



AYFA Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

➤ Who is eligible to play?

- The AYFA serves middle school youth from the Appleton area that are in grades 6th-8th grade. The 6th and 7th grade programs fall under the AYFA club program and the 8th grade program is a partnership with the Appleton Area School District. 8th grade students must attend one of the AASD middle schools in order to participate.

➤ How do we get on a team?

- When registering, players will choose which high school they plan on attending when they reach 9th grade. This will determine which team they will be placed on during their time in the AYFA. We currently are aligned with Appleton East (Rebels), Appleton West (Tigers), and Appleton North (Chargers). Each program works in conjunction with their respective high school program to prepare players for the transition to High School football.

➤ How much does it cost?

- For the 6th and 7th grade programs, the fee schedule for 2018 is as follows:
 - \$150 - Registration Fee
 - \$75 - Volunteer Fee (Refunded once volunteer service is met)
 - \$225 – Optional Fundraiser Buyout
 - Players are encouraged to participate in the fundraiser vs. choose the buyout.
- For 8th grade players the fee is a \$40 co-curricular fee that is paid to AASD.
 - Players are also expected to assist with the fundraiser
- Scholarships are available to those in financial need...no player will be turned away for financial reasons.

➤ How do we register?

- Registration is available on the AYFA website at:
 - www.AppletonYouthFootballAssociation.com
 - Registration is open for 6th & 7th Grade
 - 8th Grade opens March 31st



➤ **What equipment is needed?**

- All football equipment for 6th & 7th grade players is provided by through the AYFA. AASD provides equipment for 8th grade players.
- Players need to provide cleats and a mouth-guard.

➤ **What are Guardian Caps?**

- ***Player safety is our number one priority! In 2018 ALL of our AYFA teams were provided Guardian Caps to wear during all practices.***

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- Soft-shell helmet cover designed for impact reduction
- Reduces impact up to 33%
- Insulates in hot & cold weather
- Water resistant
- Lightweight
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- One-size fits all (Youth S - Adult XL)
- Fits both lacrosse and football helmets
- 5 colors: black, red, silver, camo, vegas gold
- Connects to the facemask with 4 elastic straps

➤ **Where & when are games? Who do we play?**

- Games are held on Saturdays at the following times:
 - 6th Grade – 10:30 am
 - 7th Grade – 12:00 pm
 - 8th Grade – 1:30 pm

- We play an 8 game schedule, 4 home games and 4 away
 - Season begins third Saturday of August through End of October.
 - Home games are played at the respective high schools on the turf fields.
 - 2 Game Playoff for 7th & 8th Grade last two weeks of October
 - Transportation is provided to away games
 - Players are required to ride bus to away games

- We play in the Great Lakes Independent Football Leagues (GLIFC)
 - Teams are from NE Wisconsin Area
 - Allouez Buccaneers
 - St. Joes Wildcats (Green Bay)
 - St. Phillips Falcons (Green Bay)
 - Oshkosh West Eagles
 - Sheboygan North Raiders & South Redwings
 - Fond du Lac Cardinals
 - Appleton North /East/West

➤ **What is 7 on 7?**

- 7 on 7 is an opportunity for skill position players (QB/RB/WR/TE/DB/TE) to try new positions while learning their respective team's base offense and defense. Think two hand- touch using the Chargers, Tigers, and Rebels schemes.

- It is open to all AYFA Players and there is no cost to participate.

- 6th Grade plays @ Appleton West / 7th Grade @ Appleton North / 8th Grade @ Appleton East

- Dates for 2018 – 6/20, 6/27, 7/11, & 7/11
 - Session runs from 1:30-3:00

- Players can wear shorts, t-shirts and cleats

➤ **When does practice start? Practice Times?**

- We begin practice the Monday closest to August 1st.
- Practice times are determined by each head coach, but they are typically from 5:30 -7:30 M/T/W/TH during the summer, and then M/T/TH once school begins. Practice times are adjusted as daylight fades in the Fall.

In 2017, Appleton North Chargers held practices at North, Appleton East Rebels at Madison Jr. High, and Appleton West Tigers at Wilson Jr. High.

- Additional questions can be sent to AppletonYouthFootball@gmail.com

