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WEATHER:

We got hit hard for 2 days of heavy snow, but by Saturday the weather was perfect. The Intermediate games scheduled for City Park were moved to the new facility (Valverde Park) so we could play on FieldTurf since play on all grass fields was cancelled.

The fields at Valverde Park had to be cleared of snow so we could play the games on Saturday. We owe a big thank you to **Sam Granados** the owner of **Integrated Resource Systems, Inc.** as he donated his time, employees and equipment to clear the fields of snow so we could play our games. This process took about 3 hours. Without the generosity of such individuals PAL could not exist or operate efficiently. Thanks Sam for helping us out in our time of need.

PARKING:

We had several cars move the cones at one of the businesses across from the park so they could park their cars. The cones were placed there at the request of the owner because they work on Saturdays. Please be advised that if this happens again cars in that lot will be ticketed and towed at the car owner's expense. Be considerate of the businesses in the area and the cones that are placed on their property. Thanks to those of you that parked around the area and were respectful of the neighborhood.

SPECTATORS:

Overall the fans were very well behaved. We had some large crowds and no complaints were received. Thanks for making it a positive experience for the kids.

TRASH:

The trash at Valverde Park was overwhelming again. There are several trashcans around the fan area so there should be no excuse for that much trash on the ground. A lot of money was put into that facility for the kids and we want to keep it nice. Please take some pride in the field and pick up your own trash and have your kids pick up their trash and throw it away.

Also please be respectful of the neighborhood and pick up your trash if you park in the parking lot of businesses in the area. We received several complaints from business owners of trash left in their parking lots. If we abuse it we will lose it and parking space is important at the park, as it is limited.

RULEBOOK:

The 2009 Football Rulebook is updated and is online. The **Overtime Procedure Rule 21.00** has a misprint on the procedure in playoff games. The Rulebook will be updated this week with the correct procedure. The correct procedure for playoff games is addressed in the next section.

OVERTIME PROCEDURE RULE 21.00:

- 21.01** Each team will receive the ball on the 10-yard line and will have four plays to score. If neither team scores, the winner will then be determined by the amount of yardage obtained during that four down series.
- 21.01.a** The PAL staff has the option of placing the ball at midfield instead of the 10-yard line. In this instance the goal line would be 10 yards from midfield.
- 21.02** The coin toss will be conducted at the center of the field where the visiting-teams captain shall be given the privilege of calling the coin. The winner of the toss shall be given his choice of defense or offense. Each team will receive an additional time out during the overtime period.
- 21.03** If the defensive team gains possession, the ball becomes dead immediately and the offensive team's series of downs is ended.
- 21.04** The same end of the field will be used for possessions by both teams during the two sets of downs to ensure equal game conditions and conserve time. This applies if the ball is placed on the 10-yard line.
- 21.05** The team that gets the second possession must run at least one play and gain enough yardage to clearly be the winner by deepest penetration. Once that has occurred they may declare to the referee that they will be taking a knee for the remainder of their downs. The game will be over at that point.
- 21.05.a** The team taking a knee must clearly gain enough yardage that by taking a knee they will have enough yardage to win.
- 21.06** Playoff games – Each team will get 2 possessions and if there is no clear winner by score after each possession then each team will get a 3rd possession and if there is no clear winner by score then the winner will be determined by deepest penetration (yardage gained on that possession)
Super Bowl – Play will continue until there is a clear winner by score. Yardage will not be used to determine the winner
- 21.07** Each team will get an equal amount of possessions before the game is considered over.
- 21.08** The PAL staff does have the authority to alter the procedures in Rule 21.00 if they deem it necessary.

T-SHIRTS:

The PAL football t-shirts are now for sale if any teams are interested. The shirts will be for sale at the Super Bowl for \$5 each. If you buy them at the PAL office prior to that you can purchase them for \$4 each. If you buy more than 30 shirts then they are \$3 each. All the shirts are adult sizes and run from small to 3xl. Quantities are limited in some sizes so first come first serve. You can contact Kenny at the PAL office by e-mail or phone to place an order.

PEE WEE DIVISION:

The Pirates and Green Valley Giants Black advance to the Super Bowl. Congratulations and good luck. Game time is at 9:00 AM.

