

Dearborn Lions Email Newsletter for August 12, 2010

Registration Process

As a reminder, there are nine steps in our registration process. To complete the entire process, parents must (1) submit a DYFA registration form; (2) pay the registration fee; (3) post or roll over a security deposit; (4) submit a Downriver Junior Football League (DJFL) registration form, which requires verification of a physical examination and must be notarized; (5) submit a DJFL Medical History and Information form; (6) provide proof of Dearborn residency (a copy of your drivers license, gas or electric bill showing current address) and (7) provide a copy of your child's birth certificate, (8) sign and submit a Parent Contract, and (9) purchase raffle tickets. If your child is a returning player, you should have already submitted proof of residency and a copy of your child's birth certificate.

Dr. Abdallah, former DYFA President, will conduct sports physicals on equipment hand-out day (August 15) at a cost of \$15/registered child (payment by cash only; no checks or credit cards will be accepted). If you plan to have Dr. Abdallah perform your child's physical on August 15, you may submit the DJFL Registration form at equipment hand-out.

Parents must complete all nine steps before their child is eligible to receive equipment and participate in practice. We will NOT collect paperwork at the practice sites. After August 15, the next opportunity parents will have to submit paperwork and complete the registration process will be Wednesday, August 18, at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center at 8:30 p.m. Consequently, children of parents who don't complete the registration process until August 18 will miss the first three days of practice and not receive their equipment until Thursday, August 19. They will also have to make up the three lost days of conditioning before they can take part in contact drills.

Make-Up Parent Meeting

As the result of a communication problem, we had a number of parents miss the Mandatory Parent Meetings earlier this week. If you did not attend the Mandatory Parent Meeting August 9 (football players) or August 10 (cheerleaders), you MUST attend a special this-year-only make-up Parent Meeting Sunday, August 15, at 1:25 p.m. at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center. All parents, as part of the registration process, must sign and submit a Parent Contract—available only at the Parent Meeting—and purchase raffle tickets—available at the conclusion of the meeting. Only children represented at one of the Parent Meetings will be issued equipment.

Equipment Hand-out

Equipment hand-out will take place Sunday, August 15, at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, according to the following schedule: Freshmen, 2-2:45 p.m.; Junior Varsity, 2:45-3:30 p.m.; Varsity, 3:30-4 p.m.

Only children who have completed the entire nine-step registration process and were represented by a parent/guardian at one of the Mandatory

Parent Meetings, will be eligible to receive equipment. If you intend to have Dr. Abdallah perform your child's sports physical on August 15, please plan to arrive no later than the beginning of the time interval designated above.

The DYFA will provide football players with (1) helmet and chin strap, (2) one mouth guard, (3) shoulder pads, (4) practice pants, (5) game pants, (6) belt and (7) games jerseys (home and away).

Parents are responsible for providing their football player with (1) girdle and pads, (2) protective cup, (3) socks, (4) shoes—no metal cleats and (5) practice jersey. We will have used practice jerseys available for purchase at a cost of \$5 apiece. Parents will also be able to order a personalized practice jersey with their child's name on the back during the first week of practice.

Football players who fail to attend equipment hand-out will not receive equipment until Thursday, August 19.

Practice Schedule

Practice begins Monday, August 16, at 5:30 pm. Only children who have completed the entire nine-step registration process and were represented at one of the Mandatory Parent Meetings will be allowed to participate.

Please note that we will NOT collect paperwork at the practice sites, nor will we register new football players or cheerleaders. After August 15, the next opportunity parents will have to submit paperwork and complete the registration process will be Wednesday, August 18, at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center at 8:30 p.m.

Our tentative practice schedule for the first two weeks is August 16-20, 5:30-8 p.m.; August 21, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; August 23-27, 5:30-8 p.m.; August 28, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

For the first four days of practice, football players will wear shorts, athletic cup, t-shirt and football helmet, unless instructed otherwise by the head coach.

On Friday, August 20, football players will begin practicing in full gear—pants, shoulder pads, etc.

Please make certain that your football player or cheerleader brings water or a sports drink to practice every day. The DYFA does not provide water at practices.

Parents, siblings and by-standers are not allowed on the practice field, per DJFL rules. If you'd like to speak to your child's coach, please do so before or after practice.

Communicating with DYFA Administrators

If you have a question or concern, please contact us through the DYFA website at www.dearbornlions.org. This site allows you to send an e-mail to anyone on the DYFA Board of Directors. You may also call our President, Hussein Berry, at 313-580-8007.