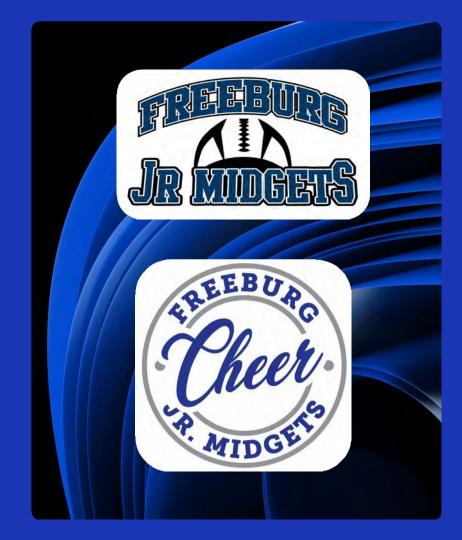
Freeburg Jr. Midgets

# Parents Meeting

2025 Season July 22, 2025



# **Our Story**



<u>Founded in 2009</u>, our organization is now 16 years strong and continuing to have an impact on our communities.

The original founders were a husband and wife duo who took on a grassroots effort to build the organization from scratch, at times having to self fund expansion, they gradually gained increasing support from the community.

Once their children were through the program, they handed the reigns to our second regime of leadership who established financial stability, improved overall program structure and quality of equipment, and blazed a trail with the Catholic War Veterans (CWV) to begin the journey of establishing our home field.

They eventually transitioned the program to a third and now fourth leadership structure, built a sustainable board of directors that is 15 volunteers strong, driven over 50% growth of participation over the last three years, and is building a strategy for continued evolution for the future.

## Our **Success** is **Driven** by the **Development** of Our Plavers & Cheerleaders



#### Pat Wolf Award Winners:

- 2024: F-Austin Wester S-Ryker Larsen JV-Liam Bevill & Vince Thoma V-Jaxon James
- 2023: F-Henley Marshall S-Brayden Mitchell JV-Greg Freytag V-Joseph Carmack
- o 2022: F-Beau Ries S-Reid Waeltz JV-Drew Amann V-Jac Amann
- 2021: F-Jack Rogers S-Camden Junge JV-Lukas Quartz V-Luke Ingram
- o 2020: COVID No Season
- 2019: F-Owen Butler S-Joe Carmack JV-Alexander Miller V-Nick Garrett
- 2018: F-Cameron Kenner S-Cooper Kisgen JV-Evan Cron V-Trystin Crossen
- 2017: F-Bryce Harbison S-Cohen Merrill JV-Tucker Murphy V-Jonathan Marquaardt

#### Commander's Trophy Winners:

- 2024 Football: F-Bennett Harper S-Tom Reis JV-Braden Weissenborn & Reid Waeltz V-Drem Amann
- 2024 Cheer: : F-Charm Ross S-Remi Nicks JV-Lucy Sarent & Ella Wilderman V-Anna Wittenauer
- 2023 Football: F-Landon Cawvey S-Jake Greive JV-Grant Heuring V-Cooper Kisgen
- 2022 Football: F-Kyler Bolam S-Braden Weissenborn JV-Nathan Raban V-Will Gebke
- 2023 Cheer: F-Jolee Langerman S-Lydia Poston JV-Nora Wright V-Peyton Murphy
- 2022 Cheer: F-Zoey Rau S-Anneliese Widdicombe JV-Riley Ludgate V-Madelyn Belding