BANTAM DIVISION:

The Lions and Green Valley Giants Black advance to the Super Bowl. Congratulations and good luck. Game time is at 11:00 AM.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION:

The Disciples and Falcons advance to the Super Bowl. Congratulations and good luck. Game time is at 1:00 PM.

SENIOR DIVISION:

The Blackhawks and Pirates advance to the Super Bowl. Congratulations and good luck. Game time is at 3:00 PM.

CHEERLEADERS:

Once again the cheerleaders did a great job on Saturday and added to the excitement and atmosphere of the playoffs, way to go. Good job by the Blackhawk, Pirate and Green Valley cheerleaders for braving the chilly weather on Monday night at East High School for the Senior Division playoff games.

ALL CITY STADIUM:

- Vending is not permitted in the stadium or in the parking lot without prior permission from Denver Public Schools.
- Sunflower seeds and gum are not allowed on the field.
- Each team will be allowed one photographer on the field. A sideline pass must be obtained from PAL staff on the day of the game.

PAL SUPER BOWL:

- ❑ The Super Bowl will be played at **All City Sports Complex** (1450 S. Franklin St.) on Sunday November 8, 2009
- ❑ Admission to the game will be **\$5 for adults, \$2 for students** and children under 7 will be admitted for free. **Re-entry will be \$1**
- ❑ **Home and Visitor sidelines will be determined by the PAL staff and will be posted at the admission gate. We will keep organizations that have more than one team in the Super Bowl on the same sideline regardless of the Conference they played in. This will cut down on confusion and unnecessary moving of fans back and forth**
- ❑ **All spectators will enter at the west gate and will be directed to the appropriate side of the field. No spectators are allowed on the track or field area except to walk to their appropriate sideline**
- ❑ Coaches, players and cheerleaders of teams participating in the Super Bowl will be admitted free but must be on the roster and coaches information sheet that has been submitted to the PAL office
- ❑ Teams need to show up **at least 45 minutes prior** to your scheduled game time
- ❑ The team locker rooms will be available in case of inclement weather
- ❑ A trophy presentation will follow at the conclusion of each game for the champion and runner-up
- ❑ **Only 6 coaches** will be allowed on the sideline and must be listed on the Coaches Information Sheet. Managers who are not coaches will be allowed on the sideline and will not be counted as one of the 6 coaches
- ❑ Only cheerleaders that have registered and submitted a roster to the PAL office will be allowed on the field
- ❑ Outside food and beverages **are prohibited** inside the stadium
- ❑ The stadium will provide concessions throughout the day
- ❑ **No coolers will be allowed** in the stadium **except** the team cooler which will be checked prior to entry into the stadium and must remain by the team bench
- ❑ **No alcoholic beverages will be allowed in the Stadium or in the parking lot**
- ❑ **Smoking is prohibited inside the stadium, designated smoking is allowed outside the stadium by the parking lot**
- ❑ **Profanity and unruly behavior will not be tolerated**
- ❑ Food, beverages and other items **can not be sold** in the stadium or in the parking lot
- ❑ Please tell your fans to form their tunnels outside the gates. **We will not allow fans on the field or inside the gates to form a tunnel**

- ❑ Finally, the PAL staff asks that all coaches and managers remind their parents and spectators to be positive and display proper sportsmanship in the stands. The **PAL Board of Directors** have been invited along with **potential supporters** and we want to show them that PAL is a professional organization that provides wholesome activities for the Denver area youth and is an alternative to gangs and drugs
- ❑ Game times will be as follows:
 - Pee Wee division 9:00 AM
 - Bantam division 11:00 AM
 - Intermediate division 1:00 PM
 - Senior division 3:00 PMThe gate will be unlocked at 8:00 AM for the Pee Wee teams playing the first game. Fans will be admitted starting at 8:30 AM.

PLAYER HEALTH & SAFETY:

Coaches make sure that your players get plenty of fluids before, during and after the games. This can be very dangerous for the players. We need to put their safety first and make sure they are hydrated with water not pop. This applies to practice also. Also make sure they are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Confidence - True confidence can weather the test of setbacks and self-doubt. When you believe in yourself, life's hardships only make you wiser and stronger for the challenges to come.

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