



**NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS  
TACKLE FOOTBALL**

**PRE-SEASON COACH PACKET  
FALL 2012 – SPRING 2013**



# NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **ARE ALL COACHES VOLUNTEERS?**

Yes. NYS does not ask teams to fundraise or volunteer on game days. All NYS asks parents to do is volunteer with their child's team. There are many vital roles to play on a team and those positions are filled by volunteer parents. NYS offers a pre-volunteer section on the registration form, but many times we utilize the parent team meeting to assign coaches roles, once we have teams put together! NYS NEVER assigns coaches, all coaches are parent volunteers! Any team with a coach is a result of a parent indicating on their child's registration form their willingness to help!

## **HOW CAN I GUARANTEE A HEAD COACHING SPOT AND TEAM?**

The only way to assure a head coaching position and team is to enroll a full team. This would mean having at least 13 players requesting you as a coach in the 11-man league and at least 10 players requesting you as coach in the 8-man league. Registrants MUST be signed up by the tackle certification day to solidify your coaching spot and team. Coaches that fall under these requirements may still get a head coaching spot and team, but would be dependent on number of free agents available.

## **WHAT ROLE DO I PLAY ON GAME DAYS?**

NYS does not ask coaches to do anything other than educate and coach the children on their team! NYS will set up all fields and provide Site Directors and Referees.

## **DOES NYS PROVIDE PRACTICE LOCATIONS?**

NYS partners with local school districts and parks & recreation departments in relation to practice facilities each season. Since each agency works differently, we post a list for each area on our website, at [www.nysonline.org](http://www.nysonline.org). We encourage ALL teams to utilize daylight hours, HOA parks, and neighborhood green areas to conduct practices to avoid additional costs.

## **WHEN CAN I RESERVE A PRACTICE FACILITY?**

Once a team is established in our database (8 players registered for 8-man and 11 players registered for 11-man), the team is added to a practice field priority list. Priority is established by day/time of team reaching the set roster limit in relation to paid registrations. Coaches will then be contacted in order to allocated practice facility, times, and dates. This process will continue until all locations are filled. Not all teams are guaranteed practice facilities through the league.

## **DO WE HAVE TO USE AN ASSIGNED NYS PRACTICE LOCATION?**

NYS teams may obtain their own practice location, but may not contact school districts and parks/recreation departments, as those agencies will refer you back to the league. We encourage teams to utilize non-lit areas during daytime hours to minimize cost and maximize the number of facilities available to practice.

## **HOW OFTEN SHOULD MY TEAM PRACTICE?**

Typically, teams practice between 2 - 3 times per week. NYS does not restrict the amount of practice time, so teams can practice as little or as much as they desire.

## **DOES NYS PROVIDE PRACTICE EQUIPMENT?**

Since NYS does not ask team to fundraise or pay team assessments, we encourage all members to bring a ball, cones, etc. for practice purposes.

## **WHAT DO I NEED TO SUBMIT TO THE LEAGUE AS A COACH?**

Coaches must complete a tackle football certification course online via USA Football (\$20), complete a background check through National Center for Safety Institute (\$16.25), and a concussion course through NFHS (Free). NYS will not charge additional fees for the card. The fees listed above are paid through the certification organization. Our inaugural season each year begins with our Fall season. Once a coach completes all items, he or she will be administered a NYS Coach ID card, valid from September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year to August 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. Any individual on the team needing to obtain a coach card (up to five coach ID cards) must complete this certification process.



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## **ARE WE REQUIRED TO FUNDRAISE OR PAY ANY TEAM ASSESSMENTS?**

NO! NYS does not require parents, players, or teams to fundraise or pay any additional fees to participate in our programs. We strongly encourage teams to participate in purchasing items such as photos, trophies, uniform accessories, etc. from our sister company, All Year Sports. Proceeds from AYS help keep league fees low and keep fundraising out of youth sports!

## **SINCE NYS DOES NOT REQUIRE FUNDRAISING, CAN WE STILL OBTAIN SPONSORSHIPS FOR OUR TEAM?**

NYS teams may not utilize our 501(c)3 non-profit number to obtain sponsorships or open bank accounts in their team name. Teams may obtain business sponsorship checks, made payable to NYS, to have an account open at our local office for team use. Funds can only be utilized for items for the children (registration, tournament costs, trophies, uniforms, etc.), and can only be debited by providing an invoice to be paid or a receipt for reimbursement. Any extra funds at the end of the season will stay with the team for use in a future NYS season and cannot be debited for cash.

NYS Sponsorship form can be found online at [http://nysonline.org/Flyers/Sponsorship\\_Form.pdf](http://nysonline.org/Flyers/Sponsorship_Form.pdf)

## **WHY DO WE GET OUR GAME SCHEDULES THE WEEK OF OUR FIRST GAME?**

NYS strives for perfection and wants to ensure that when we distribute a schedule, that the information is up-to-date and accurate. Our organization works with many local school districts and local parks & recreation departments that may host various other activities at their locations. We release schedules the week of the first game to ensure that everyone has the most accurate information for the season!

