



WCYFA Football Guidelines

Purpose:

WCYFA wants to promote pride, unity, team work, and to be THE example of good behavior and sportsmanship. Our goal is to teach the sport of football in a way that is positive and effective while preparing youth for junior high and high school level teams. We maintain high levels of expectations for all persons involved with WCYFA in order to be successful as an organization, as teams, and as individual participants. We understand that participation in WCYFA is a commitment to your children, your families, and your teammates, and strive to ensure that everyone involved has a rewarding experience.

Age Guidelines:

Flag ages 5-6
1A ages 7-8
2A ages 9-10
3A ages 11-12
All ages as of August 1, 2008

Based on ability and at the discretion of the head coach, participants may be permitted to advance to the next age-group.

No participant will be allowed to participate below their age-group peers.

Please have official Birth Certificates ready as they will be needed (Mid August).

You can order copies from <http://www.texasonline.state.tx.us/tolapp/ovra/>

No copies will be accepted.

Teams can have 30 players per team. Teams may be increased at the coaches' discretion.

2008 Football Fees:

Fee for Flag football will be \$165.00.

This fee will include a home game jersey, away game jersey, game pants, game socks and WCYFA t-shirt. This fee also covers helmet rental, league fees, refs, fields, insurance, trophy or medal, etc.

Flag participants will also need to purchase a mouth piece, football cleats and practice uniform (see required practice attire below).

Fee for 1A - 3A will be \$200.00.

This will include a home game jersey, away game jersey, game pants, game socks, helmet decals and WCYFA t-shirt. This fee also covers league fees, refs, fields, insurance, trophy or medal, etc.

The equipment 1A - 3A teams will need to purchase is a helmet, shoulder pads, pads for pants, football cleats and a mouth piece. This equipment is standard for any tackle league. Also 1A - 3A will need a practice uniform (see required practice attire below).

Football fees will be due on Tuesday, July 15th.

*Please note...

Once your child is placed on a team and payment is made...NO REFUNDS will be given if your child is removed or quits.

The coaches will do their best to get all kids as much playing time as possible but please remember there is NO GUARANTEED playing time for any child. Playing time is earned!

Late Payment Fees & Returned Check Fees

Late Payment Fee - \$30.00 will be charged for any payment paid after the due date.
A \$10.00 fee will be assessed each additional week payment is late.

Return Check Fee – \$30.00 will be charged for returned checks. Also late fees will be applied.

Re-Run Check Fee - \$10.00 will be charged for all checks that the bank automatically reruns due to ISF on the first run.

Participants must be in good standing with the WCYFA, with all fees from the previous year paid in full, in order to participate in the upcoming season.

Practices:

Required Practice attire:

Flag: Shorts – Black, T-Shirt - Plain White
1A - White Pants and White Practice Jersey
2A - White Pants and Maroon Practice Jersey
3A - White Pants and Black Practice Jersey

**The required practice uniform MUST be worn to ALL practices.
Game uniforms are NOT to be worn for practice.**

All teams Flag – 3A must wear football cleats and mouth pieces
1A – 3A must wear appropriate pads and helmet

Practice dates and times are as follows:

Flag - TBA
1A - TBA
2A - TBA
3A - TBA

Practices are held in Wylie @ Community Park.

If you are dropping off/picking up, please make sure you drop off/pick up your child(ren) on time. If your child will be missing practice, please contact the head coach of their team.

Games:

Required Game attire:

Appropriate Game day jersey (Home or Away) tucked in, pants, socks, cleats, appropriate pads/helmet and mouth piece.

Please make sure athlete comes with the appropriate uniform, pads, equipment, ready to play.

All players are required to arrive one hour prior to game time.

WCYFA teams do travel. Home games this season will be held in Wylie/Plano at Shaffer Stadium/TH Williams High School. We will have 6 away games in other metroplex cities.

WCYFA is part of the Dallas Select Football League (DSFL). There will be gate fees charged at all games to off-set the cost of using quality facilities. Gate fees will range from \$2 to \$5 per person (may vary by location and event).

