

# **The INSIDER on Whatcom County Boys & Girls Club Youth Flag Football 2018**

-Here is the PRELIMINARY(subject to change) information on Boys & Girls Club Youth Flag Football 2018.

-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: \$125 (plus \$30 for 2018/19 club membership). Registrations: Monday, June 4 – Saturday, June 16. Also on Monday, July 30 - Saturday, August 11. All athletic sign ups are now online. Visit [whatcomclubs.org/athletics](http://whatcomclubs.org/athletics) and follow the link to sports engine. To confirm your membership status or if you have any other questions, feel free to call or email us.

4) Divisions are based upon child's grade in fall of 2018

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. 8th. There may be game sites at other locations for some divisions. Games will be played every Saturday with the last games scheduled for October 20th. A tournament will take place October 27th. Practices begin the week of August 20th.

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 4th (Ferndale) and September 5th (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.

## **FAQs**

**1. When will I hear from my coach?** You should hear from your coach between August 15-18th. If you do not hear from a coach by the 20th please call the athletic department. Your team may not have a coach yet and we are still looking for one or the coach may have a wrong phone number.

**2. When do practices begin?** Practices begin the week of August 20th.

**3. Where do we practice and what time?** The coach will set up a practice time and place.

**4. When are the games?** Games are on Saturdays. The first games will be September 8th and last regular games on October 20th.

**5. When are pictures?** Pictures are September 4 for Ferndale and September 5 and for Bellingham. The coach has signed up for a picture time. Please talk with them about pictures.



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