#### Undefeated Seasons

 2015 Sophomores, 2016 Sophomore, 2017 Freshman, 2017 JV, 2018 JV, 2019 Sophomore, 2021 JV, 2022 Varsity

#### Championships

2016 Sophomore, 2017 Freshman, 2017 JV, 2019 Sophomore, 2021 JV

### **Our Core Values**



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SAFETY

In Everything We Do

**ATTITUDE** 

Is Everything, be coachable

**FUN** 

Remember this is a game

**EFFORT** 

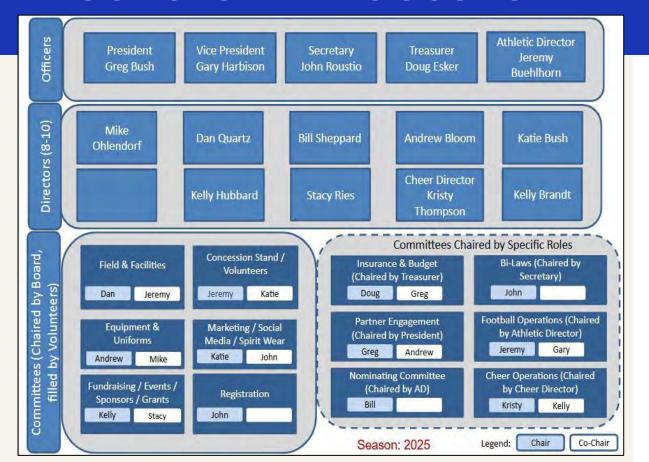
Is something everyone can give

RESPECT

Your coaches, teammates, parents, officials, opponents, and the game

To provide high quality football and cheer programs to the youth in Freeburg, Smithton, and the surrounding communities. Our programs focus on safety. teamwork, leadership, dedication. hard work, and equality. We strive to provide an environment that can have a lasting impact on our players and cheerleaders by instilling the proper principles. integrity, and work ethics while having fun. And through the generosity of our board, sponsors, and supporters, our scholarship program ensures no child will be excluded, even if they don't have the financial means.

### **Board of Directors**



Reach out to Greg Bush to join us as a board shadow to learn the ropes and help secure a bright future for our Jr. Midget football program—your involvement today ensures these young athletes have the support they need to thrive for years to come.

## Head Coaches - Football & Cheer



**Doug Esker** 



**Kelly Brandt Head Coach Varsity Cheer** 



**Greg Bush Head Coach Junior Varsity Football** 



**Kristy Thompson Head Coach Junior Varsity Cheer** 



**Zach Ries Head Coach Sophomore Football** 



**Chyanne Rickert & Alyssa Mueller Head Coach Sophomore Cheer** 



Josh Harper **Head Coach Freshman Football** 



**Ashleigh Jett Head Coach Freshman Cheer** 

## **Budget Overview**

Equipment	Cost
Helmet	\$275
Shoulder Pads	\$90
Game Pants	\$55
Practice Jersey	\$15
Total	\$435



- Current Operational Budget per year \$45K \$50K
- This has increased resulting from our new home field, new requirements and equipment
- Cost per player is approximately \$435 in equipment for football, and Cheer is approximately \$100 for uniform alone
- Jersey and Cheer Uniform are a "pass through cost", and is each player/ cheerleaders to keep...typically lasts multiple seasons
- We focus on safety, only Top Rated safety rated equipment used...results in increased cost
- We spend \$3K-\$6K on reconditioning helmets each year for safety...follow regulations closely
- Helmets are only good for 10 years, then will be replaced to ensure safety
- Insurance is covered by the league fees for our players and cheerleaders, but insurance is required for equipment and facilities
- We also sponsor any children who want to participate but may need financial assistance
- Field and facilities maintenance will continue to be a focus to ensure we have a safe, clean, and high-quality environment for your children to participate in our program

## 2025 Budget

	2025 Season Budget & Expe	nses	
Work To Be Done / Expense Item	Budgetary Estimate	Status	Comments
	Revenue		
Registration Fees (Income)	The state of the s		Season registration payments collected
Sponsorships	\$3,775	Pending	
Concession Stand Revenue	TBD	Planned	Game day concession sales
Fundraisers	TBD	Planned	Firearm raffle, mega money raffle, dine out nights, family night, 50/50
Total Revenue (Current)	\$41,856		
	Expenses		
Helmet Purchases & Re-certification	\$19,886	Paid	New helmets and safety recertification completed
Training Equipment Package	\$8,000	Paid	Blaster chute, agility trainer, (2) jax tacklers, 8 tackling dummies
Visitor Sideline Drainage	\$3,200	Paid	Field improvement project completed
Referee Payments	\$5,500	Paid	Current season referee fees
Facility Plumbing Repairs	\$5,000	Pending	Essential facility maintenance required
End-of-Season Volunteer Refund	\$15,400	Pending	Estimated volunteer appreciation refund
Total Expenses	\$56,986		
Balance	(\$15,130)		2025 Fundraising goal: \$22,000

We only succeed with the continued support of sponsors, volunteers, donors, and fundraisers!

