



WELCOME 2010 BARRINGTON YOUTH FOOTBALL FLAG FAMILIES

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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. It is for their benefit, rather than for the coaches or parents. 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.

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.



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 until you talk to your head coach.

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

Practices may begin on Sunday, August 1. Between August 1 and Aug 21, 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 22 at the BHS Stadium (The BHS Gym will serve as a "bad weather" back-up option)

Opening weekend is August 21-22. 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 11th. A full schedule will be supplied by your coach and will be posted on the website as soon as available.

OUR 3RD ANNUAL FLAG FOOTBALL BANQUET WILL BE HELD AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SEASON. DATE AND LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED. THIS WILL BE A GREAT WAY TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON AS A GROUP AND WITH YOUR INDIVIDUAL TEAMS. OVER 850 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE BANQUET LAST YEAR. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE ATTEND THIS EVENT. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW...

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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