

Are you ready for some football?

JOIN THE FUN IN 2017!

**Register by
May 1st
and save
\$15!**



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

April 18th and 19th

BFA-Fairfax High School Lobby

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

April 20th

Georgia Middle School Lobby

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

April 25th

Cambridge Elementary Gym Lobby

5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

April 27th

Hyde Park Elementary Library

5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m



Don't Forget

Items Needed for Registration

- ◆ **Birth Certificate**
- ◆ **Proof of Insurance**
- ◆ **Sports Physical**
- ◆ **Registration Fees**

**(Please bring copies
with you)**



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 2 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. 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, working the concession stand, and clothing sales. Training will be provided. 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
- ◆ Hip, tailbone, thigh, knee pads
- ◆ 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 1st

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

◆ Registration Fees—After May 1st

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

Family discounts available ~ First player will be charged full fee- each additional player from same family will receive a \$10 discount.

Scholarships are available based on financial need.

◆ Equipment/Volunteer Deposit (Refundable) - \$35

All players are required to pay this deposit

◆ Volunteer Buy-out Fee - \$35

If you are unable to volunteer as a chain gang member, coach, concession/clothing worker, trained referee and/or board member, it is required that the Volunteer Buy-out Fee is paid when your child is registered.

Further Questions?

Contact your Town Representative:

- ◆ Fairfax: Tom Fontaine/ 318-7392
- ◆ Fletcher: April Still/ 372-1446
- ◆ Georgia: Heidi FitzGerald/ 309-3925
- ◆ Cambridge: Melanie D'Amico/ 644-1964
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