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Mudsock Youth Football Program



Meijer is pleased to support Mudsock Youth Athletics in its mission of bringing sports to local kids. As a family company, Meijer aims to enrich the lives of families in its community. By sponsoring youth sports programs like Mudsock, Meijer gets to support local kids as they learn valuable life skills, build friendships, get active and, most importantly, have fun!

Goal: The purpose of the Mudsock Youth Football program is:

- To develop and maintain a properly supervised football league for Fishers youth in Kindergarten to sixth grades.
- To promote improved community relations by demonstrating an interest in the youth of our community.
- To encourage physical and mental growth through keen competition.
- To emphasize good citizenship and scholastic achievement.
- To nurture good sportsmanship and a sense of fair play.

Divisions: Our football league is divided into different levels, based upon the player's grade in the upcoming school year.

Flag: The flag league is divided into separate Kindergarten/First and Second grade leagues. This is a non-contact league.

Third Grade Rookie Tackle: This league is based on USA Football's Rookie Tackle program. The purpose is to help start a transition from the flag leagues and prepare athletes for 11 vs. 11 football. Games are 7 vs. 7 and all players have an opportunity to carry the football.

4th Grade Modified Tackle: 7 vs. 7 tackle football with rules transitioned towards NFHS (high school) rules

5th and 6th Grade Tackle Rec League: The 5th and 6th grade league is to prepare athletes for Junior High football and is largely based on the Indiana High School Athletic Association's football rules. It is 11 on 11 full contact football. Weight limits exist for ball carriers.

Knights: The travel program provides our youth players with an opportunity to compete at the highest level against the best competition from other leagues in Central Indiana and around the state. The travel football program is available to 5th and 6th grade tackle players.



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Registration: Open registration runs May 1st – 31st at myathletics.com. After May 31st, a waitlist may form for certain divisions.

Evaluations: All players must be evaluated before they are placed on a team. Players are evaluated by coaches who have been trained in the USA Football standards and evaluations will take place in July.

Time Commitment: The league runs from late July through October. Weekly time commitment varies slightly by grade. Teams may practice up to twice per week. Most games are on Saturday, but occasional weeknight games are possible.

Team Selection: Every effort is made to balance teams. Players are required to be evaluated. Teams are balanced before coaches are selected to ensure optimal competition.

Cost: Cost varies by grade level and program. For the flag leagues, the cost is \$110 and for the tackle leagues (3rd-6th) the cost is \$210. The Knights fee is additional and will be detailed by that program.

Refund Policy:

For the fall 2021 season, the refund policy will be as follows:

May 1 – June 15th – Refund after \$32 non-refundable fee

June 16th – July 15th – 50% refund after the \$32 non-refundable fee

July 16th – July 31st – 25% refund after the \$32 non-refundable fee

After July 31st – No refund

Coach Selection: Coaches are selected based on applications. All coaches are required to have a background check on file and are required to complete safety training and the USA Football certification annually.

Playing Time: Except for the Knights program, all divisions strive for equal playing time.

Equipment Needed: The following items are needed based on the division you participate in:

Flag - mouthguard, molded cleats, gym shorts

Tackle (3rd-6th) - white football pants w/ pads, practice jersey, mouthguard, molded cleats

The league will provide footballs, helmets, shoulder pads, jerseys, and socks if applicable to your child's division.

Grades K-4th uses a PeeWee size football and 5th and 6th uses a Junior size football.