The INSIDER on Youth Flag Football 2019

-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: Ferndale and Bellingham.

3) Cost: $125 (plus $30 for 2019/20 club membership). Registrations: Monday, June 24th-Friday July 12th. All athletic sign ups are now online. Visit whatcomclubs.org/athletics and follow directions. 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 2019

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. 7th. There may be game sites at other locations for some divisions. Games will be played every Saturday with the last games scheduled for October 12th. A tournament will take place October 19th. 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 August 27th (Ferndale) and August 28th (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 1st-8th. If you do not hear from a coach by the 8th please call the athletic department so we can assist you.

2. Do you need more coaches? We are always looking for volunteer coaches! Contact athletics@whatcomclubs.org to inquire about getting involved.

3. I want to help out, but not be the head coach. What do I need to do?

Most head coaches welcome additional parent volunteers to help with the kids. Anyone working with the team MUST submit volunteer paperwork and pass a background check.

4. When do practices begin? Practices begin the week of August 12th

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

6. When and where are the games? Games are on Saturdays in Bellingham at Roosevelt Park, and Ferndale at Conoco Phillips complex. The first games will be September 7th and last regular games on October 12th. Tournament will take place October 19th.

5. When are pictures? Pictures are on August 27th (Ferndale) and August 28th (Bellingham) The coach has signed up for a picture time. Please talk with them about pictures.

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