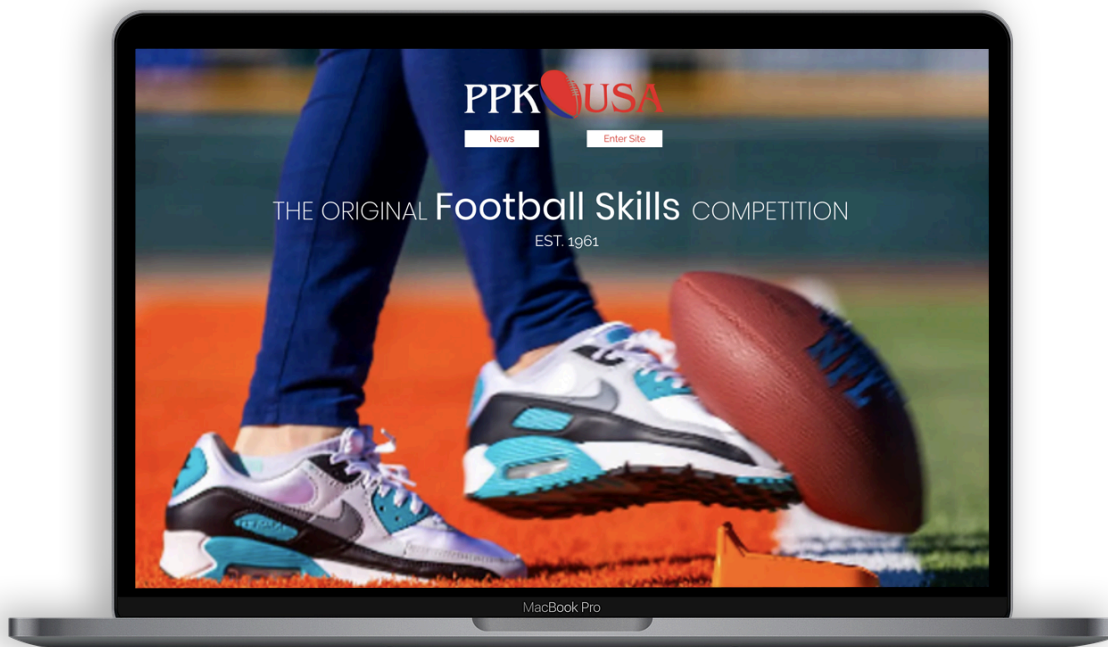




## PPKUSA RULEBOOK



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In an effort to revive the former PPK program and offer this great opportunity to the youth of the United States to participate in a healthy and fun football skills competition Punt, Pass and Kick USA, Inc. creates these rules to foster a fun, healthy and fair competition for all involved.

These rules are designed as guidelines to create a fair competition which will allow all participants an equal playing field to showcase their talents and skills to reach a conclusion of which participants are the most successful in this competition at each level.

These rules may be modified by the volunteers conducting the competitions in any manner which will help them to run their event in a more efficient and organized way while still allowing for the intended results which represent the intent of this program.

At no time should any volunteer or participant promote or engage in any conduct or activity which is not within the intent or spirit of this program and its mission which is solely to offer a youth football skills competition.



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# ABOUT US

Punt, Pass & Kick USA, Inc. (PP&K USA, Inc.) was created as an IRS registered and approved 501c3 Non Profit Corporation to facilitate the rebirth of a free National Youth Football skills competition. With decades of experience in the Recreation and Parks field as well as volunteer coordinators in the former NFL PPK program we have made it a mission to bring this program to life and provide opportunities to all youth in our country.

We have created a new design of the previous program to allow for more inclusion and to allow for more participants to qualify for and experience higher level competitions. We actively seek out Recreation and Parks Departments, Civic Groups, School Physical Education Teachers, Private Recreation Organizations and anyone else with interests in Football to join us and volunteer to host Local Competitions. We also actively seek out donors and sponsors through all volunteers to help us to maintain this program as a free program for all. PP&K USA, Inc. organizes and manages the entire program each year with the help of the many volunteers in this program and the Advisory Committee of Coordinators to promote it and suggest and implement changes to make it better and stronger.

