

# Coaches Meeting Chiefs Flag Football July 25, 2024



#### Thanks!

- Thank you for coaching and volunteering your time to mentor young kids.
- Great way to make a difference in our community.







# Housekeeping

- Footballs
- Sign-In Sheet for attendance at tonight's meeting
- Handouts
  - Copy of PowerPoint Slides
  - NFL Flag Football Rulebook
  - League Rules Modifications/Clarifications
  - Field Diagram
  - How to Shorten Your Belts
  - NFL Flag Footballs (red, blue, & brown)
  - Indemnification form
  - Spring/Summer Program Guides
  - Ice Cream Coupons
- 90-minutes meeting. Steve then Rob Gourley (Lead Official)
- Hold questions until the end please

#### Our Goal

 Provide a safe, fun, and enjoyable youth sport experience for the kids in our community



# League Perks

 JC Parks has partnered with the The Kansas City Chiefs again (year 4) to provide an exciting league with perks, like official Chiefs gear, including a reversible (red & white) jersey, flags, etc.



# League Perks (cont.)

- Participants in the league will also get special opportunities throughout the year, like:
- Chiefs Game Day inclusion
- Virtual engagements & Chiefs special guest' appearances
- Chiefs Training Camp/Skills Clinics
- Coaching education & support
- And much more at: <a href="mailto:chiefsflag">chiefs.com/chiefsflag</a>



# League Formation

Grade	Evening	# Teams
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Mon.	14
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Tues.	15
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Wed.	16
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Thur.	10
5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Thur.	8
Total		63 (609 kids)

#### Websites

- Please see the websites linked below for more info.
  - <u>– jcparks.com.</u>
    - Search for Chiefs Flag Football
  - teamsideline.com/jeffersoncity
    - Coaches Registration
    - Game Schedules

#### Background Checks

- As part of the Coach's Registration, we also require all head coaches to submit their information for a <u>criminal background check</u> through bchex (formerly the Background Investigation Bureau (BIB).
- Take about 1-2 days to be approved.
- I will contact you if it is not approved.
- If account is active, won't allow duplicates.

#### **Team Sites**

- So you can see the players on your roster, the parents, and their contact information.
- Yesterday you received an automatic email with a link to your team site from TeamSideline.
- Check your junk mail in case it went there.

#### **Team Names**

- Chosen during Coaches Registration by the Head Coach.
- Preference was given to the coaches who registered first.



#### Team Rosters

- Each team has 1 Head Coach and up to 3 Assistant Coaches.
- Teams were formed by schools first, then reciprocal buddy requests.
  - Coaches submit rosters for Modified teams, but not Modified division this year, all Rec.
- I cannot take any late registrations.
- We prefer rosters to be around 10 players or less.
  - The league format is 5 vs. 5.

#### Communications

- Please contact all of your team parents ASAP to:
  - introduce yourself
  - let them know they are on your team
  - inform them of any possible upcoming practices
  - verify their contact information, etc.
- There are also many free apps available for team communication like GroupMe, Team Snap, & Remind.

# Parent Meeting

- Set up a Parent
   Meeting so they can
   meet you and so you
   can go over your
   expectations, goals,
   etc.
- Quick meeting for 5-10 minutes before your first practice.



#### Indemnification Forms

- Each parent on your team must fill out an Indemnification Form and return it to the Head Coach at the Parent Meeting/1<sup>st</sup> Practice.
  - On the Chiefs Flag Football league website.
- Includes important information including indemnification, treatment authorization, emergency contact information, and medical conditions.
- Distribute, collect, and keep these until the season is over.
- You do not need to submit these forms to me.

# Flag Football Resources

- Resources for Flag Football plays, etc.
  - flagfootballplans.com
    - Color coded 5 on 5 flag football plays
      - 25 Flag Football Plays (18) Run (7) Pass
      - **-** \$25
    - Colored Wristbands
      - **-** \$15



# Flag Football Resources (cont.)

- nflflag.com
  - Drills, playbooks, etc.





