

## Welcome/Welcome Back YYF Families!

We are excited to kick off another season of football! This letter is an explanation of how things will work this season as an introduction of what to expect if you're new to YYF, or a refresher for returning families. Please read this letter carefully; by clicking the box through the TeamSnap registration, you agree that you have read and understand the content of this letter, and that you and your player are fully committed to participating in this season. Keep this letter to check back with later if you need to.

### York Youth Football

YYF is a registered 501c non-profit organization. We are run by a **completely volunteer** Board of Directors and coaching team who operate year-round to take care of all football program business – **there are no paid positions**. YYF is not affiliated with York Parks & Rec; the only involvement YPR has is field maintenance and determining our field usage/access due to weather and other scheduling reasons, as our Bog Rd field is a town owned and maintained field. There are countless hours put into the running of the program by our volunteers so we ask for your patience and understanding as we all do the best we can do around our jobs and lives outside of football.

### Sick/Injured

If your player is sick do not send them to practice, event to watch from the sidelines. Whether it is COVID or not we don't want to spread any illness throughout the team. If your player is injured, your player is welcome at practice with parental supervision. Our coaches are focusing on what's happening with practicing players on the field – not monitoring kids on the sidelines.

### Practices

Should go without saying but....Players are expected to show up to practice ON TIME and ready to go in their full gear – not getting dressed when practice is starting. Late arrivals are disruptive and players lose valuable time on the field. Players are expected to pay attention and conduct themselves in a respectful manner.

### Games

So much fun but there's a lot going on so here's what you need to know....

Each level (Mites, Pee Wees, Juniors) is made up of 2 grades and treated as one team for practices and games, however, do play their own games back-to-back that all players dress for and are on the sidelines for. For example: Pee Wee 6<sup>th</sup> graders play their own game first on game days and Pee Wee 5<sup>th</sup> graders play second. While mostly 6<sup>th</sup> graders will play in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade game and vice versa, all players are to be present and in their gear for both games in the event players from the other grade are needed. When 6<sup>th</sup> graders are playing, all 5<sup>th</sup> graders are on the sidelines ready in their full gear and when the 5<sup>th</sup> graders are playing, 6<sup>th</sup> graders stay in their full gear until the 5<sup>th</sup> grade game is over – they are still 1 team while the other grade is playing. Players are not allowed to leave the sidelines unless using the facilities and there is no food to be brought on the sidelines. This goes for all grade levels.

### Mouth Guards

Mouth guards are required by YYF, SMYFL and the referees for practice and play; coaches do not supply them. If your players shows up without a mouth guard they will not be allowed to practice or play in that game.

### Parent Expectations

Having a kiddo playing football is a commitment on the part of the player and parent as with any sport. Parents are expected to get their players to and from practices on time and with all of their gear including water bottles. Players who are not will be asked to sit. **Please note that parents and siblings are not permitted to be on the field/inside the fence during practices or games – home or away. If your child gets hurt, coaches and/or trainers will attend to the player and call you out if needed.** **Home football games** are a lot of fun, but are a production and require all hands on deck – it takes a village! For each of the scheduled home games we need 11 volunteers at each game at each level; 11-5<sup>th</sup>

grade parents volunteering while the 6<sup>th</sup> graders play and those parents watch that game, and then 11-6<sup>th</sup> grade parents volunteering while the 5<sup>th</sup> grade game is being played:

- Field Set Up – 1 volunteer
- Admissions/Gate – 1 volunteer
- Concessions – 2 volunteers
- Grill – 1 volunteer
- Tower: These positions really make the game, especially the announcer who needs the spotter & what's a good game without a scoreboard?? If you have experience with any of these and can definitely help let us know!!
  - 1 announcer
  - 1 game spotter
  - 1 clock/scoreboard
- Chains – 3 volunteers
- Field Break Down – 1 volunteer

You will choose where/when you volunteer via Signup Genius that will be sent out as soon as possible before the first home game. Once you have signed up for a volunteer slot it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to find a replacement if you cannot be there.

### **REQUIRED FORMS**

- Medical Release form – take our form to your pediatrician to be filled out and signed **OR** you can bring your pediatrician's own completed form. Players are not able to play without this form so plan ahead for an appointment, or the York Walk In Clinic can perform sports physicals as well for a \$50 out of pocket fee.
- Liability Waiver – read carefully check the box to agree during registration
- Code of Conduct – read carefully check the box to agree during registration
- This Parent Letter – read carefully check the box to agree during registration

### **Complaints**

We ask that all player parents & family members who have any practice or game issues to go to their team's head coach as a first step, after they take 24 hours to "cool down" if upset and not an emergency (please refer to the Code of Conduct agreement regarding this also). Reach out to coaches for a face-to-face meeting – coaches will not converse about any issues over email. If after having waited 24 hours and having a discussion with the head coach, parents & family members may contact the YYF President at [yfpresident@gmail.com](mailto:yfpresident@gmail.com) for further help. Any other organizational complaints can be directed to the YYF President as well.

Thank you all for your support and cooperation for a smooth and successful season!!