

PARENT INFORMATION PACKET



Welcome to what promises to be an exciting and fun year of Jr. Hawks Fall 2020 football! The football season is arriving quickly and we are sure that your athlete is excited about playing. As parents, we know that you want your athlete to have an enjoyable experience, as well as the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of the game of football. Enclosed is some important Jr. Hawks information. Please review all documents carefully, initial/sign the last page and return it to your team manager.

We can only be successful as a team with full cooperation from our Coaches, Team Managers, Player s and Parents.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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COMMUNICATION POLICY

Coaches and team managers will make every effort to ensure that all necessary information is disseminated in a timely manner. This information typically comes via announcements at practice, Sports Engine, emails, and/or posts to team Facebook pages.

******It is the responsibility of each parent to check these resources daily for updates!******

FOOTBALL EQUIPMENT AGREEMENT

The only equipment that is loaned to our athletes for the duration of the season is a set of shoulder pads. If a set of pads is issued to an athlete, they should be returned in reasonably worn condition to the Jr. Hawks organization at the end of the season or upon the player leaving the organization.

Failure to return equipment results in unnecessary replacement costs to the organization. By registering with the Jr. Hawks, participants and parents/guardians accept full responsibility for the return of all issued equipment and agree to replace any lost, stolen or damaged equipment at the immediate conclusion of the season. Normal wear and tear will be excluded. The equipment is valued at **\$100.00** per player.

REGISTRATION FEES

The Jr. Hawks football registration fee only partially covers the cost to field each player. It also includes, but is not limited to, the following items: • The game day uniform, football equipment, medical supplies, field use, field equipment, liability insurance, game officials, game security, and Texas Youth Football Association fees, plus much more. • Each year the organization is responsible for replacing or re-conditioning old and/or worn out equipment and shoulder pads. • The parent is solely responsible for their athlete's helmet, as this is a liability for the organization.

FOOTBALL CODE OF CONDUCT

1. You are a representative of the Jr. Hawks organization, both on and off the field. Regardless of the circumstances, always conduct yourself with pride and poise. Failure to abide by any of these rules will result in disciplinary action.
2. Punctuality is expected, as practice will begin promptly. Tardiness is disrespectful to your coaches and your teammates. If you are going to miss a practice, you must notify your team manager prior to practice starting. If you miss 3 practices and/or 1 game, you may be suspended from the next game.
3. Proper practice attire is to be worn at all practice sessions. Athletes who are not in proper attire will not be allowed to participate at that practice session. (Blue, black, or white jerseys)
4. All players should directly express any medical concerns to their coaches and team managers as they arise. It is the responsibility of the parent to notify the team manager of any preexisting medical condition or allergies for each player.
5. **Vulgarity, temper tantrums, and fighting is absolutely unacceptable and is grounds for immediate suspension from the game or practice.**
6. During instructional periods you must pay close attention to our instructors or coaches.
7. When addressing or replying to all coaches and instructors, do so with respect and courtesy.
8. Negative attitudes or smart mouths will not be tolerated.
9. You are expected to give 100% at all practices and games. Not knowing your plays, due to lack of trying or not paying attention could result in disciplinary action.
10. While parents are encouraged to attend practice, **they may not distract nor disrupt practice.** Please email all issues to your division's head coach/team manager.
11. All players are required to be at their games **60 minutes** before game time in full uniform.

12. Parents should clearly understand that the goal of the Jr. Hawks organization is to teach each athlete self-confidence, sportsmanship, and teamwork. To do this, it takes discipline on the part of each athlete and parent collectively.

13. Conduct during travel games/playoffs: when traveling for any Jr. Hawks events you are representing the organization at all times during the travel period. Players, parents, and staff will be expected to conduct themselves accordingly. This includes, but is not limited to, behavior in hotel lobbies, hotel pool areas, restaurants, field locations/venues, etc.

