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FAYFL News

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News You Need to Know

Registration Fees and Raffle Tickets

Any player who has not paid their registration fee by October 25 will be suspended until the fee is paid. Any team who has not sold their raffle tickets by October 25 will not be able to play until each player on their team has sold \$50 worth of raffle tickets.

Post Season Play

The Harvest Bowl (TM/MM/JPW/PW) - Playoff games are scheduled for November 15 – 16. Championship games are scheduled for November 22 – 23. All games will be played at either Louisa Middle School or Louisa High School. A detailed schedule will be announced soon, as well the exact cost per team to play. Discussions are also in works for additional post season play in the King George Frost Bowl and St. Mary's Turkey Bowl; more information to come.

Off-Season

FAYFL Executive Board Members will begin meetings in January to prepare for the 2009 tackle football season.

From The Commissioner

Dignity and Respect Within the FAYFL ...

Over the past few weeks there has been a number reports of actions of unsportsmanlike conduct displayed on the field (both in play and the sidelines) by players, coaches, parents and officials. There is nothing wrong with talking to members of the opposing team, this a manner of spirit and confidence in your team's ability to win, but when this develops into "trash talking" or "racial slurs" this now crosses the line of unsportsmanship and possibly may be construed as an aspect of hate for another person which cannot be tolerated within the FAYFL. Over the past few weeks it has been brought to my attention that a number of team's players have resorted to calling opposing members derogatory terms which I would care not to repeat in this email, but they are indeed blatant and quite obviously an attempt to distract the other team and incite players to make mistakes. This again is unacceptable and should **not** be taught, approved, or allowed by anyone.

The League leadership cannot be everywhere and of course the officials are truly doing there best to ensure our environment of play is safe, fair and respectful, but it takes everyone including coaches, parents, and others to ensure our players act properly and respectfully at all times. So, I am asking everyone to please speak with your teams about sportsmanship and most of all respect for others and this not only means during football within the FAYFL, but always. The infractions that have been brought to my attention, such as severe trash talking and racial slurs will not be tolerated and measures will be taken to decrease such behavior in the League.

FAYFL Executive Board and I appreciate everyone's participation and support in making this a great season; we only have a few weeks left, so the best to all!

Respectfully,

Kenneth Gantt
Commissioner
FAYFL

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“I don't know any other way to lead but by example.”

~ Don Shula

Parents Corner

Spotlight Your Child

Parents if you want your child spotlighted in this newsletter, send bio information to your coach. The same questions are asked every month, so look at the previous newsletter to see what information is collected. You must also verify that you give permission for your child to be featured in the newsletter

Scheduling Committee

Volunteers are still needed to form a scheduling committee. This can be hectic, but no football knowledge is required. The committee will meet for a few hours each evening during one week. Contact Ken Gantt at gantt_kenneth@bah.com if you are interested in volunteering. The schedule is anticipated to be released August 14. Once the schedule is announced no changes will be made.

Registration

If you haven't paid your registration yet, your registration fee is due ASAP. The FAYFL needs your contribution to help pay for uniforms and fields.



June Players of the Month – Dawson Reed Garrett

Team: Tiny Mites Colts

Age: 7

School and grade: Salem
Elementary/1st Grade

Favorite position to play:
Running back

Favorite hobby outside football:
Video games, wake boarding and
tubing

Favorite color: Blue

Favorite food: Oatmeal

Student academics: Straight E's (no
grades in 1st grade so all excellents)



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