

2024 South Jersey Independent Youth Football Association Tackle-To-Tackle (T2T) Playing Rules

This document covers the SJIYFA playing rules for players identified as Tackle-To-Tackle (T2T). For all league playing rules please refer to the SJIYFA Playing Rules identified in the SJIYFA League By-Laws posted on the league website and also summarized in the 2024 SJIYFA Playing Rules document. Both documents can be found on the league website in the handouts section.

Note: if there is a discrepancy between the rules outlined in this document and the rules outlined in the SJIYFA League By-Laws, the SJIYFA League By-Laws shall prevail.

RULES FOR IDENTIFYING TACKLE-TO-TACKLE (T2T) PLAYERS

- Tackle-to-Tackle (T2T) Players Card will be a different Color. Card will be presented at weigh ins and **MUST** be presented at GAMES.
- During pregame lineup, ALL Tackle-to-Tackle (T2T) players must be together on the same side lined up next to each other. **DO NOT** have players interspersed during the lineup. This will make it easy for the other team to make notations of the Tackle-to-Tackle (T2T) Players playing in that game.
- A helmet sticker will be placed running on the center of the helmet running from front to back identification. **If the Tackle-to-Tackle (T2T) player DOES NOT have a sticker on his helmet, HE CANNOT PLAY! NO EXCEPTIONS OR EXCUSES TO THIS RULE.** Stickers will be a significant color and change to the current helmet. Sticker will be visible on the front and back of the helmet so the officials can identify those players.

Tackle-to-Tackle (T2T) Rules by Phases of the Game

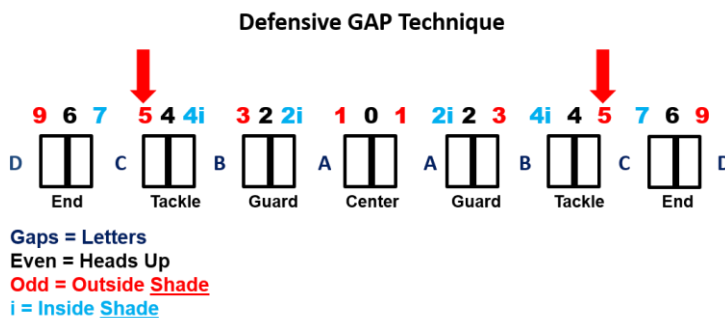
Offense:

- No more than 5 players on the field at one time that are considered tackle-to-tackle.
- These 5 players must be evenly distributed – 2 on either side of the center. You cannot have a staggered line, where 3 or 4 players are on one side of the ball. If a team decides to go with a staggered line the 3rd player from the center and beyond cannot be a tackle-to-tackler player.
- They are permitted to be the last player on the line of scrimmage, however they are not permitted to be an eligible receiver. For example, a team can play with two ends on the same side of the field (only one will be eligible), however the tackle on the opposite side of the center is NOT permitted to be an eligible receiver.
- Players must start with one hand on the ground.
- These players are permitted to pull.

Defense:

- No more than 5 players on the field at one time that are considered tackle-to-tackle (T2T).
- These 5 players must be lined up on the line of scrimmage no wider than the 5-technique which is defined as shading the outside shoulder of the offensive tackle. (see Figure A below)
- Tackle-to-tackle (T2T) Players must start with at least one hand on the ground in a 3 or 4 point stance.
- The player must initially engage an offensive lineman or shoot the line of scrimmage/gaps, they are not permitted to drop back into coverage or into a line-backer position.

Figure A:



Special Teams:

- Tackle-to-tackle (T2T) players are permitted on kickoff and kickoff returns.
 - Max of 3 in center of the field
 - May not advance the football
 - Must be on the front line
- Tackle-to-tackle (T2T) players are not permitted to kick or hold on the offensive side and are not permitted to be out of the tackle box on the line of scrimmage (as described above under defense).
- If lined-up over the center, they must adhere to the league rule which allows the center the opportunity to defend themselves from a head-to-head collision.

If a tackle-to-tackle (T2T) player lines up illegally on Offense, Defense or Special Teams, the officials will assess an illegal formation penalty.