

FLAG AND TACKLE FOOTBALL

2021 FLAG FOOTBALL - September 12 - October 10

Overview

We believe that Youth Sports should be used to develop a child's character while also giving them an opportunity to be active and enjoy being introduced to a new sport. For more experienced players we still believe in giving all children the opportunity to succeed and always place the emphasis on providing a fun environment for your kids. Flag Football is an introduction to the sport.

Practice

Practices will begin the week of August 30th Practices are 60-75 minutes in length.

Games

Game schedules will be distributed as soon as it's completed depending upon the number of teams. All teams will play games on 5 consecutive Sunday afternoons.. Games will be played for up to 75 minutes diagonally on the tackle football field.

Equipment

The YMCA will provide: footballs, flag sets, and cones. Parents will be responsible for providing: appropriate footwear (no sandals or boots), shorts and/or sweats, water, snacks.

Uniforms

Jerseys purchased at the time of registration will be distributed as soon as they are delivered. If you still need to purchase a jersey, you can do so at the Front Desk.

Coaches

Like almost all youth sports organizations, the YMCA depends on volunteer coaches to lead our teams. We believe strongly in the impact a volunteer can have on a child and encourage all parents who are able to volunteer. For information on the responsibilities of a volunteer coach or to answer any questions regarding the YMCA's Flag Football program, please contact the Sports Director, Bill Barrows, at bbarrows@wabashcountyyymca.org or at 260 563-9622 at extension 416.

Volunteer Coaches Meeting

Wednesday, August 25th @ 5:30pm out at the YMCA.

2021 TACKLE FOOTBALL - September 4 - October 16

Overview

We believe that Youth Sports should be used to develop a child's character while also giving them an opportunity to be active and enjoy being introduced to a new sport. For more experienced players we still believe in giving all children the opportunity to succeed and always place the emphasis on providing a fun environment for your kids. Tackle Football is a parallel for Basketball & Baseball for kids. Grades 3&4 will play together and Grades 5&6 will play together. Our local high school coaches help supervise this program and consider it part of their feeder program.

Practice

Practices will begin the week of August 16th Practices are 60-75 minutes in length.

Games

Game schedules will be distributed as soon as it's completed depending upon the number of teams. All teams will play games on Saturdays in the Fall. Games will be played for up to 90 minutes on a tackle football field. Games will be played at the Field of Dreams as well as some neighboring high school facilities.

Equipment

The YMCA will provide: footballs, helmets, shoulder pads, jerseys, pants with pads, tees and field markers.

Players will be fitted for equipment to ensure proper fit and safety.

Parents will be responsible for providing: appropriate footwear (no sandals or boots), mouthguards, shorts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, water, snacks.

Uniforms

Jerseys are provided and will be distributed by the coaches and need to be turned back into the coach after the season concludes.

Coaches

Like almost all youth sports organizations, the YMCA depends on volunteer coaches to lead our teams. We believe strongly in the impact a volunteer can have on a child and encourage all parents who are able to volunteer. For information on the responsibilities of a volunteer coach or to answer any questions regarding the YMCA's Football program, please contact the Sports Director, Bill Barrows, at bbarrows@wabashcountyyymca.org or at 260 563-9622 at extension 416.

Volunteer Coaches Meeting

Wednesday, August 25th @ 6pm out at the YMCA.

SAFETY: INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICIES

Games - The YMCA will decide on weather conditions 60-90 minutes prior to game start time. Any determination after that will be made on the field. This ensures that we do not cancel games "too early" and that our kids can play if at all possible. Weather is not the only factor in determining cancellation. Field conditions that are not safe will not be played on can also result in a cancellation. The Program Director will make that decision.

Practice - Decisions concerning practices will be made by individual coaches prior to practice. Please check with your coach for updates.

Rain-Outs / Game Make-Ups - Any rescheduled game overrides any set practice times. Coaches are responsible for canceling practices due to weather conditions; the YMCA is responsible for game days.

How to find out if games/practices are cancelled due to weather or field conditions:

Check Wabash County YMCA Facebook for recent posts
Check the website: wabashcountymca.org for updates

Coaches will also be made aware via email or text if there will be changes due to weather.