

Frontier Youth Football & Cheer Handbook



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Registration Information

A player will not be permitted to play until written permission and a waiver of injury is signed by a legal guardian.

The Following is a REQUIREMENT for ALL players:

- Copy of a Birth Certificate
- FYFA/SAFL registration paper filled out
- Waiver for 2nd grade (football) players or out of territory players. See Registrar for information.
- All fees paid in full. Checks made out to FYFA.

Football Player Eligibility

Player must be a resident of the FYFA Territory which includes Whately, Sunderland, Conway, and Deerfield.

Any player who is “school of choice” in the above towns is eligible to play for Frontier, without a waiver.

Any player residing in a “non territory town” can play for Frontier without a waiver. (ie. Hatfield)

Football Division Requirements

Pee Wee Division

- Must be registered in 2nd, 3rd, 4th grade.
- Must be 8 years of age or turning 8 by September 1st.
- Player must not turn 11 on or before Dec 31st of the current football season.
- Second (2) graders must submit a waiver to the Registrar.

Junior Division

- Must be registered in the 5th and 6th grade.
- Must be 10 or 10 by the end of September.

Weight Guidelines

Pee Wee:

At the mandatory SAFL weigh ins, when a player weighs

- Up to 80 pounds, the player will be playing in the backfield or as a “skilled position”.
- 81 pounds or more, the player will be playing on the line as a “restricted player”.
- Questions about weight, and attendance at the weigh ins should be brought to the players Coach.
- The weigh in date for players will be announced by the FYFA Registrar.

Junior:

At the mandatory SAFL weigh ins, when a player weighs

- Up to 115 pounds, the player will be playing in the backfield or as a “skilled position”.
 - 116 pounds or more, the player will be playing on the line as a “restricted player”.
 - Questions about weight, and attendance at the weigh ins should be brought to the players Coach.
 - The weigh in date for players will be announced by the FYFA Registrar.
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Football Practice Schedule:

Practice Starts August 1st!

Runs Monday-Thursday 5:30-7PM.

On Game weekends, Sat. Morning walk thru at 9-10AM.

All practice times are subject to change at the discretion of the Coach.

****When school starts, practices change to Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:30-7****

Football Game Schedule:

Games are on Sundays (Starting in September)

Pee Wee start at 12PM

Juniors start about 1PM

Game schedule will be published on the SAFL website and also relayed to families through email and Facebook as soon as they become available.

Frontier Youth Football/Cheer Fundraising

FYFA is a **parent-run** organization. In a collaborative effort with our football families, we aim towards a common goal to continue to offer our football program with affordable registration fees.

Some examples of our annual fundraising are:

Concession Stand
50/50 Raffle
Sponsorships
Donations

We will be doing a **Cookie Dough Fundraiser (attendance is mandatory for this fundraiser for all players/cheer)** which proved extremely profitable, again this year. Each player/cheer will be given a sales sheet at practice with more information. Lets try to beat last years total!

**If a group of moms/dads/grandparents have a great idea for a fundraiser that YOU would like to set up and run, please contact Megan Dredge (meganbond7@gmail.com).

We do have an image on hand if you need a "Red Hawk" Image.**

All ideas will be heard, looked into, and discussed by the Board for final consideration.

VOLUNTEERING and HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Before each home game the FYFA Board will send out an email link to you. You will have ability to "sign up" for game day "jobs".
- **Jobs can be as small as baking for the concession stand, to doing chain gang.**
- There will also be a list going around of other ways to help out your child's team, in lue of game day volunteering. This could include donations of water bottles, buying some cleats for a player who is less fortunate, or purchasing a handful of replacement mouth guards.
- **All the above information will come to you, as the season gets started.**

Please keep in mind that this is a parent run program, and while we fully understand that time is precious for all of us, we at the FYFA encourage you to chip in where and when it makes sense for your family. Thank you so much in advance.

Parent/Guardian/Spectator
Code of Conduct

Encourage and display good sportsmanship at all times.

Never place the emotional and physical well-being of their children over the adults personal desire to win.

Remember that these are children learning a complex game/cheer.

Articulate to their children that doing one's best is more important than winning.

Guide and teach their children to respect all players, Coaches, Officials, and football/cheer families on and off the field.

Adults will not consume alcohol, use tobacco products, use vaping devices, and will not do any (legal or illegal) drugs at all FYFA events.

The above goes with **AWAY GAMES**. Please follow away game field rules and regulations.

DO NOT BRING YOUR DOGS TO ANY AWAY OR HOME FOOTBALL GAMES/PRACTICES. YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE!

Derogatory statements and unsportsmanship-like behavior toward officials, Coaches, opposing team, or any player **CAN** result in the **FORFEITURE** of the game.

Verbal and physical abuse will not be tolerated.

Negative speak or innuendos related to a person/players race, religion, gender, sexuality, or ethnicity will not be tolerated.

Parent Code of Conduct Continued

Demeaning comments regarding a player's skill level and performance will not be tolerated.

Parents will not dictate any child's playing position, time played, how many times the child throws or catches the football.

Parents will not dictate position in which their Cheer athlete will cheer or lift from.

Parents will not dictate who starts each football game.

Parents will sit back and enjoy their child working hard toward a team goal.

IMPROPER ADULT BEHAVIOR WILL RESULT IN THE FOLLOWING:

First Offense: Verbal warning to adult from FYFA President or Vice President.

Second Offense: Written warning to adult from FYFA President or Vice President.

Third Offense: A written letter presented to offending adult by the FYFA President or Vice President with orders to keep away from any and all games/practices/or FYFA function for the remainder of the season.

Complaints and Grievances

All Complaints or Grievances should be directed to the Head Coach of your players team, or President of FYFA.

All complaints will require written documentation which will include: details of the complaint, a proposed solution, and contact information of complainant.

No complaint will be acted on without the above written statement.

