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## TAMUK Madden League Rules

### Spring 2016

#### Eligibility

Participants must be a student, faculty, or staff member with a valid TAMUK ID card. **You MUST sign up through Challenge.com in order to participate in the league.** You can find our Challenge.com Organization page at [tml2016.Challenge.com](http://tml2016.Challenge.com). Once you have registered you must see the gameroom staff to get your name on the league list.

#### Disclaimer:

The equipment provided for the tournaments is property of Texas A&M University Kingsville. **ANY AND ALL DAMAGE CAUSED BY YOU WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION, AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE DAMAGED PROPERTY.**

#### General Guidelines:

- You may use any of the 32 NFL teams from the Madden 2016 roster. No other teams are allowed (Created teams, all madden, etc.).
- You may change teams between rounds.
- Season starts February 1 and runs until the end of April for a total of 12 weeks. League signups end March 1st.
- Two single elimination tournaments a week (subject to change). At this time the tournaments will be held on Monday's and Wednesday's at 6:00pm.

- The final tournament will be held on a day during Dead week (May 2-6).
- The final tournament will be the top 8 or 16 players (tournament size depends on participation) with the most points at the end of the season (see points system for details). If not all participants show up for the tournament, the next best player will be selected. In the event there is a tie between the next available players, a game will be played to determine the tiebreaker. Quarter time for the Final tournament may be subject to change.
- Prizes have yet to be determined. Prize pool equivalent to \$1,500.
- Match-ups for the tournament will be done by random draw through Challenge.com.
- In the event of a tie game, the game will be restarted with same conditions and first to score wins the game.
- Games will be played on Xbox One and PlayStation 4 simultaneously. If there is a discrepancy to which console players prefer to play their game on, there will be a coin flip to determine which system will host the game. For the championship game, if both players cannot decide on the same system, a coin flip will determine which system will be played on. The tournament admin will decide which team is heads, and which is tails.
- Home and away teams are decided by a coin flip from the tournament admin.
- There is an 8-player minimum and 16-player maximum tournament cap (subject to change). Tournament will default to an 8-man tournament if the cap is not reached. If the 8-player minimum cap is not reached the tournament will have "byes" to fill in the missing players.
- Players are only allowed to participate in one tournament a week, unless there is availability in the second weekly tournament prior to the start of the tournament. Players are still allowed to sign up for the second weekly tournament but will be moved to the waiting list when a new participant for the week enters.
- If you believe your opponent is cheating by abusing game programming glitches to gain advantage, or is violating the parameters set by the Q-Shack staff, report it immediately. The decision made by the supervisor on disqualification or point penalty is final.

## **Game settings and play rules (subject to change)**

- All Madden skill level
- 4 minute quarters (subject to change), accelerated clock OFF
- 20 second play clock
- Chew clock OFF
- Current NFL teams only / updated rosters
- Team mirroring allowed
- No custom playbooks
- Stock audibles only
- No blocking kicks; must call FG block and put the controller down after play call screen
- No fake kicks
- In a situation where a FG is going to be attempted and the clock is running down, the Defense CANNOT jump offside in effort to make the clock stop (Excessive intentional penalties will result in disqualification)
- No onside kicks unless losing in the 4th quarter or OT only!
- No one may assist another player with decisions during the game.
- No player lock
- Mercy Rule = 21 point spread unless the losing team has a chance to score.
- Kick arc OFF
- Defensive graphics NONE
- Home advantage to lower ranked team
- No sub restrictions
- CPU assist (Ball Hawk, Heat Seeker) ON
- Must punt before the 50 yard line unless it is the 4th quarter

## **Points system**

Points will be awarded for each win in the tournament. Bonus points are awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the tournament. Bonuses are as follows:

- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> place = 3 additional points
- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 2 additional points
- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> place = 1 additional point