



American Youth Football Fact Sheet



“The largest youth football organization in the Nation”

WHAT IS AMERICAN YOUTH FOOTBALL, INC.?

American Youth Football, Inc., established in 1996, is an international youth football organization established to promote the wholesome development of youth through their association with adult leaders in the sport of American football. Rules and regulations are established to ensure that players play in an atmosphere of safety with a competitive balance between teams. American Youth Football is on a mission to GIVE BACK to the community. The NFL recognizes this firm commitment and AYF has been made a national youth partner of the National Football League.

THIS IS AMERICAN YOUTH FOOTBALL

AYF members believe that each of us can make a difference where we live and how we live. **AYF's philosophy is to allow local members to govern themselves while remaining non-intrusive.** AYF is the fastest growing youth organization in America and in just six years is in 44 states with more than 200,000 documented participants. AYF welcomes everyone, regardless of financial capabilities, location, participation, and pledges to support youth football and to do its best to help those leagues that need help in order to build stronger communities. AYF offer both football and cheer programs designed to teach sportsmanship, teamwork, honesty, responsibility, self-reliance and self-discipline. AYF also promotes the importance of academics and offers end of season recognition to individual players and teams who excel in the classroom.

WHO CAN JOIN?

American Youth Football, Inc., is open to all youth sponsored organizations, plus Boys' & Girls' Clubs, YMCAs, PALs, recreation departments, and any other youth organization willing to abide by its high standards.

RULES

The National Federation of State High School Athletic Association playing rules are the basic AYF guide. Additionally, those states that participate in the NCAA playing rules are also acceptable. AYF modifies these rules to adjust to ages and weights, psychology and philosophy of its program.

LOCAL CONTROL

Each AYF member, league or football club is self-governing with freedom to elect its own officials and oversee the enforcement of its own well being as long as it agrees to participate within the framework of the AYF basic tenets, philosophy and regulations. This pushes decision-making down to the league level rather than at the regional or national level.

LENGTH OF SEASON

Football and cheer practice begins August 1, 2005. Season opening games will commence Labor weekend. Each team can expect to play an eight game season. This does not include post-season play opportunities that are offered to Jr. Pee-Wee divisions and higher.

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