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and many core principles: **integrity, respect, responsibility, fairness, honesty, loyalty, grit and good citizenship**. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "pillars of character." I agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or head of league organization
- Written warning
- Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organizations involved
- Game forfeit through the official or coach
- Parental season suspension

I therefore agree to abide by the following:

1. I will not force my athlete to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that athletes participate to have fun and that the game is for the athletes, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my athlete or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my athlete and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.

7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my athlete to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my athlete treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, color, religion, age, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my athlete that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my athlete will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my athlete for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my athlete feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my athlete or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development at practices and how they benefit my athlete over winning.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my athlete to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches on the game field, instead I will send an email to discuss with the head coach and/or the athletic coordinator.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my athlete that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all sporting events.
17. I will respect this organization as a member of a competitive league and **understand play time is not guaranteed. I will respect all rules and guidelines put in place by this organization. If I have questions or concerns, I will present them to the leadership team in a respectful manner in accordance with the 48 hour communication rule.**
18. I will refrain from coaching my athlete or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the TYFA certified coaches of the team.
19. **I will not question** a coach or staff after a game for any reason, until **48 hours** has passed.
20. I will not allow my athlete to **QUIT!**

MEDIA / PUBLICITY RELEASE

I, _____ (your name), as the legal representative of _____ (Athletes Name) grant to the Jr. Hawks Organization (JrHO) and anyone authorized by JrHO, the non-exclusive, worldwide, and perpetual right to reproduce, display, perform, transmit, publish, broadcast, or otherwise use, in whole or in part, any photograph, graphic material, artwork, hyperlink, software, visual and/or audio recording, or any other multimedia content (collectively, "Media Content") that might be provided to JrHO in any and all media or distribution methods (now known or later developed), including without limitation, the JrHO website, and JrHO or third-party publications, or for any other lawful purpose consistent with JrHO's mission.

Initials: _____

Indemnification

The Jr. Hawks organization will do whatever is possible to keep each athlete safe. However, please be aware that the parent/guardian of each athlete in the Jr. Hawks organization agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Jr. Hawks, its board, coaches, team managers, and its affiliates against any injury, loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever (including, but not limited to, any and all expenses whatsoever reasonably incurred in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation commenced or threatened or any claim whatsoever) arising from their participation in the Jr. Hawks organizational activities. Moreover, it is the parental or guardian responsibility to ensure that the helmet/equipment is in proper condition and the right fit, to ensure the safety of their athlete.

Parent Signature: _____

Print Parent Name : _____

Print Child's name: _____

Please review and initial beside each the following items and complete the bottom portion:

- _____ Practice **starts** at 6:00 pm and runs until 8:00 pm Mon., Tues., and Thurs. until further notice.
- _____ Parental attendance or a designated responsible adult is **REQUIRED** at all practices and games.

- _____ We understand that **EVERY** player **MUST** be certified by TYFA on our assigned day. **Players who are not certified will not be able to play.**
- _____ We understand that once we register with the Jr. Hawks organization, we **MUST** first email the athletic coordinator **PRIOR** to terminating with the organization and complete the TYFA Player Release Form for the current season.
- _____ We have read and understand the volunteer policy. **Three hours of volunteer time is mandatory for each family. Parents will be required to pay \$40 for each hour not volunteered.**
- _____ We have read and understand the Football Equipment Agreement and accept full responsibility for the return of all issued equipment and agree to replace any lost, stolen or damaged equipment at the immediate conclusion of the season or player termination with the organization. The equipment is valued at **\$100.00** per player.
- _____ We understand that TYFA is a competitive league and game play time is **NOT** guaranteed.
- _____ We have read the Football & Cheer Code of Conduct and agree to abide by these rules.
- _____ We have read and understand the refund policy.
- _____ We have read and understand the returned check policy.
- _____ We have read the Parental Code of Conduct and agree to abide by the rules.
- _____ We have read the Communication policy and understand how communication is conducted.

Player Name: _____

Player Signature: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please circle division: **FLAG** **TYKES** **ROOKIES** **JUNIORS**

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR TEAM MANAGER AT REGISTRATION. IT WILL STAY IN HIS/HER FILE FOR THE DURATION OF THE SEASON.