All participants MUST assist in the clean up effort after their home games.

If you are dropping off/picking up, please make sure you drop off/pick up your child(ren) on time. If your child will be missing a game, please contact the head coach of their team.

Attendance:

Attendance is very important to the entire team's performance. Plays simply do not work when one or more team members are absent. In addition, habitual tardiness limits the amount of time that a team has to master skills.

Every effort should be made to contact your coach before the scheduled practice/game to notify him if a child MUST be absence.

This commitment should be your first priority, only behind graded school functions.

Participation in WCYFA is a commitment by the participants and their families to themselves, their teammates, and the program. PLEASE DO NOT SIGN-UP IF YOU CAN NOT ADHERE TO THE ATTENDANCE POLICIES OR IF YOU DO NOT PLAN TO FINISH THE ENTIRE SEASON.

Disciplinary action may be taken for the following reasons:

Tardiness - Practices or games

Absences - Practice or game (unless excused)

Out of required uniform for practice or game

Poor sportsmanship during/before/after a practice or game - This includes cursing, fighting, trash talking, talking back to coaches, etc.

Not following code of conduct

Extra drills will be given for the above actions.

All of the above actions may take away playing time. Remember, there is no guaranteed playing time...**IT IS EARNED.**

In some cases, an athlete could be benched for a game.

If problems become excessive, actions can lead to suspension or expulsion from the organization. This type of disciplinary action will be handled by the program director.

If you are not at practice or not on-time, you are a step behind and this will affect the team.

Please also refer to the code of conduct for additional expectations.

Fundraising:

There WILL be a mandatory league fundraiser for the 2008 season.

Participants are required to participate in fundraising. Funds raised will go directly to support WCYFA facilities and events (e.g., homecoming, stadiums, etc.).

Forms:

All members of the WCYFA Football team are required to sign, return and follow:

Players Code of Conduct

Parents Code of Conduct

Coaches Code of Conduct (for WCYFA Coaches)

WCYFA Football Guideline Acknowledgement

All will be strictly enforced

Other Forms that need to be signed and returned are:

Sizing/Payment Form

Internet/Newspaper Release, Authorization to pick up Child, Authrization for EMT (all on one)

Team Moms/Dads:

All teams are required to have a team mom or dad.

Duties will include:

Prepare and distribute snack/drink schedule

Prepare and distribute a PA announcer/scoreboard operator schedule for each home game

Assist in coordinating events with Cheer Directors (ie. Homecoming, Pep rallies, etc)

Assist coaches in distributing information to team

Grievance Policy:

It is the goal of WCYFA to provide a positive experience to all members of the organization. However, we realize that from time-to-time an issue of concern may arise within our association that requires attention. The Grievance Policy outlined below provides a process by which an individual can present an issue for review and resolution. Complaints will be based on the conduct of members of WCYFA during league related activities.

In an effort to resolve grievances in a reasonable and effective manner, we request your cooperation in complying with the Grievance Policy. Any grievance should be presented directly by the individual affected by issue of concern. Issues raised on behalf of a group of named or unnamed persons will not be heard unless each of the individuals involved submits their own complaint. It is the intent of this policy to allow all members of WCYFA a chance to be heard in fair and equal manner when a problem or issue arises that needs to be addressed.

The following procedures should be taken by the individuals directly affected regarding any grievances with WCYFA. The objective is to resolve issues at the most immediate level. Listed below are the steps to resolving a conflict within WCYFA:

1. Contact your head coach and try to resolve the grievance with him/her.
2. If your grievance cannot be resolved with the head coach, complete the grievance form and submit to the WCYFA Board of Directors.
3. A WCYFA Board Representative will review the form and investigate the situation/issue. The Board Representative will attempt to resolve the issue and/or refer the issue for a WCYFA Board Grievance Hearing.
4. The WCYFA Board of Directors will hold a grievance hearing so that all persons involved will have an opportunity to be heard. The Board can provide resolution options and/or deliver a final decision.

