSON SUSPECTED TO BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS WILL BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE KISD PROPERTY OR OTHER KYF® USED PREMISES. Any coach who is suspected to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs at any game or practice shall be subject to Board disciplinary action up to and including removal as coach.
3. All coaches and fans are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior while at KYF® games, i.e. no cursing, obscenities, or otherwise unsportsmanlike conduct. Vulgar language is strictly prohibited. Coaches are expected to encourage and enforce this behavior among their players, cheerleaders and parents. See KYF® Code of Conduct
4. Unsportsmanlike conduct of a coach or spectator is subject to review by the President, VP Football Operations, and Tournament Director. Disciplinary action may result in a one or more game suspension, or removal from tournament.
5. No pets are allowed anywhere on KISD property or other KYF® premises.

6. Coaches, players, and cheerleaders shall remain within the 20-yard line markers during the playing of games. All fans must stay behind the line or cones marking 4 yards back from the sideline. No coaches are allowed on the field of play, and no one is allowed in or around the end zone area. This rule applies to all spectators, players and coaches — not just those associated with the game in progress. When games are played on competition fields with grand stands – No parents or spectators will be allowed inside the fenced in field area at any time. All spectators must watch from the grandstand. No outside photographers will be allowed within the field area at any time.
7. All head coaches have the responsibility of ensuring any and all assistant coaches, players, cheerleaders, and fans do not bring discredit to their team by word or action, such as use of foul language, playing dirty football, or participating in unsportsmanlike cheers.
8. The Head Football Coach is responsible for ensuring that NO music is to be played during a game. Music may be played before the start of a game, during halftime and at the conclusion of the game. “Radio edit” music only. Absolutely no explicit lyrics are allowed. No Music may be played during Championship games.
9. Loud speaker/megaphone announcements and/or play-by-play of any sort during any game are prohibited.
10. Drones of any kind are prohibited from being flown over any KYF® game, or on KISD Property.
11. It is recommended that all coaches inspect players or cheerleaders equipment to be sure it is of sufficient quality to be safe and protective, and is properly fit.
12. Each team will provide personnel to staff a three-person chain and down marker crew for the game (If needed and not filled by volunteers). The three-person crew will consist of two members from the home team and one from the visiting team. The chains and down markers will be run from the home team’s sideline, unless professional video services are employed by the league. In this case, the chain and down marker crew will function on the sideline opposite the camera.
13. Coaches, referees, and Board members are responsible for enforcing all standards of conduct.
14. Use of cellular phones, hand held radios, “walkie-talkies”, or any other personal portable communications devices to communicate with coaches or individuals either on the field, on the sidelines, or in the stands is prohibited.

III. GAMES

1. All games will be played by NCAA rules as adopted by the University Interscholastic League (UIL), except as noted herein.
 - Non-Championship Games: 10 Min qtrs. Running clock, with stoppage during last 2 minutes of each half (Last 2 minutes of each half timed per NCAA/UIL Rules).
 - i. Each Team will be allowed three (3) – 30-second time-outs per half
 - ii. Half-Time will be 5 minutes
 - Championship Games: 10 minute quarters – Clock stoppage per NCAA/UIL Rules
2. All games will be played according to the schedule prepared by KYF®. KYF® will distribute schedule no later than first day of tournament. THE SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME AT KYF's SOLE DISCRETION.
3. Any team failing to field the required number of players (15) within ten minutes of scheduled game time may forfeit said game and the game could be recorded as a game of record at the discretion of the KYF® President, VP-Football and Tournament Director.
4. All teams are required to play each game until conclusion unless authorized by the President, VP-Football or Tournament Director after consultation with the referees.

Referees, coaches, and the Board may call a game upon mutual agreement due to weather or other circumstances. If games already in progress are called due to weather they will not be completed unless they have impact on championship berth.

5. At least two officials will be used in all games. The Board will provide TASO Certified Game Officials for all games.
6. Coaches are allowed to have water on the field for players, as long as it does not slow down or interfere with normal play. Water from the sidelines cannot be brought out between plays unless a time-out has been called or the referees have stopped play specifically for that reason.
7. In the interest of safety, no ladders will be allowed on KISD property, or any other KYF® premises, during games.
8. Extra points are awarded as follows:

Run	1 point
Forward Pass (8U, 9U, 10U)	2 points
Forward Pass (11U thru 14U)	1 point
PAT Kick (10U thru 14U)	2 points
<i>The defense can score on an extra point. 2 points awarded.</i>	