We have created a mini-combine type of event. Each participant will compete in each of five (5) skill events. These events are calculated to determine their results and these results are used to determine overall results. Awards are distributed for each skill event and for overall results at each competition.

This program cannot survive without the many Volunteers involved. Every Local Competition has one Volunteer Coordinator and multiple helpers. Volunteers are the backbone of this program and many more are needed.

## PROGRAM CALENDER

This program relies on timely scheduling to allow for adequate time between Local Competitions and advanced levels of competition so that participants and their families may plan for travel accordingly.

Registration for Volunteer Coordinators normally begins in early Spring of each year. Registration for participants normally begins soon afterwards.

All Local Competitions must be completed by the date(s) required as set by Punt, Pass and Kick USA, Inc. and its volunteer coordinators each year. Locals typically need to be completed no later than November 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year but may change once Regional Competitions are added to the program.

The National Finals will be held near the end of January of the year immediately following the current season.

# FOR THE PARENTS

- 1) All participants must register online through the PPK USA website to compete at a registered Local Competition and to be eligible to participate. All online waivers must be agreed to and accepted to complete this online registration. This applies for both advanced registration and walkup registration.
- 2) All participants may register for and compete at one (1) and only one (1) Local Competition per season.
- 3) Competition age is based on the age of the participant on December 31 of the current year.
- 4) No specialized shoes with cleats are allowed. Aqua Socks, Tennis Shoes and Running Shoes are allowed. No participant may compete in bare feet.
- 5) Each participant will compete in all five (5) skill events; Punting, Passing, Kicking, 40 yard Dash and the Broad Jump.
- 6) Distances or time will be measured for each skill and compared to the other participants in their competing group. Placing will then be determined and first through third place awards will be distributed for each skill event. Participant placing scores from the skill events will be used to determine overall results. Overall awards for first through third place will also be given out to each competing age group.
- 7) All award winners automatically qualify to choose to advance to the National Finals.
- 8) Registration for this PPK USA program is and always will remain free of charge.

# FOR THE LOCAL HOSTS

- 1) ALL Volunteer Local Hosts must register to host through the PP&K USA, Inc. program website.
- 2) Local Hosts are NOT allowed to charge any participant to compete.
- 3) Each Local Host must use all five (5) of the skill events in this program:
  - a) Punting: Each participant will punt the ball for distance and accuracy. The score will be the distance measured from the scratch line to the point the football first touches the ground in-bounds. All measurements will be rounded up to the nearest full inch.
  - b) Passing: Each participant will pass the ball for distance and accuracy. Their score will be the distance measured from the scratch line to the point the football first touches the ground in-bounds. All measurements will be rounded up to the nearest full inch.
  - c) Kicking: Each participant will kick the ball off a kicking tee for distance and accuracy. Their score will be the distance measured from the scratch line to the point the football first touches the ground in-bounds. All measurements will be rounded up to the nearest full inch. The pant foot of the kicker may go past the scratch line in the act of kicking the ball.
  - d) 40 Yard Dash: Each participant will run a 40 yard dash for time. The score will be the time measured from the moment they start their run until they cross the finish line. Participants must start from a stationary position, rocking is not allowed.
  - e) Broad Jump: Each participant will jump for distance. The score will be the distance measured from the scratch line to the point closest to the scratch line which any part of the body touches the ground, during or after the jump. All measurements will be rounded up to the nearest full inch. Both feet must start together for the jump.
  - f) Any violation of crossing the scratch line during an attempt is considered a foul. Fouls result in a five (5) foot penalty. NO score may be less than zero (0) ever. For a foul in the 40 yard dash the attempt is scratched and the competitor must try again.
  - g) It is strongly recommended that as the Host you create a fifty (50) foot wide competition area for the Punting, Passing and Kicking skills. Any ball landing outside this competition zone is considered out of bounds. For a ball landing out of bounds a competitor's score would then become the distance at the point where the tape measure crosses the out of bounds line when measured from the scratch line.
  - h) Two attempts are also strongly recommended to help break any possible ties.
  - i) For each skill event, after all participants have completed their attempt(s), all participants in each age group will be placed based on their scores. All ties must be broken either by comparing the tied participants second attempt or by having them attempt it a second time.
- 4) Awards will be distributed to all first, second and third place finishers in each skill event.
- 5) Overall results are determined by adding up the final pacing results from the skill events. Overall awards will be distributed for all first, second and third place finishers in each competing group. Ties for awards must be broken in the overall categories. Ties are broken by comparing, in order, each participant's number of first place finishes in skill events, then second place finishes, then third place finishes, then overall award counts, then second attempts in each skill and finally by having the tied competitors compete again one time at each skill.