#### **Certification Course**

- We certify all of our coaches through an online course from the National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS).
- If you are a new coach to our programs, you will need to take
- Coaching Youth Sports (1 hour)
- Basic Youth Sports Safety & First Aid Training (50 minutes)
- Coaching Youth Flag Football (35 minutes).
- There is no charge for this.
- It can be done online at your leisure, but please allow 2-3 hours for this.
- Complete your certification before your 1<sup>st</sup> game.
- I will send you an automatic email soon, through NAYS, with a link to the course.



# **Certification Course (continued)**

- After completion of the Coach Training, coaches become full members of NAYS.
- As members, coaches receive:
  - \$1,000,000 excess liability insurance coverage
  - access to a members-only section of the NAYS website, with coaching resources and additional training opportunities.
    - Resource Library, Coach Rating System, Skills and Drills section, and a Coaching Forum.
    - Coaches have the ability to complete several additional trainings at no cost as well.
- If you have taken the general course, but not the football course, I will add that for you.
- If your membership has expired, I will renew it for you.
- If you are certified through another organization, please email me your membership card for verification purposes.

#### **Assistant Coaches**

- I prefer that Assistant
   Coaches complete the
   <u>Coach's Registration</u>
   and submit a
   background check
- They do not need to take the certification courses.



#### Game Schedules

- All teams will play 6 games.
- Games are once a week unless we need to do Bye weeks because we have an odd number of teams in a division (2nd Grade only).
- Games will begin the week of Aug 19 and go until at least Sept. 26.
   Please keep Sept. 30-October 24 open for Bye weeks and rain make-ups.
- Game schedules will be released on TeamSideline at <u>teamsideline.com/jeffersoncity</u> about 1-2 weeks before the season starts.
- If there are any dates a majority of your team is not able to play, please let me know ASAP.
  - I will try to accommodate, but no guarantees.

# Game Times/Location

- Games will start at either:
  - 5:30, 6:30, & 7:30 PM
  - or 6:00 & 7:00 PM
  - One 8:00 PM for Grades 5-6 only
- Games are 40 minutes each with a running clock and a 2minute halftime.
- Games are scheduled 60 minutes apart.
- You can practice/warm-up in the out-of-bounds areas 30 minutes prior to each game.
- All games will be played at our 63 Diamonds Sports Complex.
  - 12143 Renz Farm Road, Jefferson City, MO 65101

#### **Practices**

- Practice dates, times, and locations are up to the Head Coach.
- We are offering our North Jeff Blue & Red Tee-Ball fields (904 4th St. Jefferson City, MO 65101) free for all teams to use for practices.
- 4 half-sized fields(1A, 1B, 2A, & 2B).
- I will email a Sign-Up soon.
  - Post on the league website afterwards.

#### Practices (cont.)

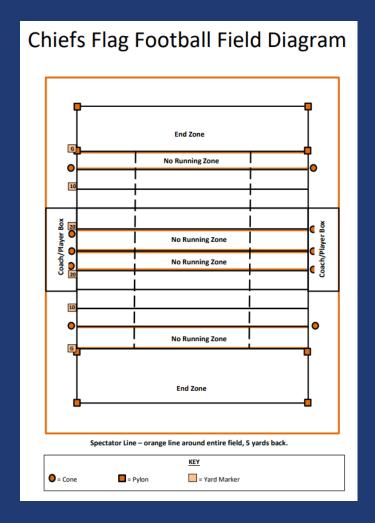
- Times available on weeknights are 5:00-6:30 & 6:30-8:00.
- Weekends are available from 8 AM-8 PM, also in 90-minute time slots (8:00-9:30 am, etc.)
- To allow equal access, teams are only allowed 1 practice per week on these fields.
- We have a portable restroom there.
- Of course, you are free to practice at any other church or school fields you have access to as well.

#### League Rules

- We use the NFL Flag Football Rule Book.
  - Please become very familiar with the rules.
- We also have our own JC Parks League Rules <u>Modifications/Clarifications</u>.
- Field Layout is 70 x 25 yards for all grades
  - Note the No Running Zones (Pass Only)
- Home team provides a volunteer to operate the portable, tabletop scoreboard.
- Away team provides the volunteer to operate the down marker.

