

What if our child is on vacation or at camp and can't make practices right away?

Great question and one we get frequently. We encourage our young athletes to be at every practice but certainly understand family vacations and summer camp. It's alright to miss practice although we kindly ask that you please register early and inform us in writing when you will be coming to practice or missing.

What if we play another sport in the fall, can we still play football?

We have many multiple sport athletes in our program and work closely with our families to support their time constraints. We welcome and encourage playing other sports. Our coaching staff will work with you and accommodate as best they can.

Can we try tackle football before committing?

Yes. We welcome anyone that would like to try tackle football to come out to practice and give it a try although, we must have all families register in advance and complete the proper waivers on line. We don't require payment at that time and will make arrangements if you decide to play. During the first few weeks of practice in early August we work on the basics which is terrific time to learn the game. We also offer a Summer Skills Camp on Monday evenings which is a great way to try football and meet teammates. Registration is required.

What is we can't decide between tackle and flag football?

This question comes up a lot and welcome anyone who would like to come out the first few weeks of tackle and try us out. When pads are introduced we encourage kids to give it a try before making a final decision. The tackle season begins the last week of July, flag doesn't begin until late August. This will give you a chance to give tackle a try. We do require that all families register for tackle in advance and sign waivers on line. No payment is necessary at that time and if you chose to play flag instead we can help you change your registration.

We are new to football and concerned about playing with others who have been playing for years?

Every season we have families new to football. A matter of fact, over 20% of our program is new to football each season. At many levels we are able to offer two teams. Our coaching staff will observe and place players on appropriate teams based on skill set and experience.

What about injuries?

The sport of football has never been safer. It is not the same game your father played. We partner with USA Football and teach Heads Up blocking and tackling to all of our young athletes. It starts from the bottom up teaching the proper techniques to keep our game safe. We certify each and every one of our coaches so that they are trained in the latest techniques and drills. Coaches are also certified in recognizing conclusions and what to do in the case of a suspected injury to the head. Injuries do happen and why we have certified trainers at all practices and games. We spend the beginning of our season going back to the basics, teaching all of our young athletes the basics of blocking and tackling.

My son isn't very big, we are concerned about him playing with kids much bigger?

Our league uses an age and weight schedule to place young athletes at appropriate levels of play, competing with and against like age and sized opponents. This schedule can be found on our website under the forms tab.

Who do we play and how much travel is there?

We participate in the Chicagoland Youth Football League (TCYFL), the largest independent youth football league in the country with over 50 participating member communities. We play a guaranteed 9 game schedule on Sundays and playoffs. Half of our games will be played at home at New Trier High School, Northfield Campus. The other half will be played on the road. In most cases travel isn't much further than 30-45 minutes away. To learn more about the league and our communities visit www.TCYFL.net