#### **Headwinds:**

- 2025 Helmet Purchase- 19.8K
- 2026 Helmet Purchase- \$4.8K
- 2027 Helmet Purchase- \$9.5K

Total - \$34.1K Over next 3 Years not including equipment purchases from growth (\$4.5K so far)

- Insurance being reviewed
- Operational Budget being re-baselined

## Planned Revenue Sources:

- Concession
   Stand Revenue
- Firearm Raffle
- Mega Money Raffle
- Dine Out Nights
- Family Night Events
- 50/50 Drawings
- Glo Bingo





# Want to Sponsor/Donate or Volunteer?



## Fundraising Board Member



Contact: Kelly Hubbard kquartz@sbcglobal.net

618-541-8081



Fall 2025 Season

Dear Friend.

My name is Greg Bush, and I am the President of the Freeburg Jr, Midgets Football and Cheerleading Organization. We are a non-profit organization founded in 2009 serving the Freeburg, Smithton, New Athens, St. Libory and surrounding communities with a mission of providing safe and quality youth football and cheer programs. We are a small organization; however, our efforts allow over 200 kids each year to learn the great game of football and cheer in a competitive format with the right safety precautions and equipment to ensure their well-being. We have volunteer board of directors that operates and steers the organization, and much of our success is made possible by volunteers and sponsors in the communities we serve.

On behalf of the Freeburg Jr. Midgets Football and Cheer Organization, I would like to extend an invitation to you, your family and/or company to become a sponsor and help us continue to provide these programs. Our objective has always been to help our athletes develop a sense of fair play, sportsmanship, leadership, community service, and team effort. Being a sponsor of our organization provides an opportunity to partner with us on this journey,

Your sponsorship dollars will help us provide the safest equipment, operate our program, and provide scholarships for the less fortunate so they can also participate in football and cheerleading. As always, 100% of your donation benefits the children of the Jr. Midgets. We are recognized as an IRS 501(c)(3) organization, so your sponsorship will be tax deductible.

If becoming a sponsor for the Freeburg Jr. Midgets Football and Cheer organization is an option for you, your family and your company, our sponsorship agreement (included with this letter) provides additional details on the various levels of support available. You can also visit our Facebook page and website www.freeburgjrmidgets.com to read more about our program. If you prefer, we welcome the opportunity to meet with you and answer any questions you may have.

We greatly appreciate your time and consideration and would like to thank you in advance for any support you can provide. If you have questions or need further information, please contact me at freeburgirmidgets@gmail.com or 701-213-3311.

Best Regards.

Greg Bush President, Jr. Midgets Football and Cheer Organization Freeburgirmidgets@gmail.com 701-213-3311

#### JR MIDGETS

#### 2025 Sponsor Form

#### Sponsorship Levels (Please Check One):

#### ☐ Blue Sponsor-\$250 or more . Your logo displayed on the back of our team t-shirt. · Company logo listed on our website Your business announced at Jr. Midgets home games · Your logo featured on banner at Jr. Midget home games and events Due by July 1st: to be featured on the banner and t-shirt Grey Sponsor-\$150 Company logo listed on our website · Your business announced at Jr. Midget home games ☐Friend of the Jr. Midgets Sponsor- \$75 · Name listed on our website I have enclosed my check payable to: Freeburg Jr. Midgets Football (Sponsorship) Company and/or Individual Name: Name to Appear in Print: Mailing Address: Contact Person: Contact Email: Contact Phone: Website Address: Special Instructions:

#### Jr Midgets Football Club

Please email your company logo to freeburgirmidgets@gmail.com Logos must be in .png; .pdf; or illustrator files You can mail your check with this form to:

> Freeburg Jr. Midgets Football Club P.O. Box 71 Freeburg, IL 62243

Other Names
JR MIDGET FOOTBALL CLUB

Publication 78 Data

Organizations eligible to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions.

Users may rely on this list in determining deductibility of their contributions.

