

Slaughter Rule...

While our league slaughter rule helps to keep the games scores within reason I want to make sure that all of you understand that just because the slaughter rule doesn't go in effect until 28 points that does not mean that you do everything you can to score as much as possible until the game enters the slaughter rule. As a matter of fact, the Pop Warner Rule Book requires that all games that enter the Slaughter Rule be investigated. However there is one question that the rule book states should be asked.

“What actions were taken by the coaching staff of Team A to prevent the score differential from reaching 28 points after it reached 18 points?”

While I am not looking for you as coaches to have your kids not play hard to the best of their abilities and there will continue to be games that go into the slaughter rule, there are things that can be done to help minimize it. Once the score reaches a 18 point differential you should not try on-side kicks, pass, run sweeps and reverses, blitz, continue to play starters at their starting positions, put your starting defense in just to prevent the other team from scoring, or call time outs in order to score again.

If your game enters the slaughter rule in any games remaining this season please be prepared to answer the above question..... from here on out both teams that are playing in a slaughter rule game must prepare and send in a letter to the above question.....this goes for the winning coach and the losing coach, no exceptions and no "do i have to write a letter?" If you are in a slaughter rule game you and the opposing coach will write a letter and submit it to James Godley and cc myself to it, so be sure yur coaches know. We have not pressed the issue for the last 2 weeks, but after looking at some of the scores, we feel it is need to uphold the rule, some games are getting out of hand. I do not want to hear we did everything we could do and beat the other team by 32 points when there are still starters in the game and "Jimmy" only has 10 plays. Be sure all your coaches get this word and if we do not get letters and see scores that got out of hand, the HEAD COACH will be suspended for the following game or until we get the letter. Remember this is youth football, not High School.

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