

The *INSIDER* on Whatcom County Boys & Girls Club Youth Flag Football 2017

-Here is the PRELIMINARY(subject to change) information on Boys & Girls Club Youth Flag Football 2017.
-Note: By virtue of enrolling in the PROGRAM, the parent and youth agree to abide by all policies, decisions, directives, procedures, and rules of the Whatcom County Youth Football league.

1) The program is strictly governed by the published RULES. All rules are enforced. Whenever a question is posed, our first response is, "What do the rules say?" The quality of your experience is dependent in large part on your coach's understanding, listening, supporting, and communicating rules and procedures. Parents are responsible for assisting the coach in these endeavors. It is the responsibility of the parent and players to abide by Club rules and to assist and cooperate with the coach at all times.

2) Teams are formed out of different areas in the county: Blaine, Ferndale, Lummi, Meridian, Bellingham, Lynden, Nooksack and Mt. Baker.

3) Cost: \$90 (plus \$30 for 2017/18 club membership). Registrations: Monday, June 5 – Friday, June 16. Also on Tuesday, August 1 - Saturday, August 12 from 11am-6:00pm (weekdays). Blaine and Ferndale players register at the Ferndale Branch. Bellingham players register at the Bellingham Branch. All registrations after these dates are space available.

4) Divisions are based upon child's grade in fall of 2017
Junior Flag: 1st and 2nd graders (Kindergarten may play up)
Senior Flag 3rd and 4th graders
Super Flag 5th and 6th graders

5) Games will be played at Roosevelt Park next to the Boys & Girls Club and in Ferndale beginning Saturday Sept. 9th (there will be a Nooksack site as well) Games will be played every Saturday with the last games scheduled for October 28th. Practices begin the week of August 21st.

6) The Boys & Girls Club will provide a T-Shirt and flags for the players to wear. The flags need to be returned at the end of the season.

7) Games will have two officials. The home team is to provide someone to hold the down marker.

8) Team pictures will be taken on September 6th (Ferndale) and September 7th (Bellingham). Coaches will sign up for the exact date and time.

9) It is your responsibility to communicate with the coach and to be fully informed regarding practices, games, absences, playing time, team pictures, etc. It is your responsibility to know your coach's name and phone number.

10) Kindness, courtesy and SPORTSMANSHIP are required. We will not hesitate to act if the standards of the Club are compromised. Good sportsmanship is not extinct. Good sportsmanship begins and ends with parents.

11) Standings will not be kept for Junior Flag, but will be kept for Senior and Super Flag leagues.

12) Good citizenship is crucial to the success of this program. **Please pick up your garbage and use available recycle bins. No tobacco (including e-cigarettes and vaping) or alcohol is allowed at any program site.**

13) Membership fee is non-refundable. Athletic fee refunds will be given as a credit that can be used by any child in the household for one year from the date of credit and only if the participant is injured and has an excuse from a doctor stating that they are unable to participate. If the injury occurs prior to the start of practices a 50% credit will be granted. If the injury occurs after the first practice no credit will be granted.