Grievances that do not follow the process outlined above will not be considered as valid concerns/issues. Grievance hearings with the WCYFA board will not be granted unless the process as outlined above has been exhausted.

We ask all parents to be positive and applaud the effort of the players during games. Please keep any and all negative comments to yourself until you can discuss them with a Coach or Director of our organization.

We are anticipating a great season for all of our teams. They will learn the game and love the experience. It is a team effort for us to be successful, that includes the players, the coaches and the parents.

Dallas Select Football League (DSFL)

WCYFA PLAYER Sport Code of Conduct

Wylie Competitive Youth Football Association Athletes should demonstrate high standards of ethics and sportsmanship and promote the development of good character and other important life skills. This Code applies to all athletes involved with the WCYFA Organization.

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles:

- Trustworthiness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Caring and
- Good Citizenship

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

I understand that, in order to participate with the football team, I must act in accord with the following:

TRUSTWORTHINESS

Trustworthiness: Be worthy of trust in all I do.

Integrity: Live up to high ideals of ethics and sportsmanship and always pursue victory with honor; do what's right even when it's unpopular or personally costly.

Honesty: Live completely honorably; don't lie, cheat, steal or engage in any other dishonest or unsportsmanlike conduct.

Reliability: Fulfill commitments; do what I say I will do; be on time to practices and games.

Loyalty: Be loyal to my coach and my team; put the team above personal glory.

RESPECT

Respect: Treat all people with respect all the time and require the same of other athletes.

Class: Live and play with class; be a good sport; be gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity; give fallen opponents help, compliment extraordinary performance, show sincere respect in pre and post-game rituals.

Disrespectful Conduct: Don't engage in disrespectful conduct of any sort including profanity, obscene gestures, offensive remarks of a sexual or racial nature, trash-talking, taunting, boastful celebrations, or other actions that demean individuals or the sport.

Respect Officials: Treat contest officials with respect; don't complain about or argue with official calls or decisions during or after an athletic event.

Respect Coaches: Have the highest respect for your coaches. Always answer with a "yes sir" or "no sir". Do not argue with your coaches. Any player being disrespectful to the coaches will be disciplined up to and including being cut from the team.

RESPONSIBILITY

Importance of Education: Be a student first and commit to getting the best education I can. Be honest with myself about the likelihood of getting an athletic scholarship or playing on a professional level and remember that many universities will not recruit student-athletes that do not have a serious commitment to their education, the ability to succeed academically or the character to represent their institution honorably.

Role-Modeling: Remember participation in sports is a privilege, not a right, and that I am expected to represent my team, coach and teammates with honor, on and off the field. Consistently exhibit good character and conduct yourself as a positive role model. Suspension or termination of the participation privilege is within the sole discretion of the Head Coach.

Self-Control: Exercise self-control; don't fight or show excessive displays of anger or frustration; have the strength to overcome the temptation to retaliate.

Healthy Lifestyle: Safeguard your health; don't use any illegal or unhealthy substances including alcohol, tobacco and/or drugs or engage in any unhealthy techniques to gain, lose or maintain weight or strength. Make wise choices on and off the field.

Integrity of the Game: Protect the integrity of the game; don't gamble. Play the game according to the rules.

FAIRNESS

Be Fair: Live up to high standards of fair play; be open-minded; always be willing to listen and learn.

CARING

Concern for Others: Demonstrate concern for others; never intentionally injure any player or engage in reckless behavior that might cause injury to myself or others.

Teammates: Help promote the well-being of teammates by positive counseling and encouragement or by reporting any unhealthy or dangerous conduct to coaches.

CITIZENSHIP

Play by the Rules: Maintain a thorough knowledge of and abide by all applicable game and competition rules.

Spirit of rules: Honor the spirit and the letter of rules; avoid temptations to gain competitive advantage through improper gamesmanship techniques that violate the highest traditions of sportsmanship.

