



Instructions to Ball Persons

The following ball rotation mechanics should be shared with all ball personnel provided by the teams. We understand that very often, younger children who are not necessarily able to comprehend these requirements will be assigned. We must do the best we can in such situations.

Mechanics:

- Each team will designate at least one (1) person to be a ball boy/girl.
- They will be responsible for 2 of their team's game balls on their respective sideline.
- When the offense is to come on the field, one of the offense's balls will get rotated into the game via the sideline officials to the umpire.
- The remaining ball in their possession is to be used when the game ball is dead and not near the succeeding spot and won't be re-spotted quickly, (example: incomplete pass out of bounds or incomplete deep down the field) or the ball in use becomes temporarily unplayable due to weather conditions. Ball persons need to be alert for any official calling for that spare ball.
- Once the ball is provided to the officials, ball persons will chase down the out of bounds ball. If the ball is incomplete in the field of play the officials will get it back to the sideline.
- If out of bounds on the oppositions sideline ball personnel can work with the official on his sideline to get it back over between plays.

Safety:

- Ball persons should remain at the sideline and not venture onto the field
- Ball persons need to stay alert for any situation calling for their attention. It is best if they stay between the two sideline officials on their sideline since either one might call for a ball rotation.
- Ball persons need to stay clear of the sideline and be aware of any play coming toward them and move far back and away from the action.
- Ball persons should be instructed to raise ball above their heads and wait for the official to make eye contact with them and is in position to receive the ball before tossing it.