- 6) Stock ribbons with the PPKUSA logo may be ordered from Crown Awards through the PPKUSA website.
- 7) There will be a maximum of Eighteen (18) awards per age group if there are at least three (3) competitors or more.
- 8) ALL award winners are qualifiers to the National Finals. Once the Finals are set, PPKUSA will email all Local Hosts with information to forward to their Qualifiers about the Finals Event. Participants must respond to this notice to be eligible to compete in the Finals.
- 9) As a Host, you will need a large and open field for your competition. It is recommended that you use a marked football field if possible as the marked lines can be used for your competition areas.
- 10) As a Host you will need the following equipment and help:
  - a) at least one (1) three hundred (300) foot measuring tape per competition area for the punting, passing and kicking skill events.
  - b) one (1) thirty (30) foot measuring tape for the Broad Jump skill event.
  - c) one (1) stop watch for the 40 Yard Dash skill event.
  - d) up to 180 awards if all ten (10) age groups have competitors.
  - e) at least six (6) to ten (10) volunteers to run the event.
  - f) paperwork from the PPKUSA website including the calendar year age sheet, scoresheets and a listing of pre-registered participants.
  - g) clipboards, pens, a calculator, towels in bad weather.
- 11) Each Host can be reimbursed by PPKUSA for the equipment listed above in a) through d) by acquiring sponsors for PPKUSA in your Community. 75% of all sponsors collected through a Host is available for reimbursements for these items.

# **GENERAL CONDUCT and INFORMATION**

Competitions will be held rain or shine. Local hosts must cancel in threatening or dangerous weather conditions and reschedule the event. The host on site will make cancellation decisions. If an event is canceled, please contact your Local PP&K USA, Inc. Coordinator for information on a rescheduled date. \*PLEASE NOTE: the PP&K USA, Inc. website does not automatically notify participants that the event has been canceled. Region and National Finals competitions are held on the date scheduled regardless of weather or other circumstances. These competitions are scheduled at facilities which do not allow for rescheduling of the competitions.

PP&K USA, Inc. and subordinate coordinators/organizers of PP&K USA, Inc. reserve the right to rule and make any recommendations regarding the PP&K USA, Inc. competition that they feel are beneficial to the continuance of the program. All decisions are final.

Coordinators have the right to modify this program in any way or form as they deem appropriate within the intent and spirit of this program.

No horse play, rough conduct, contact football, foul language, poor sportsmanship or any other inappropriate conduct as determined by the volunteer coordinator on site will be allowed or acceptable. Conduct deemed inappropriate or not in the best spirit and intent of this program and/or fair competition may result in immediate disqualification of a participant making them ineligible to qualify to advance to the next level of competition for the current season. All participants when not actively competing and spectators must remain in the designated viewing areas. Parents and/or Legal Guardians must remain on site of the competition with their child(ren) at all times.