

2010 ELK RIVER YOUTH FOOTBALL • www.elkriverfootball.com

All Leagues are contact leagues with blocking and tackling, both above and below the waist. It will be the responsibility of the parent or the guardian to provide the child with football or all-purpose shoes, a football helmet, and shoulder pads.

The association will issue football pants, game jerseys (players get to keep their jersey) and a mouth guard.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



ERYFA FOOTBALL JAMBOREE

~Saturday, August 28th ~

This jamboree will be for all ages. Team pictures will be taken this day, preseason scrimmage games, apparel sales, and concessions, all to take place at ER High School Varsity Practice Fields.

ERYFA VARSITY YOUTH FOOTBALL NIGHT

~THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd ~

Elk River Varsity Football Youth football night will be **Thursday, September 2nd**. All youth players who wear their ERYFA jerseys will get in **FREE!!**

2ND & 3RD GRADE LEVELS

All children that will be entering grades 2nd and 3rd grades for the 2010-2011 school year are eligible to play in this league. The focus of the league is on Teaching the kids the fundamentals of the game, and making their first experience in organized football as fun as possible.

- Practice begins on **August 16th**, games begin on **August 31st**.
- **AGAIN THIS YEAR!** The first week of practice **August 16th-August 19th**, both 2nd & 3rd grades will be practicing together.
- Team selections will be made on **August 20th**.
- Games will be played on Tuesday's and Thursday's.
- There will be weight restrictions on ball carriers.
- 2nd & 3rd Grades will play at half time, **Thursday, September 2nd**, at the Elk River High School Football Game.

4TH, 5TH & 6TH GRADE LEVELS

All children that will be entering 4th, 5th & 6th grades for the 2010-2011 school year are eligible to play in this league. In addition to playing against other Elk River teams, the kids will have the opportunity to play against teams from Rogers.

- **August 9th & 10th** will be mandatory evaluations. Team drafts will be held on **August 12th** after evaluations.
- Practice begins on **August 16th**, games begin on **August 31st**.
- Games will be played on Tuesday's and Thursday's.
- The season ends with playoffs and the Area 728 Bowl.
- There will be weight restrictions on ball carriers.

7TH & 8TH GRADE LEVELS

This year Elk River 7th and 8th Grade Football will practice after school and compete in the Anoka-Hennepin League!

- Games will be on full size regulation fields
- All games will be held after school. Your child will be bused to away games.
- Evening practice will start on **August 16th**. After school practice will start on the **first day of school**.
- All players will have a locker to keep their equipment in. Your child will be supervised by a staff member until practice starts.
- It will be the responsibility of the parent or the guardian to provide the child with football or all-purpose shoes, a football helmet, and shoulder pads.

The association will issue football pants, game jerseys (players get to keep their jersey) and a mouth guard.

- There will be **no weight restrictions on ball carriers**. Minnesota state high school league rules will be in effect including field goals, extra points, blitzing, etc.
- All 7th & 8th Grade teams will spend a HOME game with Coach Cross and The Elk River Elks Varsity Team. Your child will be in the locker room, classroom and on the Field with the Varsity team before the game starts! This is a great opportunity for your 7th or 8th Grader!

FUNDRAISING & SPONSORSHIP INFO

There will be some fundraising opportunities this year for Elk River Youth Football players & families to participate in. The specific details are not determined yet, but we will communicate those to you as soon as they become available. While we do recognize that families are asked to participate in numerous fundraisers throughout the year, fundraising is critical to maintaining the quality football program we have, while keeping the costs affordable. **Plus, we have many great sponsorship opportunities available.** If you are interested, please contact Gina Larson at AJL-momx2@hotmail.com. "Thank you" in advance for your wonderful support!!

COACHING & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN COACHING, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO INFO@ERYFA.ORG WITH YOUR CONTACT INFO & WHAT AGE LEVEL YOU WOULD LIKE TO COACH. YOU WILL THEN BE CONTACTED BY THE LEAGUE DIRECTOR. THANK YOU!!

This year we are asking each family to fulfill 3 hours of volunteer time per family. Each family will be required to submit a postdated volunteer check for \$50.00. Check will be collected at the start of the season by each team's head coach. The check will not be deposited and will be VOIDED, if the family performs their volunteer effort during the season. 1 hour of time can be fulfilled by completing the year-end survey. Watch for volunteer opportunities as the season gets closer!! VOLUNTEER BUY-OUT OPTION: This is an option in the registration process in lieu of 3 volunteers hours per family during the season. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR GREAT SUPPORT OF ELKS FOOTBALL!!

We encourage you to visit our website at www.elkriverfootball.com or call the Elk River Youth Football Information line at 763.441.0521 for any questions you might have. We are looking forward to a great year!