

PYFA – Welcome Letter

Welcome to the Mountain Park Athletic Association (MPAA). The PYFA Football Program is governed by the Gwinnett County Football League (GFL). Should you have questions or require additional information regarding the program, you may call Eric Miller or Greg Kable.

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Football Director
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Registration

Registration for your football player will be based on his/her age on September 1st. Signing the PYFA and GFL registration forms indicates that you agree, understand, and will abide by the rules and regulations of the GFL, PYFA and MPAA. This includes the GFL Code of Conduct, MPAA Code of Conduct, and the rules, regulations, and obligations in this packet. Only parents or legal guardians showing proof of guardianship will be permitted to register their child. Any football player registered with an illegal signature will be removed from the roster.

Payments

Mountain Park **will NOT accept personal checks.** Therefore, all fees will need to be paid with **CASH, MONEY ORDER, or CREDIT CARD.**

The registration fee is \$205.00. The registration fee will include a practice t-shirt, uniform pants, jersey and activity fee. MPAA is always willing to work with parents to ensure the football experience is positive and affordable. If you need to make payment arrangements or need assistance, please contact the MPAA Football Director.

Regulations and Obligations

The use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products is strictly prohibited on any of the Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation properties. Violation of this rule could result in parents or spectators being banned from county properties as well as your football player being removed from their team. In addition, Law Enforcement Authorities could become involved.

Our staff is comprised of very hard working volunteers and courtesy towards them is expected. Parents are asked to display a respectful attitude of conduct toward all members of the football staff as specified in the MPAA and GFL Codes of Conduct. They are asked to speak privately and tactfully should they have questions or concerns. Any unresolved matters may be brought to the attention of the Football Director.

As this program is for our children, we must behave responsibly in order to set a good example for them. Any display of unsportsmanlike conduct by parents or spectators will be addressed by the GFL Representative at the field. Parents are responsible for relaying the information in the MPAA and GFL Codes of Conduct to their son/daughter.

The football players are to demonstrate exemplary behavior when they are in their PYFA uniform. Remember, we are representatives of the Parkview Cluster. Each team will be scheduled concession stand and gate duty. Detailed information regarding this obligation is located in the football section on the MPAA website (www.plaympaa.com). The concession stand and gate duty

rules are also listed on this site. In the event a team splits, it will occur before the first football game of the season. Once a team is split, placement is final and no other changes will be made. Parents are not permitted to request their football player's placement on a particular team. Consideration may be given when placing twins or other siblings on teams. Parents should make the coaches aware of any twin or sibling situations prior to try outs for team splits.

Practice and Game Obligations

Being on a football team takes practice, the same as with other sports and all children will be expected to attend practices. Practice will begin July 25, 2010. For the first two weeks practices will be held Monday thru Friday for 2 hours a night, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The third week of practice, when school begins, practices will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday for 1½ hours each night. Times for these practices vary depending on the amount of teams in PYFA. It is important that your football player be on time for practices and games. If your football player must miss a practice or game, you are asked to call your team mom prior to the event. In the event a coach feels that a player should not participate in a game for missing multiple practices, he/she must first advise the Football Director of this decision. To avoid any problems, it would be helpful if you would make arrangements to accommodate your football player's schedule during the season.

Each child between the ages of 6-9 years old should have a parent or other responsible adult stay with them during ALL football events, for example, practices, games, and the clinics. Should you work out carpool arrangements, your team mom will need permission slip and phone numbers where a parent can be reached in case of emergency. Parents of children ages 10 and up are not required to stay, but they must return 15 minutes before practice ends to pick up their football player and receive important updates regarding upcoming events, schedules, or schedule changes. It is very important that you arrive on time for pick up; we are all mothers/fathers with family responsibilities and need to get home.

Football Uniforms and Accessories

On uniform fitting day, a Colter Sports representative will take measurements for the uniforms. The representative will make recommendations as to the sizes, however, the final decision as to the size to order will be that of the parent or legal guardian as there are no guarantees regarding the fit of the uniform.