



Dear L.C. Parents,

February 19, 2009

First of all, I would like to thank you for your participation last year and allowing your child to participate in the largest established youth football program in League City. I hope that your son learned some valuable lessons in football skills, hard work, discipline, and team work. These lessons will stay with them for a lifetime.

I would like to address some questions you may have concerning the new league the Cowboys are now associated with. You may have received a letter from our former league, the South Texas Youth Football Association (STYFA), which was inaccurate at best. Be assured, the Cowboys Board of Directors voted unanimously to change leagues due to many hypocritical rules and insurmountable political issues with that league. Our league was originally created to decrease the amount of political tension associated with several area leagues. Unfortunately, the direction that STYFA appears to be heading does not seem to be consistent with that philosophy.

The League City Cowboys are committed to supporting the kids of our community. We are VERY excited to be allowed to participate in the Gulf Coast Premier Football League, and we feel this league will help foster a better playing environment for our players, parents, and coaches! We took what was good from our former league then added what we felt STYFA was lacking and came up with GCPFL. This new league is an open league which means, **ANY CHILD WHO SIGNS UP WILL PLAY FOOTBALL!!!** After all it's about the kids!!! Here are some exciting new changes that will take place this year:

- We will have an All Star Game at the senior level to showcase the talent of our top players to the CCISD intermediate and high school coaches at a city wide game.
- Game schedules will be out early so as parents will know well in advance when your son will be playing, so you can plan accordingly.
- The play-off bracket will take the top 12 teams in the league with the top 6 teams playing for the gold bracket Super Bowl and the bottom 6 teams playing for the silver bracket Super Bowl. This will give more kids the chance to win the grand prize of a championship!
- You will also be glad to know that all our referees are of the highest caliber. All referees are TASL certified and officiate at the intermediate and high school levels in CCISD and the Greater Houston area. This will be a definite upgrade up from our prior league. The head referee also holds a board position with the league which will insure that someone will be held accountable for all referee actions.
- Also, your son will be able to play with the same team/coach as they played with last year if you sign up at the returning player registrations on March 8<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Your son will continue to work and grow with his team as well as continuing to foster friendships. This will help your son grow as a player by allowing the coaches to continue his development and increase his skill set. Your son won't have to start over every year with a new coach and team as they would have had to in our previous league.
- If your son does not sign up at the returning player registration, they will be placed in the open draft and possibly be drafted by another coach. Please see our Website for registration dates.

I know you may still have some questions, so the L.C. Board of Directors will hold a parent meeting Saturday, February 28, 2009 at the Red Sportsplex Pavilion from 1:00pm – 2:00pm. Also, please visit our updated website at [www.leaguelineup.com/lcyfa](http://www.leaguelineup.com/lcyfa) to find out more info on coaches applications, registration, by-laws, board minutes, GCPFL teams, etc. Again, thank you for allowing your son to play with our team(s), it's truly an honor to help provide your son with football and life long lessons. **Go Cowboys!!**

Sincerely,

LCYFA Board of Directors