9. Scrimmage Kicks – (8U & 9U) – Punts

- When a team declares a punt, the team **must punt**. Fake punts are **NOT** allowed.
- Center may not be contacted until ball is kicked
- Rushing by the defense is not allowed on a punt (a free scrimmage kick in 8U).
- Neither the offense nor the defense may cross the line of scrimmage until the ball is kicked away
- If the snap from center to the punter is dropped or mishandled and touches the ground, the punter is able to pick up the ball and continue with his kick. The free kick rule is still in effect.
- Snaps must be made between the legs.
- **Field goals/PAT Kicks - Not Allowed**

10. Scrimmage Kicks – (10U thru 14U) - Punting, Field Goals & PAT Kicks

- When a team declares a punt, no one on defense is allowed to line up over the center. The long-snapper cannot be hit until after the ball is kicked away. If a punt is not declared, the center may be covered.
- Fake punts ARE allowed. If during a fake punt the punter returns under the center, the center can be covered.
- Rushing the punter is allowed. Rushing Fields Goals and PAT Kicks is allowed
- Only defensive down-linemen in a 3 or 4-point stance (no more than six), lined up no wider than head up on the last down O-lineman to their side, can rush a field goal, punt or PAT Kick. **No rushing is allowed from a position wider than the last down O-lineman. Penalty is 5 yards and replay of down.**

11. Overtime: Non-Championship Games: teams will play successive overtime periods per NCAA rules starting from the 10-yard line until a winner is declared. Championship Games: Teams will play successive overtime periods per NCAA rules starting from the 20-yard line until a winner is declared.

12. Ball size is according to division: **(Full Leather Balls Only)**

- 1) 8U & 9U K2 will be the game ball
- 2) 10U & 11U TDJ will be the game ball
- 3) 12U & 13U TDY will be the game ball
- 4) 14U TDS (High School Ball) will be the game ball

13. Helmet visors must be clear; player's eyes must be visible

14. All players must use mouthpieces on the field of play at all times.

15. Every player is expected to maintain a sportsmanlike manner at all times. **Fighting will not be tolerated.** Unsportsmanlike conduct by a player is subject to review and could

result in a one or more game suspension. Any player ejected from a game by a referee will be automatically suspended for the remainder of the game, as well as the 1st half of the next game. **Any player ejected for fighting will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament.**

16. Ejection of a parent, spectator or coach from a game for inappropriate behavior by a game official or a KYF® board member will result in parent/spectator/coach being removed from property and not allowed on any KYF® Premises for remainder of tournament. The player will not be affected by the parent's suspension.

17. Each player's football helmet must be NOCSAE approved.

18. Seeding from Pool Play: In the event the tournament utilizes pool play to determine bracket seeding the following criteria will be utilized: The winning percentage will be utilized to calculate seeding. Tie-Breaker steps. For teams with identical winning percentage the following steps will be utilized to break a tie:

1. Head-Head (only applicable for two-way tie)
 - i. Note: If three or more teams are tied the tie-breaker will begin with step 2.
2. Points Allowed
3. Points Scored
4. Coin Toss

Note: If three or more teams are tied and a team is eliminated or awarded a seed during any tie-break step, the tie-breaker then immediately reverts back to step 1 for the remaining tied teams.

IV. Judgment Calls, Protests, Infractions and Penalties

1. Referees shall be the final determiner of all actions and behavior on the field of play. All judgment calls shall reside totally with the referees and are not subject to Board review.
2. Referees assigned to a game or any Board member may cause the removal or ejection of any person from KISD property or other KYF® premises for violation of any of these codes of behavior. Upon removal or ejection, that person must leave the field and premises immediately, may not remain in the proximity of the field, and possibly may not return for any subsequent games for the remainder of the tournament.
3. Protests can be made only on rules violations. No protest will be considered which is submitted over a referee's judgment call.
4. All protests must be submitted immediately to the Tournament Director or KYF® VP-Football and KYF® President. Each point of protest and corresponding rule must be cited in the protest.

5. A review board of five (5) non-affected Executive Committee members shall render the final decision on the validity of any protest. If this condition cannot be met with (5) non-affected Executive Directors the President will appoint additional directors to complete a (5) person independent review panel for the specific protest. All decisions are final.
6. Any team found to be in violation of the player eligibility requirements may forfeit any game an ineligible player participated in.

