



## Midget Football

### Chain Gang Rules and Instructions

1. Only THREE people on the chain gang. No one except the volunteers *that signed up* should be on the chain gang. If additional help is needed, the announcer or EBC Coach will ask for additional members. If additional help is asked for the first person to arrive at the chains will be the volunteer. If you arrive and three people are already there, return to the spectator area.
2. Make sure you have the chains and your group is organized 10 minutes before kick-off and half time kick-off.
3. When you are on the chain gang you are part of the officiating crew. You must not make comment, cheer or yell to any players or coaches – on or off the field. You must take a neutral stance and act as you would expect a referee to act.
4. If you have any questions or have a disagreement with anyone – call over the closest PIAA referee to handle the situation.
5. You may not be part of the chain gang if your son/daughter is playing. The temptation to interfere is too great. The EBC Head Coach can override this rule if circumstances dictate.
6. Chains should not be on the sideline, but two yards OFF the sideline. This is for safety of officials and players when there are plays on the sideline. When players come at the chains, drop them so players don't run into them and get hurt.
7. Do not move chains until referee signals a first down. This is very important for penalty situations. If the chains are moved, the previous location of them may not be known.
8. Always follow the instructions from the PIAA referees.

Thank you for taking your time to help with the EBC Football program. I am confident you will find your volunteer time rewarding and fun!