## **WHY DO WE NOT GET UNIFORMS IN THE 11-MAN UNWEIGHTED PROGRAM?**

Our 11-Man unweighted program is designed to be a competitive program. NYS provides playoffs in lieu of team uniforms. We strive to have teams stay together and play on a year-round basis. Uniforms are items in which participants must purchase to allow for more team control and help to encourage teams to continue to play together throughout the year.

## **HOW DO PLAYER CERTIFICATIONS WORK ON GAMEDAY?**

Prior to the gameday, make sure that all your players have a valid NYS Photo ID card. On gameday, report to the NYS Site Director 30 minutes prior to your scheduled game, to complete your player certification. In order to help the process run more efficiently, please make sure that you have your players lined up in alphabetical order. Collect all the player Photo ID cards and ask players to remove their helmets.

The NYS representative will call out players by name. Each player, when called, will step forward and have their Photo ID card reviewed. The NYS representative will record the player as being present and record the player's age. For the 8-man and 11-man weighted divisions, after the player's Photo ID card is reviewed the player will step on the scale to have his or her weight recorded.

A player is ineligible if he or she does not have a NYS Photo ID card, is not listed on the NYS certification form, is wearing illegal equipment, or is over the allotted weight requirement (8-man and 11-man weighted leagues only).

## **CAN I COACH OR AM I ALLOWED TO COACH MULTIPLE TEAMS (ORGANIZATIONS)?**

NYS does allow coaches to coach multiple teams within the league. A coach carrying more than one team is classified as an organization. In these situations, we require the organization to carry multiple coaches, as we cannot guarantee confliction in schedules on game days. NYS will strive to provide the best level of customer service in this area to accommodate everyone!



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## **CAN I LIMIT MY TEAM ROSTER SIZE?**

NYS reserves the right to add players to your team until the roster limit is met. This may occur at anytime throughout the season and coaches will be notified. We ask that you welcome all new players to your team.

Coaches may not dictate roster sizes. Any teams wanting to reserve spots will be responsible for purchasing those spots if NYS tries to place a late registrant on your team.

### **ROSTER LIMITS**

8-Man Tackle Football.....	16 Players
11-Man Tackle Unweighted Football.....	30 Players
11-man Tackle Weighted Football.....	22 Players

## **HOW DO I STAY UPDATED ON LEAGUE INFORMATION?**

- Follow NYS on Twitter at NYS Phoenix Tackle and receive “tweets” of every final score on gameday!
- Follow NYS on Facebook at National Youth Sports – Phoenix and receive league updates!
- Review League Rules, Updates, Schedules, Standings, Important Dates, ETC. on League Website
  - Go to [www.nysonline.org](http://www.nysonline.org)
  - Click on Arizona
  - Click on your area (Northwest, Northeast, West Valley, ETC.)
  - Click on Sports
  - Click on 8-man Tackle Football or 11-man Tackle Football
  - Bookmark the page and follow along!

## **GAMESITE RULES**

1. **Unregistered players are NOT ALLOWED TO PLAY.** Unregistered players are not covered by our insurance and are a liability risk.
2. **Players missing their Photo ID Card will NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY in that game.**
3. **Ensure all players and coaches display good sportsmanship at all times!**
4. **Player Check-In begins 30 minutes prior to your game.**
5. **Coach IDs are mandatory and required for Check-In and game play.**
6. **Limit of 7 Coaches and/or Assistant Coaches allowed on the sidelines during any given game.**
7. **Teams may have to travel up to 50% of the time to game locations.**
8. **NO SMOKING OR PETS at any game site.**
9. **Players do not have a required playing time in the 11-Man Unweighted league**, but NYS strives to be an organization that emphasizes player development. We encourage all coaches to share in this same goal.
10. **Players in the 8-Man and 11-man Weighted leagues are guaranteed to play at least half of every game.**



## **REGISTRATION DISCOUNTS**

National Youth Sports offers special reductions in registrations fees, when teams register multiple players at one time. All players **MUST** be submitted at once. Coaches may collect player registrations and submit to a local NYS office. Registrations must be submitted by the NYS Tackle Certification Day to receive discount!

**IMPORTANT: Registrations must be submitted at one time, additional registrations turned in after submittal of group, will be charged normal registration rate.**

Discount 1: 30 players + registered at one time

11-man price per player: \$145

8-man price per player: \$115

Discount 2: 20 – 29 players registered at one time

11-man price per player: \$155

8-man price per player: \$125

Discount 3: 10 – 19 players registered at one time

11-man price per player: \$165

8-man price per player: \$135

In addition to this discounts, NYS also will provide one free registration for every ten players registered at the same time! To receive this discount, registrations must be hand delivered at one time or done at one time at a registration event.

Discounts are not applicable for online registrations. Players added after the discounted registration period, will **NOT** be granted discount. The player discount is to encourage teams to register early and to help teams stay together each season!

**NYS financial assistance discounts are not applicable on team registration discounts.**