On Publication 78 Data List; Yes

Deductibility Code: PC

#### FREEBURG JR. MIDGETS — REGISTRATION REQUIRMENTS

Player(s) and/or (	Cheerleader(s) Nam	es and Divis	ions			
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1.) Volunteer Na	me		Preferred Job			
Volunteer Phone			Score	Chains	Grill	Concession
CHEER FOOTBALL		Do you prefer to work during your child's game? YES NO				
Dates Volunteer #	1 is unavailable:					
2.) Volunteer Na	me		Preferred Job	Life Service	1004	
Volunteer Phone	Number		Score	Chains	Grill	Concession
			Do you prefer to wo	rk during your child	s game?	
CHEER	FOOTBALL		YES	NO		
Dates Volunteer #						
3.) Volunteer Na	ame		Preferred Job		with	- Wallian College
Volunteer Phone	Number		Score	Chains	Grill	Concessio
			Do you prefer to wo	ork during your child	's game?	
CHEER	FOOTBALL		YES	NO		
Dates Volunteer	#3 is unavailable:					
4.) Volunteer Na	ame		Preferred Job			
Volunteer Phone	Number		Score	Chains	Grill	Concessio
CHEER	FOOTBALL		Do you prefer to wo	ork during your child	's game?	
Dates Volunteer	#4 is unavailable:					
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Name #1			Name #2			
CHEER	FOOTBALL	Jersey #	CHEER	FOOTBALL	Jers	ey#
Name #3			Name #4			
CHEER	FOOTBALL	Jersey #	CHEER	FOOTBALL	Jer	sey#
TICKET						
Player/Cheerle	ader Name		Ticket Numb	ers		
CHEER	FOOTBALL		Contact Pho	ne #		

#### Spirit Wear Order Form:

Player Name:			
		Division:	
Contact Numl	ber:		
*Style #1: Tru	ck/Midget/Field goal	- Style #2: Midget	
*Available Co	lors: Sport Grey, Blac	k, Royal Blue, White	
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# **Sponsors & Fundraisers**









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#### Upcoming Events:

- Homecoming Parade Aug.16
- Blue & White Scrimmage Aug.22

#### Fundraisers:

- Fun on the Field Aug. 23rd
- Mega Money Cash Raffle
- Tailgating Spots for Raffle
- Glo Bingo Sept. 19th
- Firearms Raffle
- No Jacks Gives Back Aug. 3rd
- Waltons- TBD
- Team Pictures Sept. 17th and 18th
- Yard Signs for Football & Cheer
- New Volunteer Program making it easier on families and easier to get hours. \*Requirement is per family.
- Please remember volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization, please help us continue to provide these programs to our communities!
- Thank you to all of our sponsors!!!

# Key Dates & Upcoming Events



- No Jacks Fundraiser Aug. 3rd
- Practice Start August 4<sup>th</sup> FR/SO...Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> JV/Var
- Freeburg Homecoming Parade Aug. 16th
- Blue & White Scrimmage- Aug. 22th
- Family Night Aug. 23rd
- Team Pictures Sept. 17th and 18th
- Glo Bingo Sept 19th
- Equipment Returns November 12th & 13th
- End of Year Banquet November 16th

Reminders on Key Dates and
Information will be sent out
through email, Facebook, and on
our website...Also, team specific
communications will be done
through GameChanger

## Football Updates



- All football coaches will complete a background check, and be USA Football Certified
- We have an AED on-site in the concession stand, and will have an air conditioned environment and protocol for any heat related issues. We have added an <u>Emergency Action Plan</u> as well after the issue last year with one of our fans.
- Practice starts August 4th (Fresh) and August 5<sup>th</sup> (Soph/JV/Varsity)
  - Freshman:
    - Mondays & Wednesdays: 6PM 8PM
  - Sophomore, JV & Varsity:
    - Tuesdays & Thursdays: 6PM 8PM
  - Coaches may add additional practices from time to time if needed
- Practices will be on our practice field behind the game field & Practices will continue throughout the season
- Teams are declared August 24<sup>th</sup> & Scheduling Meeting is August 24<sup>th</sup>

Varsity: 31

Freshman: 26

Sophomore: 27

• JV: 32

# Football Frequently Asked Questions



- We start with basics at practice, so everyone will be able to learn and come up to speed regardless of experience
- Games will start the weekend after Labor Day, and regular season runs through the last weekend in October...Playoffs are the first two weekends in November
- Games could be on Saturday or Sunday, older levels will play on Sunday
- Games and practices will be at the CWV, working with the High School to still have that as an option in case there are issues
- While there is flexibility, attendance at practice is expected...there is a lot to learn, and it is difficult (and not safe) if you aren't there...occasional absences are understood, and should be coordinated with the coach
- We will work with you if your child is playing another sport (e.g. school sports), please coordinate with your coach...Attendance is expected after the school event if possible

