

2010 Whitewater Youth Football League (WYFL) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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The purpose of this document is to answer many of the questions that have been asked of me and others on the board concerning the 2010 WYFL season. If you have questions that are not addressed here, please email whitewateryouthfootballleague@gmail.com and we will answer and/or add the question and answer to this document.

Q: What is the cost for the 2010 season?

A: The total cost for registration is \$125. This cost should be thought about in two ways. 1 - The cost for participating is \$65. 2 - The minimum cost of fund raising is \$60. This covers 4 boxes of cookie dough which you can sell to earn that \$60 back. See Fund Raising Question below for more information on fund raising.

Q: When is registration?

A: The next registration is on Saturday, July 31st from 9:00 a.m. - Noon.

Q: Where is registration located?

A: Behind the Whitewater High School Football Field. There is an equipment shed back there, that's where we will be setup.

Q: What if we want to participate, but cannot attend registration on Saturday July 31st?

A: We'll make it work one way or another. The best way to avoid additional fees is to print and fill out the registration form (which can be found on the league's website www.wyflonline.com). You can either mail the form to us at:

WYFL
PO Box 328
Whitewater, WI 53190

Or...Send that registration form in with someone that is going to sign up on the 31st or send an email to whitewateryouthfootballleague@gmail.com and ask if there is a board member that

you can drop the form off with so they can bring it in on the 31st. (I am coordinating with Elkhorn families who cannot attend).

It is important that we have a good grasp as the number of participants on July 31st. We need to order new equipment, we need to recruit coaches, we need a lot of coordination to come together in a short time.

With that said, it has been the league's policy to accept additional players all the way up to first week of practices (August 22nd-28th). There will be an additional \$25 late fee for those who sign up after July 31st.

Q: Who do I contact if I want to coach (head coach or assistant)?

A: We need coaches for the upcoming season. In 2010 we have made it easier than ever to be a coach. The league will provide a structure of skills and drills for practices for coaches to follow. The league will also provide a playbook for each team to follow. The two hardest parts of being a coach are organizing the practices and running an offense. These two assets will make it easier for a new coach to field a team.

There is also a financial incentive. The \$65 registration fee is waived for any head coach (limit one per family). That means the cost to participate in 2010 is only \$60, which can be redeemed by selling the cookie dough fund raiser.

Contact us at either:

whitewateryouthfootballleague@gmail.com

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Q: What equipment does the league provide?

A: The league provides the following equipment which is loaned to the player and turned in after the last game of the season:

- ◆ Helmet
- ◆ Shoulder Pads
- ◆ Football Pants
- ◆ Hip Pads
- ◆ Thigh Pads

- ◆ Knee Pads
- ◆ Mouth Piece
- ◆ The league also provides a game jersey which is the players to keep.

Q: What equipment is not provided?

A: The league does not provide but recommends that each player procure their own:

- ◆ Football Shoes (spikes/cleats --- no metal cleats will be allowed)
- ◆ Practice Jersey

Note: Many people in the past have purchased their own mouthpieces.

Q: Is other equipment (such as elbow pads, receiver gloves, rib pads, neck brace) allowed?

A: For the most part, other equipment will be allowed (those listed above). Before you purchase anything, check with the league or your coach to make sure the equipment you want will be allowed.

Q: When are the practices?

A: I'll answer this in two parts. 1 - The skills clinic and 2 - Team practices.

1. On August 16, 17, 18 (Monday - Wednesday) the WYFL holds the mandatory skills camp / evaluation. This three-day camp style session is no contact (players do not wear pads to the camp). On Monday and Tuesday, Whitewater High School Football Coach Ben Cooper and a group of his players will take the youth players through a series of drills and teach football fundamentals. On Wednesday, the youth head coaches will step aside and divide the teams up as evenly (age & skill level) as possible (parity is a goal of the league). The youth assistant coaches will take the kids through a series of drills during the team decisions. Also on Wednesday, there will be a mandatory Parent Meeting. At the parent meeting we will discuss the goals of the league, cover the parent sportsmanship agreement, and address any questions you may have. By the time that is finished, the coaches should have teams split up. Everyone will meet at the youth fields and find out which teams they are on. And the 2010 season will be off and running!

2. After you find out which team you are on and who your coach is, your coach will set your practice schedule. The guidelines of the league for practices are as follows:

- ◆ Teams can practice up to three times per week prior to school starting.

- ◆ Teams can practice up to twice per week once school starts.
- ◆ Practices will not exceed 90 minutes in length (per practice)
- ◆ Team practices will be in full pads
- ◆ Teams are allowed to have a practice after the skills camp / evaluation. (example, I have always brought the team together on the Saturday after the skill camp to have the kids meet each other, get their pads on, and run through a series of drills to understand the skill level of each player on the team. I also use this time to meet the parents of my players, hand out the practice schedule and address any questions they may have that were not asked or answered at the parent meeting).
- ◆ Practice days and times will vary per team. Typically practices are run from 5:30 - 7:00 on whichever days work for your coach.

Q: Where will the skills camp / evaluation be in the event of inclement weather?

A: We're currently working on contingency plan and will post an answer prior to Aug 16.

Q: When are the games?

A: Games are Saturday mornings, starting on Saturday, September 11th. The last game of the season will be Saturday, October 23rd. Game times vary depending on the division (Whippet, Badger, Warhawk). Game times will either start at 9:15 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. All games are 75 minutes in length.

Q: How do the community based teams work?

A: After registration, we will have a good idea of the number of kids from each community. The number of kids from a given community (i.e. Elkhorn, Palmyra, etc) will determine how many teams that community can field. Ideally, the number of players on a team is 13-15. As numbers may present a challenge, we will address that challenge in the following:

If a community has too few players to field a team, we will look for the parents of that community to help recruit additional players from that community to field a roster. (i.e. - Calling Classmates, Church Friends, etc...)

If a community has too many players (16-22), we will do the recruiting as above and/or:

Discuss with the parents and present the option of parents volunteering to not be on a community based team OR parents will need to be comfortable with a team with a large roster (meaning less playing time in games for the kids).

When we iron out the numbers and who will be on the community based teams, then those kids will be not eligible in the draft on Wednesday, August 18th.

Community based teams may practice in their hometown. The coach of such team(s) will be responsible for coordinating where the team can practice. For Elkhorn teams, they will practice at the Elkhorn High School practice fields (next to high school field) no earlier than 5:30 p.m.

Q: Is there a copy of the leagues rules available?

A: Yes. You can find the rules for the league at <http://www.wyflonline.com/Rules/tabid/56/Default.aspx>

These are last years (2009) rules. For the most part there will not be all that many changes in the rules of gameplay. We are currently reviewing and making final modifications. The 2010 rules will be posted prior to the start of the skills clinic.

