

CVSD Buccaneers Youth Football Playing Time Expectations

Buccaneers Youth Football is committed to player development, safety, and a positive experience for all athletes. The following guidelines outline expected playing time by division level:

Division Playing Time Guidelines

1st/2nd Grade Flag:

Players should expect equal playing time at this level.

Focus is on learning fundamentals, participation, and enjoyment of the game.

3rd/4th Grade Flag:

Players should expect equal playing time at this level.

Continued emphasis on skill development and game understanding.

5th/6th Grade Tackle:

Regular Season: Expect equal playing time

Playoffs: All eligible players should expect to play no less than 25% of the game.

7th/8th Grade Tackle:

Regular Season: Players should expect to play no less than 25% of the game.

Playoffs: Playtime will be driven by competitiveness of the game. It is likely that not all players will play.

Additional Factors That May Impact Playing Time

While we strive to meet the guidelines above, playing time may be adjusted based on the following:

- **Team Size:** Larger roster sizes may make it more difficult to guarantee exact playing time splits.
- **Position differences:** Some positions are highly specialized (for example Center) and as a result offer fewer opportunities when compared to other generalized positions (for example Receiver).
- **Effort, Attitude, and Attendance:** Coaches may adjust playing time based on a player's commitment, behavior, and reliability.
- **Player Safety:** Coaches may reduce or modify playing time when necessary to ensure safety, including: Significant physical size differences, Limited spatial awareness, Incomplete understanding of safe play techniques

Program Philosophy

Our goal is to:

- Develop athletes both on and off the field
- Teach teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship
- Ensure a safe and competitive environment for all players

As players progress through divisions, there is a gradual shift from equal participation toward competitive play and game strategy.