# Football Frequently Asked Questions



- When at practice or the games, please remember you are representing our organization, and show respect to coaches, officials, volunteers, other players, and facilities
- We follow the League By-Laws for playing time. Each player is required 8 plays minimum. We focus on competitive football while teaching fundamentals.
- We have a process for documenting any incidents, all will be reviewed by the board and appropriate action taken...if you have concerns, please work with your head coach, if you have concerns with the coach, contact myself or Jeremy (Athletic Director)
- We encourage the "24 Hour Rule"...if you are frustrated, let things cool down and reach out the next day
- Birth Certificates need to be turned in as early as possible, it is required for your child to play. They are required prior to Aug 24th
- Please let the coaches coach, as "sideline coaches" can be a distraction for our players...if you have concerns or suggestions, please discuss with the HC
- ABSOLUTELY No animals allowed at the facilities except for registered (with documentation) service animals

# **Cheer**Updates



- Our Goal: Instill in each cheerleader the confidence that they can accomplish incredible goals with hard work! We will encourage them to be consistent, work as a team, be confident, and be leaders!
- We are excited to get the 2025 season underway!
- Camp was July 20th, and thanks to all of you who donated to the fan club shirts, we were able to make Camp a very memorable experience for our cheerleaders this year!
- Please make sure you mark your calendars with the homecoming parade and blue & white game.
   These are fun events that help us kick off the season
- Practice is as follows:
  - Freshman/Sophomore: Mondays 6-7pm
  - JV/Varsity: Thursday 7-8pm
- All practices at Jr. Midgets Field behind the CWV

# Cheer Frequently Asked Questions



- Please attend as many games and practices as possible so we can ensure our cheerleaders are prepared and get the most out of their experience.
- Absences happen, just please let your coach know
   24 hours in advance that you won't be there
- If you didn't order a uniform this year, please make sure your uniform, shell, and spanks are ready.
- Every cheerleader no matter if they ordered a uniform will be getting a new bow for the regular season as well as a pink October bow. This was included in your registration fee.
- GameChanger is the method for communicating within our teams, making announcements, and schedule updates. Please check this often as we will update important information through Gamechanger.
- If you have any questions, please email me at <u>irmidgetcheerleading@gmail.com</u>
- We are very excited for the season!

## Field & Facilities



- Thank you to the "mowing crew" that helps keep up with the grass and field maintenance
- Thank you to Short Cuts Lawn Care for helping us keep the game field green and ready
- Thanks to many of our sponsors, donors, and board members who helped make this possible!
- Please throw trash away and keep the grounds clean, parents and players are expected to help
- This is our Jr. Midgets home, and also the home of the CWV, please help keep it clean!







# Uniforms & Equipment



- Equipment handouts have already occurred; if your player has not received their equipment, please contact your head coach
- Helmet, shoulder pads, game pants, practice jersey, mouthpiece are provided...water is available at practice
- Jerseys will arrive in August
- Players should provide practice pants, cleats, mouthpiece and water bottle if desired
- Players will be fitted by coaches and board members who have gone through training to ensure a proper fit for safety
- Please remind your player to respect the equipment, do not drop or throw, no sitting on helmets, please maintain it while in your possession
- Your care and maintenance impacts the safety of the equipment
- Please work with us on Equipment Turn in...we spend a lot of time chasing down equipment, and we can't afford to replace equipment that has been damaged or missed recertification
- We continue to invest in modern equipment that keep our players safe and teach them the game (~\$8K on new Trainer, tackling bags)

# Spirit Wear Update



- Thank you to everyone who purchased. We had 2 different rounds of the stores being open. If you have not received your order yet, please pick up at the table.
- Spirit Wear sales help fundraise the organization. We will have limited apparel on sale throughout the season.
- If you would like to pre-order one of our new tailgate shirts, please put your name, sizes and contact information on a sheet up at the table. Shirts are \$25 crew necks \$35, hats \$25 and hoodies \$40

Player Name:			
Football or Ch	neer:	Division:	
Contact Num	ber:		
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# Additional Details & Contact Info





Most details from the meeting available in the Welcome Packet...find that and more details on our website



Download app on your iPhone or Android, log in with the account you used to register...coaches will use this for Football and Cheer to communicate with you



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## Q&A



# Questions for the Board or Coaches?

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Thank you for all your support!

Looking forward to a great season!