Any player guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice may be benched, may be asked to leave the sports facility, or may be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games. Penalties will be determined by the Program Director.

Dallas Select Football League (DSFL) WCYFA PARENT Sport Code of Conduct

The WCYFA Pirates have implemented the following Parent Sport Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child and team in sports. Parents should read, understand and sign this form prior to their children participating on the WCYFA Football Team.

Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and may be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games. Penalties will be determined by the Program Director.

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- Good Citizenship

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I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability of ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; criticizing coaching; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events including practices.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
18. I will stay off of the practice field and game field unless I am an official team coach or are invited to participate by an official team coach.

**Dallas Select Football League (DSFL)
WCYFA PARENT Sport Code of Conduct**

I have received a copy of the WCYFA Players Code of Conduct. I have read and understand the requirements of this code and I agree to act in accord with this code. I further understand any player guilty of improper conduct at any game, practice or event may be benched, may be asked to leave the sports facility/event, or may be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games. Penalties will be determined by the Program Director

Please keep copy of code. Sign and return this age to Program Director.

Participant Printed Name

Participant Signature

Date



**Dallas Select Football League (DSFL)
WCYFA PARENT Sport Code of Conduct**

I have received a copy of the WCYFA Parent Code of Conduct. I have read and understand the requirements of this code and I agree to act in accord with this code. I further understand that any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game, practice or WCYFA event will be asked to leave the sports facility/event and may be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games. Penalties will be determined by the Program Director.

Please keep copy of code. Sign and return this page to Program Director

Parent or Guardian 1 Printed Name

Parent or Guardian 1 Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian 2 Printed Name

Parent or Guardian 2 Signature

Date

WCYFA SIZING/PAYMENT FORM

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Team: _____

Uniform Sizes

	Size Ordered	Sizes Delivered
T-Shirt	_____	_____
Jersey	_____	_____
Pants	_____	_____



2008 Fees

Flag: \$ 165.00
 Tackle 1A – 3A: \$ 200.00

Discounts:
 2nd Child League Fees..... (-) \$ 15.00

Grand Total: \$ _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____
 (to be completed upon ordering)

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____
 (to be completed upon delivery)

*** This form must be completed and returned at the scheduled payment date. ***

Participant Name: _____ Team: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____



Internet/Newspaper Release

I authorize WCYFA to publish pictures and/or names of my child/children participating in WCYFA games and/or team activities on the WCYFA website and/or local Newspaper.

Parent/Guardian (signature) _____ Date _____



WCYFA Authorization to Pick up Child/Children

I authorize WCYFA to release my child/children to the following person/persons from WCYFA games, practices and/or team activities.

Person/Persons authorized to pick up my child/children:

Name	DOB	DL #:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Parent/Guardian (signature) _____ Date _____



AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT

I authorize a member of WCYFA, or person in charge of WCYFA, to contact local Emergency Medical Services (911) and obtain any and all necessary medical treatment due to serious accident or illness for my child/children _____, in the event that I am not personally present to authorize the same. I also authorize the local Emergency Medical Services (911) to transport my child to the nearest available hospital or health clinic.

Physician Name _____ Physician Phone _____

Insurance _____ Policy Number _____

Parent/Guardian (signature) _____ Date _____

WCYFA Football Guidelines Acknowledgement

I have read all the information in the attached handbook and my child and I agree to abide by ALL rules/policies/guidelines. My child and I are aware that if rules are not followed reasonable disciplinary action as outlined will be taken. Parents/guardians who do not abide by these rules may also be restricted from WCYFA activities. My child and I are fully aware of the policies and code of conducts. I fully understand that if payments are not current with the payment schedule provided in the guidelines, my child will not be allowed to attend practice and or games and that my uniform will be held. I also fully understand that no refunds will be given if my child quits or is removed from a team.

Participant _____ Team _____
(printed name)

Participant _____ Date _____
(signature)

Parent/Guardian Printed Name _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____
(signature)

**** This form must be completed and returned at the scheduled payment date. ****