

East Bay Buccaneers Youth Football & Cheerleading 2026 Fundraising Information Sheet

QUICK SUMMARY	
League Fundraiser	\$198.70 per family (fundraise OR pay buy-out)
Beverage Fundraiser	Required – no buy-out option
Multiple Athletes	One fundraiser & one beverage per family
Deadline	August 1, 2026
Non-Compliance	Athletes may not practice or compete until paid

1. Mandatory League Fundraiser

Each family is required to raise a minimum of **\$198.70** for the 2026 season. This amount honors the year 1987, when the East Bay Buccaneers were founded. Families may either participate in league fundraising opportunities or choose the \$198.70 buy-out option.

Possible League Fundraising Opportunities:

- Calendar fundraiser
- League sponsorships
- Hat drops
- Other league-approved fundraisers

2. Mandatory Beverage Fundraiser (No Buy-Out)

All families are required to participate in the Beverage Fundraiser. There is no buy-out option. Beverages must be turned in by the end of the first week of practice.

Football

- Football (except Mighty Mite): (1) 24-case of 20 oz Powerade (No Zero or Gatorade)
- Mighty Mite Football: (1) 24-can OR (1) 36-can (12 oz) Diet Coke

Cheer

- Mighty Mite Cheer: (1) 24-can OR (1) 36-can (12 oz) Mountain Dew
- Pee Wee Cheer: (1) 24-can OR (1) 36-can (12 oz) Sprite
- Midget Cheer: (1) 24-case OR (1) 36-case (12 oz) Coca-Cola
- Junior Varsity / Varsity Cheer: (1) 24-case OR (1) 36-case (12 oz) Coke Zero

3. Why Fundraising Matters

Fundraising supports equipment and safety gear, field and facility costs, competition and event fees, league operations, and helps keep registration fees as affordable as possible for all families.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. **Can I choose not to fundraise at all?** Yes. Families may opt out of league fundraising by paying the \$198.70 buy-out fee. This option does not apply to the beverage fundraiser.
2. **If I pay the \$198.70 buy-out, do I still have to help with fundraising events?** No. The buy-out satisfies your fundraising requirement. Volunteering is always welcome but does not apply toward fundraising balances.
3. **What volunteer opportunities are available?** We are always looking for volunteers on game days, including concessions, gate duty, and chain crew.
4. **Can fundraising amounts exceed \$198.70?** Yes. Families are welcome to exceed the minimum requirement. Excess funds support league operations.
5. **Can grandparents or friends donate directly?** Yes. Families may fundraise to friends and family to help meet their requirements.
6. **Will there be online payment options?** Yes. A trackable Zeffy link will be provided. Please retain your Zeffy transaction ID for your records.
7. **If my child is on football AND cheer, is it still one fundraiser?** Yes. The league fundraiser and beverage requirement are per family. You may choose which team's beverage to submit.
8. **Can businesses receive a receipt or tax letter for sponsorships?** Yes. Please direct sponsorship questions to ebbucsfundraising@gmail.com.
9. **What is the final deadline to meet the \$198.70 requirement?** August 1, 2026.
10. **What happens if I do not meet the fundraising requirement?** Failure to meet fundraising obligations may impact athlete eligibility and participation. Please communicate early with your team if issues arise.
11. **Where do fundraising proceeds go?** Funds support equipment, safety gear, field and facility costs, competition fees, and help keep registration affordable.

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the 2026 East Bay Buccaneers Youth Football & Cheerleading fundraising requirements, including the mandatory league fundraiser and beverage fundraiser, deadlines, and participation expectations.

Failure to sign does not exempt families from fundraising requirements. Acknowledgment is required prior to an athlete participating in their first practice.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Athlete Name(s): _____

Athlete Team (s): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____