



WELCOME 2011 BARRINGTON YOUTH FOOTBALL FLAG FAMILIES

May 19, 2011

Welcome to what promises to be another exciting and fun year of Barrington Youth Football. Planning for the football season is well under way, and we hope your sons and daughters are excited about playing. As parents, we know that you want your child to have an enjoyable experience, as well as the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of football. We think it is important to provide you with our perspective on youth football and how we will manage our program again this year.

First and foremost, youth football exists as an experience for the children who play. The focus is on benefiting the children from the overall experience with the ongoing support of our coaches and families. For many of the children, this will be their first or second year of playing organized football, and we feel that it is important that the experience be positive. Regardless of their playing skills, each child will have the opportunity to play every position. We will do all we can to assist every player to improve their skills and knowledge of the sport. However, one of the key outcomes of playing youth football is learning the sense of "team" and the discipline of sportsmanship. It is very important that every child feels part of a team and feels good about his (or her) participation. To accomplish this, the expectation is that they will always display good behavior, be open to instruction, and accept victory and defeat with a positive attitude. Our rules regarding appropriate player rotation and sportsmanship are available on our website. We ask that all players and their families please respect the time and effort put forth by the coach and teammates and be on time to all games and practices.

This year we will again roll out our Sports Leader Program to all players and coaches encouraging a daily commitment to Respect, Humility, and Courage as an individual both on and off the football field. Sports Leader has become an integral part of our program over the past several years merging the development of lasting personal characteristics and actions with sound athletic instruction. Sports Leader takes advantage of the natural player/coach relationship to focus on character development through the teaching of virtues.

It is critical that all parents and fans also display good sportsmanship and respect for the teams, players, other fans, coaches and referees. We expect all of our families and supporters to represent our program with dignity, respect, good sportsmanship and pride.

Our emphasis is on making sure all players feel positive about their contribution and have fun playing the sport. Winning is a plus but not at the sacrifice of any player's self worth. We will have done our job if (1) all players finish the season having learned more about the game of football, (2) they feel good about playing on a team, (3) parents feel their child had a positive experience, and (4) players and parents want to come back next year.

As a program, we pride ourselves on good communication with parents, players and volunteers. We will continue to do our best to communicate to all of our families throughout the season. This communication may come via email or by phone from the board, the head of your division or your



head coach. You can also go online at www.barringtonbroncos.com to get important dates or league information.

IMPORTANT REMINDER.....The Mandatory Flag Evaluation (Mini-Combine) for all White, Black and Red division players (Not Tuffs) will be held on the Barrington High School football field between 1 and 4 pm on Sunday, May 22nd. Come any time during the 3-hour period so your player can be evaluated. Only takes 20-30 minutes. Players should wear cleats (preferred) or gym shoes, along with shorts or sweats and a t-shirt.

In late July, you will receive an email or phone call from the head coach of your child's team that will serve to introduce himself, provide contact information and other relevant details.

Please do not buy any game pants, game pants are included as part of the uniform this year.

In the meantime, here are some important dates for you to note:

Practices may begin on Monday, August 1. Between August 1 and Aug 20, teams may practice up to 4.5 hours per week. After August 21, teams are limited to 3 hours of practice per week. The specific days, times and location of practice will be determined by each individual head coach.

Picture Day will be on Sunday, August 21 at the BHS Stadium.

Opening weekend is August 20-21. Our regular season will continue for 6 weekends, followed by two weeks of playoffs. Our championship games will be played at night at the Barrington High School Stadium on Monday, October 10th. A full schedule will be supplied by your coach and will be posted on the website as soon as available.

We will again hold a season kick-off Extravaganza day on Sunday, August 21 starting at 8 am. The event was a huge success for our flag program last year. This year the event will be for the entire BYF program, both flag and tackle. The event will be held at the BHS Stadium. This day all teams will have their team and individual photos taken (picture day) by PMI, we will also hold the individual Punt, Pass and Kick (PPK) for submittal to the TCYFL competition. The BYF Sports Leader roll out presentation will also take place to all players, coaches and family, this will be scheduled by level. The day will be a festive one with Culver's selling discounted burgers and ice cream, a DJ playing music, and other local vendors with giveaways and games for the families. The new BYF Apparel will also be available for purchase.

HOLD THE DATE. OUR 4TH ANNUAL FLAG FOOTBALL BANQUET WILL BE HELD AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SEASON. **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD** AT THE STONEGATE CONFERENCE CENTRE IN HOFFMAN ESTATES. THIS WILL BE A GREAT WAY TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON AS A GROUP AND WITH YOUR INDIVIDUAL TEAMS. OVER 800 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE BANQUET LAST YEAR. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE ATTEND THIS EVENT.



Thank you again for your participation in Barrington Youth Football's Flag Program. We look forward to another successful and exciting season! Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns at flag@barringtonbroncos.com or board@barringtonbroncos.com

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