



# Wadsworth Grizzlies Youth Football

## Welcome to the 2010 Wadsworth Grizzlies Youth Football Season!

Thank you for your interest and participation in Wadsworth Youth Football (WYF). Through the dedication and support of dozens of volunteers and sponsors, WYF provides an opportunity for hundreds of Wadsworth children to participate in youth football and cheerleading each summer and fall. We're looking forward to sharing the 2010 youth football season with you!

Last year was an exciting year of transition for our program including the dedication of a new playing field at the Fieldcrest complex. This year we are focusing on improving that facility to be a more inviting place to play and watch the game that we all love. For those of you that are new to our program, please see the attached map showing directions to the Fieldcrest complex. Please see our website for future information.

This letter will provide you with important information regarding the upcoming season. If, at any time, you have questions about WYF, you can visit our website, [www.wadsworthyouthfootball.com](http://www.wadsworthyouthfootball.com) for more information, or you can contact one of the following WYF Directors:

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### Important Dates

#### **Conditioning – Begins Wednesday, August 4th, 2010**

- Children of all ages should report to the Fieldcrest complex at 6:00 PM. Practice will conclude at 8:00 PM. Please log onto the web site listed above for updates.
- Dress for these practices is molded rubber football cleats, shorts, t-shirt.
- Per OHSAA rules, each child must complete three (3) conditioning practices before they are allowed to participate in contact practices. If your child cannot be present for one of the conditioning practices, he/she will have to make up those practices with their coaches *before* they are allowed to have contact. There are no exceptions.

#### **Pre-Season Camp – Begins Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

- Practice the weeks of August 9<sup>th</sup> and August 16<sup>th</sup> will be Monday through Friday from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.
- Practice from this time on will include contact, and players should dress in full assigned gear.
- All practices will be located at the Fieldcrest complex. The exact location of each squads practice area will be communicated to you once the teams have been determined. Please log onto the web site listed above for update.

#### **Pre-Season Game – Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

- This pre-season game will probably be held at the Fieldcrest complex.
- Exact times will be provided for you during pre-season camp in August.

#### **First Game of the Season – Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

- Practice nights and times will be provided for you during pre-season camp in August.



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- The game schedule will be finalized once all other participating communities finish their registrations which should be by mid-August. As soon as the League Commissioners complete the schedule, the Directors will send this information to your child's Head Coach.

## **Please Note the Following Regarding All Practices:**

Please send your child to practice each night with his own water bottle/jug, marked with their name. They will be given frequent water breaks due to the seasonally high temperatures and humidity.

## **Team Assignments - How are players assigned to their respective teams?**

Players are grouped by the age they are on November 1<sup>st</sup>, with the exception of B Ball players, who must be 8 years of age by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 in order to participate. Weight is also a determining factor in terms of placement. This year Wadsworth Youth Football Association has voted to remove the weight restrictions for "Line Only" players. The age & weight breakdowns are described below:

<b><u>Level</u></b>	<b><u>Age &amp; Weight Limit</u></b>
"B" Squad	8 year olds, unrestricted weight; 9 year olds 65 pounds or less
"A" Squad	9 year olds, unrestricted weight; 10 year olds 70 pounds or less
Junior Varsity	10 year olds, unrestricted weight; 11 year olds 90 pounds or less
Varsity	11 & 12 year olds, unrestricted weight; 13 year olds 110 pounds or less

Players at each level will be drafted into one of three teams at their level; Grizzly Red, White & Black (as denoted by the jersey color). The actual number of teams may vary from level to level and year to year, depending upon the number of children participating. Families with two or more siblings participating will be assured that their children will play on the same color team. Final roster composition of any team is subject to the Directors' review and approval. Your child will be placed on a team on or about Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 near the completion of conditioning. You will be contacted directly by your coach regarding team placement.

## **Registration Information**

Here is a list of items we **must** have on file prior to the first practice in order to participate:

- Signed doctor's physical release to play football
- Registration form signed by a parent or guardian and the player
- Copy of birth certificate
- Picture of the player/cheerleader
- Registration fee of \$90 (not including \$10 late fee for registrations accepted after July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010)

If you have not yet submitted any of these items, please bring them to the first day of practice. ***Players will not be allowed to practice until all of the above information has been turned in. There are no exceptions to this rule. This is for your child's safety!***

## **Equipment Handout**

- The location and timing of the equipment handout will be updated on our website. If your child misses equipment handout for some reason, please notify your child's Director and arrangements will be made to outfit them.



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- All necessary equipment, pads, pants & jerseys are provided by the WYF program, except for shoes (must have molded rubber cleats) and socks. This equipment is the property of WYF. Please treat the equipment as if it was your own, and take care to keep it clean and in tact.
- All parents or guardians of a child receiving WYF equipment will be required to sign a checklist acknowledging that they have received all of the proper equipment. This form will be kept by the appropriate Director until the equipment is turned back in after the season. This is to ensure that all of the equipment is returned as required.

## Parent / Guardian Volunteers

- Volunteering for the program is strongly encouraged, but not required.
- A Volunteer Form will be available during the registration process as well as online that will describe the ways **you** can help the program succeed.
- If you do decide to volunteer, you will be contacted by a WYF representative with a schedule of the time and way that you can help the program.
- It is our hope that we will have enough volunteers to only ask you to volunteer one time during the season.

Thank you again for your interest in participation in WYF. We're excited for the upcoming season to begin and we look forward to seeing you!

Yours in Football,  
Rick Mooney, Tyson Houchin, and Alan Baughman  
Wadsworth Youth Football Directors

