

# Are you ready for some football?

**JOIN THE FUN IN 2018!**

**Register by  
May 1<sup>st</sup>  
and save  
\$15!**

**Accepting all players that will be in  
1st Grade-8th Grade in Fall 2018**



## **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**April 17<sup>th</sup>**

Georgia Middle School Lobby  
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**

BFA-Fairfax High School Lobby  
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**April 24<sup>th</sup>**

Cambridge Elementary Gym Lobby  
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**April 25<sup>th</sup>**

Hyde Park Town Library  
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**OPEN TO ALL ENTERING 1st Grade—8th Grade**



**Don't forget**

### **Items Needed for Registration**

- (Bring copies with you)
- ◆ Birth Certificate
  - ◆ Proof of Insurance
  - ◆ Registration Fees
  - ◆ Sports Physical



# FAQ's

## Is football really safe for youth?

*Patriots Youth Football was privileged to be one of two football programs in the State of Vermont to be selected by USA Football as a pilot program for Heads Up Football in 2013 and we have continued our affiliation with the Heads Up Football program.* A Player Safety Coach trained by USA Football staff oversees the coaching techniques and fitting player equipment to ensure the safety of our players.

While no physical activity will ever be totally free of injury, the Patriots Youth Football program strives to make the safety of each player our **NUMBER ONE** priority.

## My child has never played football. Will that affect his or her ability to participate?

No, we encourage participation at all levels from grade 1 through grade 8. Regardless of when your child joins the program, we strive to provide each player with an environment that affords skill appropriate playing time and coaching attention during practices and games.

## What is a typical practice like?

Practices begin mid-August in Fairfax. The first two weeks, practices are held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The third week, the practice schedule is tailored to meet the needs of each individual team. You can expect that your child will be practicing three to five days per week, from 5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. League requires 10 practices prior to participation in formal games.

## What kind of game schedule is planned?

Typically there are six Saturday morning games for the 5/6 and 7/8 teams. Usually at least three of those are home games which will be played at the Fairfax Recreational Park located near the BFA school. Flag games are on weeknights, with generally one or two Saturday jamborees or mini-games.

## Does the Patriots program require a large time commitment?

Yes, football requires each of the eleven players on the field to understand his or her assignment on each play. Offensively, there could be many plays to learn. Add defensive and special teams into the mix, and it takes dedication. **Volunteers make our program successful. Parents are expected to volunteer** in areas such as chain gang, referees, assistant coaches, board members, or working the concession stand. (Any necessary training will be provided.) Each family is expected to fill two time slots through the season with a volunteer that is over age 18. There is a volunteer buy-out fee of \$100. In addition, players/parents are expected to support our raffle ticket fundraiser.

## What equipment does the program supply?

- ◆ Helmet with chin strap
- ◆ Shoulder pads
- ◆ Practice pants, practice jersey
- ◆ Girdle and knee pads (Tackle only)
- ◆ Game Jersey, Pants, Socks, Belts

Players and parents will be required to sign for all

equipment issued. It is the responsibility of each player to maintain and clean the clothing and equipment issued. At the end of the season all issued equipment is to be returned.

## What expenses should I expect?

◆ **Mouth guard, cleats, athletic supporter/cup, water bottle, travel to/from games.**

### ◆ Registration Fees—Before May 1<sup>st</sup>

- ◆ Tackle 5/6, 7/8—\$65
- ◆ Flag—\$50

### ◆ Registration Fees—After May 1<sup>st</sup>

- ◆ Tackle 5/6, 7/8—\$80
- ◆ Flag—\$65

Family discounts available ~ First child pays full rate— each additional child receives \$10 discount  
Scholarships are available based on financial need.

◆ **Equipment/Volunteer Deposit (Refundable) - \$35**  
All players are required to pay this deposit. This deposit will be refunded on equipment return day if equipment is clean and damage free.

### ◆ Volunteer Buy-out Fee - \$100

If you are unable to volunteer, it is required that the Volunteer Buy-out Fee is paid when your child is registered.

## Further Questions?

Don Demar, Co-President - 355-3813  
Heidi FitzGerald, Co-President- 309-3925  
Samantha Sweet, Secretary- 343-9140  
Chasity Fagnant, Treasurer- 595-1071  
**Mailing address: P.O. Box 427 , Fairfax, VT 05454**  
◆ **PYF e-mail:** fairfaxpatriots@gmail.com  
◆ **Website:** www.fairfaxpatriots.com