2019 Youth Tackle Football

ATTENTION PARENTS: NOW WHAT HAPPENS?

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Each team will have a maximum of 28 players on the roster and up to 4 coaches. Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood affairs mandates a minimum player participation rule. All players must play in every game providing team rules have been followed and practices attended. Including 4 plays in the first half and 4 plays in the second half. The remaining plays can be on special teams or more plays on offense and defense. A participant must play in at least 10 plays per game. Each quarter will be eight minutes long.

A coach should contact all players no later than Friday, August 23, 2019. Please write down the team name, coach’s name and phone number and the practice times, days, and location for future reference. Teams will be allowed to practice 4 days a week (3 days a week when games begin) for 2 hours a day. Players should attend and be on time to all practices.

Pee Wee games will be played on Tuesday nights beginning September 24, 2019. Intermediate games will be played on either Tuesday or Wednesday nights. Junior games will be played on Wednesday nights beginning September 25, 2019. All games will be played at James Messer Sports Complex (north side-2730 Jackson Bluff Road) beginning at 6:00 PM and 7:30 PM. Each team will play a six (6) game schedule.

All players will be weighed in at equipment pick up. To participate in games, Pee Wee (8-10) players must weigh in at 125 pounds or less, Intermediate (9-11) players must weigh in at 155 pounds or less and Junior (11-13) players have unlimited weight limit. We will no longer be weighing in at the games, there will be a one time weigh in at equipment pick up at the beginning of the season.

The Tallahassee Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Affairs Department will provide the following equipment for the player’s use: helmet, shoulder pads and football pants with pads. Parents must sign an equipment letter stating all equipment will be returned at the end of the season. Please make the necessary arrangements (bring a change of clothes) for the equipment (pants included) to be returned as soon as your last game is completed. A uniform jersey will also be provided which the player may keep if a player quits before the end of the season, it is the parents’ responsibility to bring all equipment to the Main Office.

Common Questions & Answers

QUESTION: When will we know which team my son will play on?
ANSWER: You will receive a call from the coach no later than Friday, August 23rd. Remember to ask the location, days, time and the coaches name and phone number.

QUESTION: What are the ages for the Pee Wee, Intermediate and Junior Programs?
ANSWER: Pee Wee’s: 8, 9 and 10; Intermediate: 9, 10, 11; Juniors: 11, 12, 13

QUESTION: Is an eight (8) year old eligible to play?
ANSWER: Yes – 8 years old will be allowed to play as long as they are this age by September 1. There is strict enforcement of the age rule.

QUESTION: What are the maximum and minimum weights for eligibility?
ANSWER: There is no minimum. Maximum weight for Pee Wee’s is 125 lbs, 155 for the Intermediate league and unlimited weight for the Junior league. If a player does not meet these requirements at the official weight-in, he may not participate.

QUESTION: If a player is too heavy for that program, may he sign up for the next league.
ANSWER: Yes, if age appropriate for the next league

QUESTIONS: Do all players make the team?
ANSWER: Yes

QUESTION: What other athletic alternatives are there for players who exceed the weight limit for their age division?
ANSWER: We sponsor a Rookie, Pee Wee, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Flag football program for players 4-17 years of age. It is designed to teach the fundamentals of football as well as the enjoyment of the game. There are no weight and zone restrictions. Sept. 1 is the age determining date. Flag Football registration is on Sat. August 17 and the season begins September 23.

Rookie 4-6 yrs old
Pee Wee 7-8 year olds
Junior 9-10 year olds
Intermediate 11-13 year olds
Senior 14-17 year olds
QUESTION: How many practices are held each week and how long do they last?
ANSWER: Prior to the start of the season, each team may practice no more than 4 times a week and each session should last no longer than 2 hours per practice. Once the games start, practices are limited to three (3) per week and the scheduled game. Players must be on time for practice to start on time. Players coming late put a burden on the players who came to practice on time and are ready to participate.

QUESTION: How are the coach’s chosen and how much are they paid?
ANSWER: Coaches are chosen on a volunteer basis and receive no pay. The Tallahassee Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Affairs Department is selective in its choices. New Head Coaches are chosen through an interview process. Head coaches can have 3 assistants and will make these selections themselves.

QUESTION: May players request that they be placed on a particular team?
ANSWER: No. The Tallahassee Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Affairs Department staff will make assignments. This allows an equal distribution of players. We will not consider assigning a player to a team because of a coaching preference. No more than two players will be assigned together for transportation purposes. Carpool requests for players that were on a team last year will require them to come off that team and be placed in the general pool of players to be selected from.

QUESTION: Where are the practice locations?
ANSWER: In areas near where you register please see website for details (talgov.com/parks. Click all sports then football.)

QUESTION: Is proof of age required?
ANSWER: Yes. Birth Certificates, school records and hospital records may be used. A player may not participate in practice sessions without this proof.

QUESTION: Are players required to play within the zone in which they live?
ANSWER: Yes. This is the best way to keep team numbers balanced and to prevent recruiting of players.

QUESTION: When is equipment expected to be returned and may I use my own?
ANSWER: Issued equipment (helmet, shoulder pads, 7-piece padded pants) must be returned at the end of the last game. All participants must use the equipment issued by our department. There are no exceptions to this.

QUESTION: If my child has a head injury during a practice or a game, does he need a doctor’s note to return?
ANSWER: Yes, if your child incurs a head injury during a practice or a game, they must have a doctor’s note to return to action on the field.

No dogs, whether or not restrained on a leash, shall be allowed on or around active recreational areas such as athletic fields, tennis courts, playgrounds, etc.