Katy Youth Football®

Parent/Spectator/Coach/Player

Code of Conduct

Katy Youth Football believes that: participation in any sports program plays an important role in promoting the physical, social, and emotional development of our youth. It is essential for KYF® to provide a positive and enjoyable learning experience for our children; teaching sportsmanship, fair play, integrity, honor, respect, loyalty, personal courage, and dedication through the game of football and cheer. Furthermore, parents, coaches, spectators, and officials involved in youth sports events should be models of such statements and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect, and self-control. Listed below are behaviors that are expected by our parents, spectators, coaches and players:

- Encourage all players and praise great plays from both teams.
- Keep all comments positive and support the efforts of the coaches, officials, and the league.
- Only players and coaches are allowed on the field. **No exceptions.**
- Leave the coaching to the coaches.
- Criticizing the officials, coaches, opponents, or fans will not be tolerated.
- Only coaches and players shall speak to the officials.
- Understand that all officials do their utmost to be impartial; they try their best to provide a safe and suitable environment so that the game is well played.
- Profanity, drug, alcohol, or tobacco use during any Katy Youth Football event is prohibited and offenders will be immediately removed from the field.
- Children who are spectators and are not participating at that time are the responsibility of the parent or guardian. The child needs to be supervised at all times and remain within close proximity of their parent or guardian. Parents must supervise and prevent behaviors which interfere with game play or damage the property of Katy Youth Football or Katy ISD.
- **Ejection of a parent, spectator or coach from a game for inappropriate behavior by a game official or a KYF® board member will result in parent/spectator/coach being removed from property and not allowed on any KYF® Premises for remainder of tournament. The player will not be affected by the parent's suspension.**
- **Any parent or spectator that threatens an official or coach will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament, and not allowed on any KYF® Premises.**
- **Any Player ejected from a game by a game official will be suspended for the remainder of the game, as well as be suspended for the 1st half of the team's next game, if applicable.**
- If an issue arises during the game, please locate a KYF® board member to discuss your concerns or you can speak with the coach following the game. Arguments or discussions should be addressed with the coach following the completion of the game.
- Katy Youth Football expects **ALL** coaches and parents to create a fun, positive, and secure environment for the players and cheerleaders.

Team Name: _____

Division: _____

League: _____

Date: _____

COMPLETE ROSTER (MUST BE TURNED IN COMPLETED WITH PACKET BY 12/13/2019)

NO ROSTER CHANGES OR ADDITIONS WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER 12/13/2019 – NO EXCEPTIONS

Head Coach: _____ Assistant Coach _____

Assistant Coach _____ Assistant Coach _____

Assistant Coach _____ Assistant Coach _____

	Name	Jersey Number	Birth Date	Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)	Parent/Guardian Emergency Contact #
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As a duly authorized team representative, I acknowledge, agree and confirm that all team representatives and coaches accept full responsibility for the conduct of team players, coaches, and fans on and off the field and will promote only the best sportsmanship among all of us, win or lose. I further agree that all players, coaches, and fans will be bound by the Rules and Policies of Katy Football Association, Inc. and that I have disclosed the KYF® Parent/Spectator/Coach/Player Code of Conduct to each assistant coach, parent and player. I affirm and pledge that all information provided above regarding each player is true and correct, and that each of the players listed above is eligible to participate in the selected division as provided in the Winter Classic Tournament Player Eligibility Rules for Katy Football Association, Inc.

Print Name

Head Coach (Signature)

KYF® Winter Classic Tournament Player Certification Form

Print Player Name: _____

Team Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Head Coach: _____ AGE DIVISION: 8U 9U 10U 11U 12U 13U 14U

The Player Certification form is required for each player and all information is necessary for proper identification. Player will be rejected at sign-in if information is incomplete

Jersey Number: _____

Player Height: _____

Player eye Color: _____

Player Weight (lbs): _____

Insert Color Photo of
player listed below

HEAD SHOT ONLY

Players Information:

Player's Full Name (Again): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ (As of August 1st, 2019)

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

School information

School Attending 2019: _____

School Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

School phone Number: _____

ATTACH (Black & White) COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE PLAYER LISTED ABOVE

Failure to have a Birth Certificate for each player may result in that player being ineligible to compete in tournament.

Mother's (Guardian 1) Name (Print) _____ Signature: _____

Mobile #: _____ Email: _____

Father's (Guardian 2) Name (Print) _____ Signature: _____

Mobile #: _____ Email: _____

Acceptance of KYF® Winter Classic Tournament Rules & Guidelines

Team Name: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____

Division: _____

This Packet contains the forms, rules and procedures which must be adhered to for teams participating in the KYF® Winter Classic Tournament.

The Head Coach of each team participating in the tournament is ultimately responsible for all record keeping, team finances and conduct of all participants (including parents, spectators, etc.) attending the tournament.

This document must be submitted to KYF® and must be notarized when and where indicated. Failure to have this document notarized will prevent your team's acceptance into the tournament. All team documents must be returned to KYF® no later than December 14, 2019.