# Field Diagram

 The field diagram illustrates field dimensions, end zones, no running zones, the coaches/players box, and where cones, pylons, and yard markers are placed.



# Scores/Standings & Awards

- Score and standings are kept for all grades.
- All players will receive an award (i.e. medal).
  - —Please hand them out after your last game.

#### Team equipment

- Equipment provided:
  - 1-2 new & 2-3 used footballs per team
  - Grades 1-2 get 3 red footballs
  - Grades 3-4 get 5 blue footballs
  - Grades 5-6 get 5 brown footballs
    - New balls ordered later will be with jerseys/belts
    - All footballs must be returned at the end of the season
  - Flag Belts
    - These belong to the players
    - Recommend you label and keep during season
    - Trim excess length so not mistaken for a flag
    - Tape the belts so it stays at a certain length

# Individual Equipment/Gear

- All Players must wear a mouth guard.
  - Not sure if Chiefs will provide mouth guards again.
  - Extra mouth pieces for sale at the Concession Stand for \$2.
  - Or buy your own at sporting goods store.
- Cleats or tennis shoes recommended.
  - No metal spikes
- The flags and sockets on the belts cannot be altered in any way.

#### Game Balls

- The offensive team will provide the game ball to the official.
- The game ball will switch out with each change of possession.



#### Jerseys

- Each participant receives a Chiefs reversible jersey.
  - Home team will wear RED side out.
  - Away team will wear WHITE side out.
- All jerseys must always be tucked in.
- Sizes based on what the parents ordered.
  - Jerseys will be new, from the NFL, and true to size.

#### Coach's Shirts

- Coaches who register through TeamSideline may receive a coach's shirt if supplies allow.
- If not, please introduce yourself to the officials before each game so they know who the Head Coach is.

#### Sportsmanship

- Everyone must always use good sportsmanship and conduct themselves in a professional and respectful manner.
- This includes all coaches, players, parents, and fans.
- Head Coaches are responsible for the behavior of everyone associated with their team.



# Sportsmanship (cont.)

- We have a zero-tolerance policy and will not tolerate bad sportsmanship from anyone.
- Consequences will include ejections, suspensions, removal from the league and any means necessary to ensure the kids have a safe, fun, and enjoyable youth sports experience.
- Please also respect your opponent and do not run up the score. Once a team is up by 35 points, the game will end.
- Please sub different kids in at various positions to help keep the score more competitive.

# Playing Time

- Equal playing time is required in Rec leagues.
- All players must have the same amount of playing time on offense and defense.
- All players must play a minimum of four positions throughout the season (minimum: two offense, two defense).
- I've found that it works well to plan this out and write/type it out before the game begins

#### Cancelations

- Please go to jcparks.com/polices, then Cancellations Youth Sports, to read our cancellation policies and procedures
- in case of inclement weather. Please check our cancellations website first. The first update will be posted
- at jcparks.com/cancellations.
- In case of inclement weather, please sign up to receive text alerts from JC Parks via TeamSideline.
- An email will also be sent to all coaches & parents.
- We usually make a decision on cancellations at about 3 PM.
- We will play football in the rain, but not if it is storming or lightning.

# Officials/Facility Supervisors

- We provide 2 Officials for each game & a Facility Supervisor.
- If you need any assistance, please talk to them.
- Please report all emergencies, accidents, incidents, etc. to the Facility Supervisor ASAP.
- Please be considerate and respectful in all dealing with the Officials & Facility Supervisors

#### Survey

- At the end of each season, we will email a brief (3-5 minute) online survey to all coaches and parents.
- Please take the time to offer us constructive feedback so we can continue to improve all aspect of our operations and service.



# Questions for me & Lead Official Rob Gourley?



# Thanks again!

Thanks again for coaching and thank you for your time and efforts
as we all work together to provide a safe, fun, and enjoyable youth
sports experience for the kids in our community

Sincerely,

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