

ROCHESTER YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

GRIDIRON GAZETTE

2011 Registration

Issue No. 53

June 6th and 7th – 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
UNIVERSITY CENTER ROCHESTER SPORTS COMPLEX

REGISTRATION FEES:

RYFA fees for player involvement are **\$100.00** per individual player grades 4-8 and **\$60.00** grades 2-3, with a family maximum of \$200.00. A \$10.00 charge is included in our fee due to the Rochester Park and Recreation Department assessing RYFA a \$10.00 per player user fee for field maintenance (mowing, line painting, irrigating, etc.).

ELGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE:

All Youth residing in the Rochester School District or attending Rochester Schools are eligible to participate. Teams from outside of Rochester ISD that do not have a youth football program in that grade level may be allowed to have a team in RYFA. Communities that do have a program at that grade level will not be allowed to have a team in RYFA. Individual players from communities that do have a youth football program at that grade level may play in RYFA, but those players will be randomly assigned to a team.

EQUIPMENT:

RYFA provides each player with a game jersey. The game jersey belongs to the player and you may have the player's last name put on the back of the jersey (this is optional). Each player must provide their own shoulder pads, socks, helmet, solid white pants and pads, mouth guard and

molded cleats or rubber-soled shoes. The sporting goods stores will be selling/trading new and used equipment at registration.

RYFA'S WEB PAGE:

You may check the RYFA web page for current information. You can find our website at www.ryfa.org. If you have any questions, the phone number for Rochester Youth Football Association is 280-4701.

OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN:

The official weigh-in will take place at time of registration and will be witnessed by a RYFA board member. This weight will be the player's official weight for the entire season.

There will be no reweighing.

CHARITABLE DONATION:

RYFA is a non-profit charitable organization that provides both participation and academic scholarships to youth that participate in our program. Your **tax deductible donation** toward field development, scholarships, and/or equipment would be greatly appreciated.

RYFA REFUND POLICY:

Registration fees will be refundable up until the end of the first week of practice.

RYFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2011

Officers:

President: Mike Muehlenbein
Vice President: Jerry Shirley
Secretary: Jared Groehler
Treasurer: David Lowe

Operations Directors:

Equipment: Richard Stokes
Fields/Officials: Dan Glaser

League Directors:

2nd/3rd Grade Asst. League Dir: Mike Morrey
Lou Hermansen

4th Grade: Mike Buri
Asst. League Dir. Chad Schoenfelder
Asst. League Dir. Todd Wing

5th Grade: Jeff Wills
Asst. League Dir. Rob Cothorn
Asst. League Dir. Kevin Pavelko

6th Grade: Clint Klunz
Asst. League Dir. Dave Benson
Asst. League Dir. Scott Sheridan

7th Grade: Bruce Sherden
Asst. League Dir. Keith Paulson

8th Grade: Dan Kesler
Asst. League Dir. Scott Nickels
Asst. League Dir. Ken Wohlford

RYFA CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011

June 6th and 7th, 2011 Registration at University Center Rochester Sports Complex from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
June 20th, 2011: Make up registration at University Center Rochester Sports Complex from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. If you cannot make registration, please mail the registration form on time to avoid the late fee. Registration forms can be printed off the website.

August 1st, 2011: Coaches clinic for all coaches, new and experienced. The meeting will be held at the Rochester Community and Technical College from 7-10:00 pm.

August 20th, 2011: Equipment handout/late weigh-in

August 22nd, 2011: Practice kicks off 4th-8th grade

August 30th, 2011: Practice kicks off 2nd/3rd grade

September 1st, 2011: Picture Night 2nd/3rd grade

September 10th, 2011 Games begin

October 22nd, 2011: Playoffs

October 28th, 2011: City Championships 7th/8th Grade

October 29th, 2011: City Championships 4th/5th/6th Grade

Structure and Eligibility:

All youth entering grades 2nd - 8th are eligible to play. All leagues are based on the grade level the youth will be enrolled in this fall.

The leagues and restrictions are defined as follows:

2nd/3rd Grade League: Instructional League players are in either “Heavy” or “Light” league. Heavy/Light division at 67 pounds. Scrimmages each Saturday

4th Grade League: Players weighing more than 100 pounds may only play tackle to tackle on offense and the defensive line.

5th Grade League: Players weighing more than 110 pounds may only play tackle to tackle on offense and the defensive line.

6th Grade League: Players weighing more than 120 pounds may only play tackle to tackle on offense and the defensive line.

7th Grade League: Players weighing more than 145 pounds may only play tackle to tackle on offense and the defensive line.

8th Grade League: Players weighing more than 170 pounds may only play tackle to tackle on offense and the defensive line.

In the 4th -8th grade leagues, all players will play a minimum of 3 “periods.” Each player will play at least one period on offense and defense. No player will play more than 6 periods.