I have read and understand all KYF® Tournament rules and guidelines, included in this packet, as well as the KYF® Parent/Spectator/Coach/Player Code of Conduct, regarding my/our team's participation in the Tournament. I understand that all teams participating in the tournament must arrive in Katy, Texas no later than 1 ½ Hours prior to each game to allow sufficient time for the tournament directors to verify player ages, team documentation etc. I further understand the failure to arrive in sufficient time, as noted above, may result in the team's disqualification from the tournament. I understand the KYF® Winter Classic Tournament begins on December 14, 2019 and continues until December 15, 2019. I have discussed the rules and expectations of conduct with all tournament participants, including but not limited to Coaches, Players, Parents and other spectators who may be attending as representatives of my/our team. All persons representing my/our team understand, have accepted and will abide by the KYF® Winter Classic Tournament Rules.

Head Coaches' Signature Date

Head Coaches' Name (Print Only)

Notarized:

State: _____

County: _____

The terms of this document were acknowledged
before me on _____

By _____

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

This Release is by the party signing below (herein referred to as "Releasor"), and is given to **Katy Football Association, Inc, AKA Katy Youth Football®, AKA KYF® or KYF**, Heads Up Football, LLC, USA Football, Inc., Katy Independent School District and each of their respective subsidiaries, affiliates, divisions, owners, officers, agents, board members, employees, contractors, consultants, coaches, volunteers, grantors, sponsors, agents, legal representatives, administrators, assigns, heirs, executors, those for whom each is acting and those acting with any of their authority and permission (collectively as "Releasees").

Initial _____ **RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS.** Releasor, being of lawful age (or, in the case of a minor, through his/her parent or guardian), in consideration of being permitted to participate in any KYF 7on7 program, Tackle Football Program, Flag Football Program or Cheer Program, including , but not limited to, cheer performances, football games, practices, workouts, camps and clinics, competitions, travel to/from competitions, jamborees, scrimmages, post-season competitions and tournaments (collectively and individually, the "Event"), hereby releases and discharges Releasees from all present and future liabilities, debts, obligations, costs, expenses, damages, losses, charges, judgments, executions, liens, claims, demands, actions or causes of action of whatever nature or description, in equity or at law, whether caused in whole or in part by the Releasees or any other person or thing during the Event while Releasor is present, which the Releasor or his/her child or ward (each a "child"), family, estate, heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, successors or assigns (collectively, "Related Parties") may have, whether known or unknown, suspected, asserted or not asserted, arising out of participation by the Releasor or his/her child in the Event, and agrees that Releasees are not responsible for any of the foregoing arising out of the Event, **EVEN IF CAUSED BY RELEASEES' OWN ORDINARY NEGLIGENCE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.** The Releasor understands, acknowledges and accepts that this Release and Waiver is intended to be binding on the Releasor and anyone related to Releasor. **RELEASEOR EXPRESSLY INTENDS TO RELEASE FUTURE LIABILITY OF AND ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AGAINST RELEASEES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO LIABILITY OR CLAIMS FOR NEGLIGENCE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW BY ONE OR MORE OF THE RELEASEES AND FOR ANY AND ALL DAMAGES INCLUDING EXEMPLARY DAMAGES.**

Initial _____ **RISKS ACCEPTED; MEDICAL TREATMENT.** The Releasor further understands, acknowledges and accepts that participation in the Event involves certain inherent risks, including, but not limited to, property damage, economic loss and **SERIOUS BODILY INJURY (INCLUDING DEATH)**, and agrees that the Releasor or his/her child is voluntarily participating in the Event with full knowledge of the risks involved and accepts all risks of participation. The Releasor declares that the Releasor or his/her participating child is physically fit and has the requisite skill level to participate in the Event. The Releasor authorizes but does not otherwise impose the obligation on, **Katy Football Association, Inc.** to provide medical treatment to the Releasor or his/her child, at the Releasor's cost, should the need arise. The Releasor understands, acknowledges and accepts that he or she must provide his/her own medical insurance for the participant and that all medical bills for care of Releasor or his or her minor are ultimately of Releasor.

Initial _____ **GRANT OF PUBLICITY RIGHTS.** The Releasor further grants the Releasees the right, but does not otherwise impose the obligation, to photograph, videotape and/or otherwise use the Releasor and/or his or her participating child's name, face, likeness, voice and appearance in connection with exhibitions, publicity, advertising, website and promotional materials, free of charge without reservation or limitation.

The Releasor understands, acknowledges and accepts that this Release and Waiver of Liability is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the state of Texas in which the Event is taking place and agrees that if any portion of this Release and Waiver is invalid, the remainder will continue in full legal force and effect.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Participant Name (please print): _____ Participant Age: _____

KYF® Division & Team Name: _____