

# Football Parent Handbook



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## **MYA:**

Mooreville Youth Athletics, was established in 2014. MYA is a Mooreville based youth organization created to promote the healthy development of youth through athletic participation and mentorship. The organization's emphasis is on learning, playing, and enjoying sports, while instilling high moral standards and stressing the importance of academic achievement and community involvement.

## **Mission:**

It is the mission of the MYA to deliver youth athletic programs to the Mooreville community that offer competitively balanced teams, acute emphasis on individual participation, and affordable and accessible registration and play.

MYA will deliver programs so as to instill self-confidence and sense of self-worth that extend beyond the playing field, thus enabling the success traits our youth need to face the future with purpose and positive aspirations. MYA will keep the member safety as a core concern.

## **Affiliation:**

MYA is currently a member of the Lake Area Youth Athletic Conference (LAYAC) and will operate using LAYAC guidelines for football and cheer. Games are played at Lake Norman HS, South Iredell HS and Mooreville HS.

## **Board Members:**

President: Chris Harbinson

Vice President: Randy Oliphant

Treasurer/Director of Cheerleading: Susan Sweezy

Director of Football: Allen Stevens

Volunteer Director: Sarah Wojcio

Communications Director: Amanda Sarver

At-Large: Steve Young

## **Board Meetings:**

MYA strives to make sure that all of the members play an active part in decision making of our organization. We encourage parents to attend our board meetings. Information for these can be found in our newsletter or on our website.

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## **Coaches:**

Each team will consist of a head coach and an assistant coach which are approved by MYA prior to the draft. All MYA Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches receive background checks. Each head coach then will select up to 4 assistant coaches from parent volunteers. All coaches are Heads Up Certified by USA Football.

## **Off-Season:**

During the off season players are required to attend one of two Skill Assessment days. It is encouraged for players to attend OTAs.

Skills Assessment - Skills assessments are held on at least two different dates before the fall football draft. Players are **required** to attend one. Players are independently evaluated on a variety of skills; speed and agility, passing, catching, and tackling. Skill assessment days consist of non contact drills. Players are given a rating which is used in the draft. Coaches are required to draft players from all ratings to ensure teams are equal.

Off Season Training Activity - Held at least two times over the summer. For players and those interested in playing to see what MYA is all about. Players are coached through non contact drills.

## **Practice:**

During the pre-season practices will be held three times a week. Practices will be held twice a week after the first game. Practices could be held in inclement weather, unless deemed unsafe. These decisions will be made by your coach. Practice lengths vary based on level of players.

Flag/Rookie - 1 ½ hrs.

JV/Varsity - 2 hrs.

Subject to coach discretion, players must attend all scheduled practices or provide medical documentation to excuse illness-related absences to remain eligible throughout the season.

## **Player Equipment:**

Players will receive the following equipment from MYA:

practice jersey (generic)

helmet/chinstrap

shoulder pads

game day: jersey (name), socks, pants

Parents will need to supply the following.

Cleats    mouthpiece    practice pants    practice socks

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## **Raffle:**

The purpose of the raffle is to offset the cost of football equipment fees paid by parents. Parents are required to pay the fee or sell raffle tickets supplied by the MYA. Players will not be eligible to continue practicing or playing if the fee or raffle tickets are not returned by the due date.

## **Jamboree:**

The Jamboree will be held prior to first week of games on a Sunday. At this event teams will be fully dressed in game day gear. All players are required complete the annual weigh in. All teams will then participate in modified scrimmages. Coaches will provide more detail prior to games. There is a fee for spectators to enter. Cash only is accepted.

## **Game Days:**

Football: Games are held on Saturdays alternating between locations. Generally players are required to report to the field 1 hour prior to game time, but this may vary by coaches. Games will sometimes begin before their scheduled time. League rules state that each player is required to play at least 6 plays per half, excluding special teams.

Spectators: There is a cost to enter the games. Players and coaches enter for free. Concessions are available at all games. Only cash is accepted at the gate and at the concession stand. A 50/50 raffle is held at the 4th quarter of every game.

## **Volunteering:**

Our organization is run by volunteers, so your volunteering is extremely important. Parents are expected to volunteer for gate or concessions at least once per season. This will be organized with the help of your Team Parent prior to the start of the season. The slots are assigned to teams based on start time. You will be asked to volunteer 1 hour prior to game time. If you do not sign up prior to the start of the season your child may not be able to play. If a team does not meet all of its volunteering obligations for a game they may be forced to forfeit.

## **Social Media/Website:**

Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter to get all of the latest updates and photos! You can also access lots of information from our website.

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**Concerns:**

First try speaking with the coach about any concerns that you may be having, then the concern can be taken to the Director of Football. If the concern is still not alleviated, the MYA member should take the concern to the President of the Board.