

BARRINGTON YOUTH FOOTBALL

FEATHERWEIGHT FAMILIES



July 12, 2010

Welcome to the 2010 Barrington Youth Football season. Your child will be participating at the "Featherweight" level for the 2010 season. The general designation of a Featherweight player is someone who weighs less than 97 pounds in the 9- and 10-year old age group with some exceptions.

Our primary objective this season is to make sure every player has a great deal of fun, learns the game of football, grows as a young man, and, most importantly, feels good about themselves. Winning is a plus, but not at the expense of any player's self worth. We will have done our job if all players finish the season having learned more about the game of football; having grown as an individual and a teammate; and that the parents feel their child has had an overall positive experience.

We strive to align each player with the appropriate team and at the right position for their success as both an individual and as part of the team. Rest assured our efforts will be focused on each and every boy in the program.

We will do our best to communicate with you in a timely manner. As you can imagine, we have a lot of work to prepare all of the boys for the upcoming season, but please know that we understand the importance of good communication with the players and their families.

Communication will be done primarily by email, and occasionally by phone, from the Featherweight Level Head or one of the Featherweight Coordinators or coaches. We have a large group of players so please make sure we have the appropriate email addresses from you and that you are reading your email on a regular basis. You can also go online to: www.barringtonbroncos.com to get important dates and information. Barrington Youth Football participates in The Chicagoland Youth Football League (TCYFL), which has its own informative website - www.TCYFL.net. All game schedules, rules and team standings are listed on the TCYFL website during the season.

The entire Featherweight program will be starting practice on Monday, August 2nd, which is one week later than originally communicated. We will spend the first two full weeks (Monday through Friday) together as one group. These first two weeks will be conducted in a camp-like setting with the emphasis placed on teaching the boys the fundamentals of football, getting them the proper conditioning, evaluating them for team placement, and having a great deal of fun in the process.

Provided below is a breakdown of dates and times for the first two weeks:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
<u>Week #1</u>			
Mon, Aug 2 nd	5:45-8:15 pm	Langendorf Park	Helmet Only
Tues, Aug 3 rd	5:45-8:15 pm	Langendorf Park	Helmet Only
Wed, Aug 4 th	5:45-8:15 pm	Langendorf Park	Helmet and Shoulder Pads
Thur, Aug 5 th	5:45-8:15 pm	Langendorf Park	Helmet and Shoulder Pads
Fri, Aug 6 th	5:45-8:15 pm	Langendorf Park	Helmet and Shoulder Pads
<u>Week #2</u>			
Mon, Aug 9 th	5:45-8:15 pm	Langendorf Park	Full Pads
Tues, Aug 10 th	5:45-8:15 pm	Langendorf Park	Full Pads
Wed, Aug 11 th	5:45-8:15 pm	Langendorf Park	Full Pads
Thur, Aug 12 th	5:45-8:15 pm	Langendorf Park	Full Pads
Fri, Aug 13 th	5:45-8:15 pm	Langendorf Park	Full Pads

The above format follows the rules of TCYFL whereby 10 hours of conditioning is required before full pads and full contact.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *For Week One.....in addition to the equipment designated above, please make sure the boys have cleats, shorts, athletic cups, tee-shirts, mouth guards and plenty of water. For Week Two, full pads with cleats, athletic cups, mouth guards and plenty of water.*

On Friday night, August 13th and Saturday August 14th.....the boys will be divided into teams. Teams will be announced on Monday, August 16th at Langendorf Park at 5:45 pm.....and each team will split off to conduct their first team practice in full pads. Practice locations for each individual team will be determined at a later date.

For each practice this season, please make sure that your son's equipment is put on correctly: shoes tied tightly, shoulder pads and rib pads secure, an athletic cup, etc. This is important for your son's safety!! If you have any questions, please see one of the coordinators at the beginning of practice.

****PLAYERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WEAR THEIR GAME PANTS OR GAME JERSEY TO PRACTICE. GAME JERSEYS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BEFORE THE FIRST GAME.**

We will form a Big 10 team and 4-5 Pac 10 teams. Depending upon the number of players in each community, we will likely form a MAC team. Currently, we have just over 100 boys registered in our division.

The Big 10, or "A" team, will consist of approximately 18 boys and will likely play on Sundays.

The MAC, or "B+" team, will consist of roughly 18 boys and will play on Saturdays and/or Sundays. There will be equal playing time, 11 on, 11 off.

The Pac 10, or "B" teams, will be equally divided and play primarily on Saturdays. There will be equal playing time, 11 on, 11 off.

Once school starts, we will practice 3 days per week. The specific days are determined by each team's head coach.

Scrimmage Weekend- August 21st/22nd. We will be holding a BYF PAC scrimmage event this year. Our PAC teams will scrimmage internally against another PAC team. Big 10 and MAC will be scrimmaging Buffalo Grove.

Our first games will be the weekend of August 28th and 29th - Traditionally, we play nine games and possibly 2-3 playoff games.

Other important dates:

August 26th, (Thursday) 6:00pm, Barrington High School Pep Rally- BHS Gym

September 14th (Tuesday) Picture Day, Barrington High School Stadium

We look forward to meeting you, coaching your son, having a great season!

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please feel free to contact me (see below) or the BYF Board at: board@barringtonbronzos.com

Featherweight Level Head and Coordinators

- Erik Doersching (Level Head).....(847)651-0073 cell or edoersching@tcrossinc.com
- Stephen Hegarty (Featherweight Coordinator)
- Frank Kmet (Featherweight Coordinator)
- Mike Owsley (Featherweight Coordinator)
- Ray Niro (Featherweight Coordinator)

Finally, while I have already reached out to all the Dads that indicated their desire to coach at registration.....if you have any interest in coaching, and haven't communicated with me already, please shoot me an email. In this email, please indicate the coaching position you would like to be considered for.....i.e. Full Time Head Coach, Full Time Assistant Coach or a Part Time Assistant Coach/Team Helper. A coaches meeting will be held prior to the start of the season.