

## **Parent Meeting (July 21, 2025 @6:30 p.m. at CHS gym)**

### **INFO FOR FLAG FOOTBALL – 5K – 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE**

**Practices:** We will be getting together with the coaches the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August to divide the teams. Once teams are picked, your coaches will be reaching out and will schedule a couple of practices before the first scrimmages on August 23, 2025.

**Game Schedules:** Game schedules will be posted on our website and will be emailed out as soon as they are set (most likely the first/second week of August). Please make sure your child is to the games on time with ample amount of warm up time. The first games/scrimmage will occur on August 23, 2025, and these will be located on the high school football field in Fireman's Park. All other games will take place by the football shed (close to the track). Games will begin on August 23, 2025, and will be every Wednesday and Saturday, except the Saturday of Labor Day. Our last games will be on October 11, which is the end of the year tournament.

A slight change from years past, due to the increase in enrollment numbers, we are looking at possibly having Wednesday and Thursday flag games with 5k/1<sup>st</sup> grade on one night and 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> grade on the other night. We are still in the process of working through logistics and will let you know as soon as a decision is made.

**End of the Year Tournament:** Our end of the year tournament will be on October 11 with games beginning around 9:00 a.m. and ending around 2:00 p.m. We will have concessions for these games and may rely on some of our flag parents to help in concessions to make it a fun and special day for the kids.

"One of the Greatest Gifts You Can Give Is Your Time"

**Flag Football Rules:** Flag Rules

<https://www.columbusfootball.net/portals/22516/docs/flag%20football/columbus%20youth%20football%20rules2016.docx>

**Flag Football Plays:** Plays that the coaches will be working with the kids on this year.

<https://www.columbusfootball.net/portals/22516/docs/flag%20football/cfo%20flag%20football%20plays%202%202.pdf>

**Uniforms:** If you already ordered a jersey and flags for the season, once they arrive, they will be given to your coaches to hand out. Please make sure you keep track of your flags throughout the season. If you need a jersey/flag, and didn't order one online when registering, please let us know ASAP. We can either add it to your account to pay online or you can make a check out for \$20.00 to the Columbus Football Organization if you need a jersey/flag. Please make sure you check your child's jersey from last year to ensure it still fits as there is a 2-3 week turnaround time in order to get flag jerseys.

### **Website and Facebook:**

**Website:** <http://columbusfootball.net>

**Facebook:** [\(2\) Columbus Football Organization | Facebook](#)

The CFO will try their best to keep the website and Facebook page as up to date as possible. If you have questions, check one of these two places. Under Youth Programs Tab, you will find the different grade levels. There you can find schedules and other information pertaining just to that grade level.

Our Columbus Football Facebook is another page to keep up to date on stuff and be reminded of things happening. We will try to leave a message on Facebook with practice changes or early release of practice due to weather along with sending an email or text message out.

You can also check out our google calendar on our website and input it into your calendar for upcoming events with the CFO.

**Team Reach:** Our organization has integrated into using the TEAMREACH app for communications as this is how some of the other sports organizations and high school coaches communicate. If there is bad weather and we need to cancel, we will send an email, text and also post on Team Reach. If you would like to have communication through Team Reach, please download the TeamReach app and to access the CFO Flag Football, enter Group Code: CFOFlagfootball

**Text Notifications:** If weather is bad and we need to cancel practice or cancel practice early, we will send an email and text with that information. Also check our Facebook page. If you wish to receive texts, you must sign up by Texting the Key Word: **Flag2025tshq22516** to 334-310-2497.

**Coaches:** It is much easier and more beneficial when we have two coaches per team to keep the kids organized and rotating in and out. If you are interested in coaching or helping, please reach out to us if you did not do so while registering your child.

**Golf Outing:** The CFO will be hosting its 17<sup>th</sup> annual golf outing on August 1. As of the beginning of June, our foursome's have been full. These have been filling up earlier and earlier each year. Please keep this in mind if you want to participate next year. We do still have dinner tickets available where you can enjoy a nice dinner, bid on silent and live auction items and mingle with other CFO parents. Dinner tickets are \$35.00.

**Youth Night:** The CFO Youth Night is scheduled for August 22, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Columbus Varsity game. This is a fun night for all our youth and a great way for us to come together as a community for the start of the Columbus High School Football season. Please have your child wear their jerseys to the game as they will get in free if they have their jerseys on. With 5 minutes left of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, we will have all the kids meet down by the opening in the gate (closest to the high school parking lot). At half time, the kids will be split within their teams and will run from the field goal line to the center of the field and be introduced on the field. After being introduced, we will then go back to the opening in the gate, and we will form a tunnel for the high school football players to run through to start the second half of their game.

**CFO Board Member:** We are always looking for other people to join the CFO board, especially parents that have young children that are willing to stick around for a while. If you are interested in joining this fun board, please reach out and/or attend one of our board meetings.

**Flag Football Coaches Meeting** – Tentatively will be either August **6 or 7th** @ 6:00 p.m. – At football shed to pick teams. I will be reaching out to the coaches that signed up through our registration by the end of the week.