



COWETA COUNTY
PARKS & RECREATION
PARENT INFORMATION SHEET

PROGRAM: 2023 TACKLE FOOTBALL (Ages 9-10 & 11-12)

REGISTRATION DATES: April 8, 2024 – August 16, 2024

AGE CUTOFF: September 1st, 2024

Registration: To register and pay by credit card, visit cowetaparksandrec.com and click the 'Registration' link. If you have trouble or questions with account setup or registration, please contact us at 770.683.7275 or visit one of our offices. Once registration closes a waitlist will be activated for a short period. *Being on waitlist does not guarantee placement in the program.* Staff will pull from waitlist only based on need.

Program location: Temple Ave Complex (39 Hospital Rd, Newnan)*

Day/Times: Mondays - Thursdays (5:30-9:00pm) & Saturdays mornings. (Practices are typically 3-4 days a week)

Season: Practices – August 26th through September 13th

Games – September 16th through possibly November 15th **

**Location, dates & times may change based on enrollment and other factors.*

***Inclement weather is a possibility. Games made up as soon as possible. Coaches to be advised of makeup date.*

Player Evaluations

Temple Ave Football Field (39 Hospital Rd)

Monday, August 19th | Tuesday, August 20th

Ages 9-10 : 6PM | Ages 11-12: 6PM

*Rain date August 21, Age 9-10

*August 22, Age 11-12

What should my child wear to evaluation, practices, and games? Tennis shoes (cleats recommended), T-shirt, shorts or sweatpants. Equipment will be issued once teams are picked.

How will my child be placed on a team?

- Based on enrollment, staff will determine number of players per team.
- Parks & Recreation staff will conduct a draft with coaches who will pick their own team.
- **NO SPECIAL REQUESTS FOR TEAM PLACEMENTS WILL BE HONORED** (Exception: Siblings)

What will my child's uniform consist of? Your child will receive a new team jersey to keep. Helmet and shoulder pad provided (return after season). Must wear black padded pants (available for purchase at equipment pickup).

How will I find out what team my child is on? You should be contacted by a coach between the dates of August 21st – August 26th. **If someone hasn't contacted you by August 26, 2024** informing you of which team your child is on, **please call the office** (770.683.7275) to find out the coach, practice time and team name.

Who will be coaching my child? A VOLUNTEER!! The person coaching your child is not getting paid. We are always in need of coaches! If you or someone you know would be interested in coaching or volunteering, please have them contact the Program Coordinator at 770.683.7275 ext. 8587.

What if I have additional questions? Please feel free to contact the Program Coordinator, Jay Walton, at jwalton@coweta.ga.us or by phone 770.683.7275 ext. 8587.

Have fun! Learn fundamentals! Promote sportsmanship & teamwork!



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Requirements for playing Tackle Football

- I. **CONCUSSION WAIVER** – Must be signed by parent/guardian before playing. This waiver is signed during registration online.
- II. **BIRTH CERTIFICATE** – A clear copy of birth certificate must be provided to play. This can be brought to evaluations or sent in advance to dsnider@coweta.ga.us.
- III. **WEIGHTS OF FOOTBALL PLAYERS** – All players shall adhere to the following weights.
 - A. 9 & 10 Year Old – 115 pounds for backs and ends (any ball handlers). There is no weight limit on down linemen (unlimited weight).
 - B. 11 & 12 Year Old – 135 pounds for backs and ends (any ball handlers). There is no weight limit on down linemen (unlimited weight).

In using these rules there will be no weight limit on the down linemen. A player weighing over 115 (9-10 yr. old) or 135 pounds (11-12 yr. old) must play a down lineman position with hand on ground in a stance from tackle to tackle on offense and defense. They cannot move any further out than the outside shoulder of the offensive tackle. They cannot stand up and play end, linebacker or defensive back. These players cannot advance the ball under any circumstance. If they are on kick-offs and the ball is kicked to them, the ball will be downed at the point of possession. They may be used as a punter but may not advance the ball.

NOTE: A player weighing over the weight limit and will be playing a down lineman position will have a red stripe or X on their helmet to let the opposing coaches and officials know who the down linemen are.

Each player will be weighed before the season begins. It will be at the Program Coordinator's discretion to allow any player to be weighed again before the games to adjust their position.