Youth Football Officials:

RYFA would like to recognize our game day officials. We ask that all parents, coaches, players and fans treat the officials with respect and dignity. Officials play an important role in the success of our program. If you are interested in becoming an official, please contact Dan Glaser. (Cell) 261-6751 (Home) 289-8193.

PLAYER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Rochester Youth Football Association is proud of its commitment to a scholarship program that provides an opportunity for those youths to play that may not be able to afford to do so by providing assistance with registration fees and equipment. Each year this program grows in the number of individuals that need assistance. To be eligible for this program, individuals need to show evidence of financial need by providing documentation of participation in the free or reduced lunch program or other documentation. Additionally, we encourage those that are willing and able to donate to this scholarship fund to do so at the time of registration. An optional suggested donation of \$25 is included on the registration form.

RYFA SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY

OBJECTIVE

TO CREATE A POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR PLAYERS, COACHES AND FANS IN WHICH TO ENJOY THE GAME.

Coaches Guidelines:

- Review and follow “Coaches Code of Conduct” and Article V, both located in the RYFA rules
- Use positive reinforcement with your players
- Treat players, fans and officials with respect
- No foul language or demeaning actions towards players, coaches, fans and officials
- Follow RYFA and Minnesota State High School League rules at all times
- All coaches will shake hands with the hands of the opposing players and coaches after the game

Players Guidelines:

- Never discredit your teammates
- No foul language or demeaning actions towards players, coaches, fans and officials
- Abide by RYFA and team rules at all times
- Show respect for coaches, teammates and officials and opponents
- All players will shake the hands of all opposing players and coaches after the game

Parents and Spectators Guidelines:

- Show respect toward coaches, players and officials
- “Let the Coach coach”
- Be a positive example of sportsmanship for your child and show support for your child, the coach and all team members
- No foul language or demeaning actions
- Observe all RYFA and Minnesota State High School League Rules
- Violators may be asked to leave the fields

Coaches Consequences:

- 1st offense: Coach appears before the RYFA Board of Directors, possible probation and/or suspension
- 2nd offense: Coach appears before the RYFA Board of Directors, possible suspension for one calendar year

Players Consequences:

- 1st offense: Warning by team’s head coach and/or RYFA Director, with an explanation of violation and possible consequences
- 2nd offense: Player appears before the RYFA Board of Directors, possible suspension

Parents and Spectators Consequences:

- 1st offense: Warning by RYFA Director with an explanation of violation and possible consequence for further violations
- 2nd offense: One game suspension
- 3rd offense: Appear before the RYFA Board of Directors for disciplinary action

The following violations of the RYFA Sportsmanship Policy will result in an automatic one game suspension:

- Intentionally failing to shake hands with your opponent after the game
- Yelling obscenities at or making obscene gestures to players, spectators, coaches and/or officials
- Fighting
- Use or possession of alcohol or tobacco products during an RYFA sanctioned game, practice or scrimmage, or by any minor at any time
- Abuse of RYFA, City of Rochester and/or school property

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RETURN THIS ENTIRE PAGE AT
TIME OF REGISTRATION

Telephone No. _____ Grade in fall of 2011 (Circle)
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Email Address (Print Clearly) _____ @ _____

School Currently Attending _____

Player's Name _____

Address _____

Parent/Guardian _____
Please Print

Please read the following and sign. This registration will not be valid unless signed.
By signing below, I understand that RYFA League Directors place players on teams based on the number of players participating and where players live. According to RYFA rules, once a player is placed on a team, he/she may not be removed from the team and placed on another unless the player was misplotted on the league map. No special placement requests will be honored.
By signing below I agree to follow and adhere to the RYFA Sportsmanship Policy noted on Page 4.

I (we) as parent(s)/guardian of the above mentioned player, acknowledge that injuries occur and I (we) will accept all risks rising from the participation of my (our) child in the RYFA program. I (we), hereby agree to waive, relapse, absolve, indemnify and hold harmless the Rochester Youth Football Association (or any member), Rochester Park and Recreation Department (or any employee thereof), Rochester Public and/or Parochial Schools (or any employee thereof), Sponsors, Participant, Coaches, Referees, Organizer, or any other individual that is directly or indirectly involved with the operation of this program. BY SIGNING, THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN STATES THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT THE RISKS AND HAZARDS OF INJURIES AND WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RETURNING ALL ISSUED EQUIPMENT IN REUSABLE CONDITION.

Parent(s) and or Guardian signature Date

Weight _____ (To be filled in by RYFA Board Member)
Witnessed by RYFA Board Member _____ (Initials of Board Member)
Jersey Size _____

Registraion Fee \$60.00
Late Fee (After July 1st) \$15.00
Suggested Scholarship Program Donation \$25.00
Total Amount Paid _____
Board Member Initials Paid _____

Approximate Weight for mail in Registrations only (For Jersey Sizing Only) _____

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