



2016 COWBOY FOOTBALL - FALL SEASON INFORMATION

FEES: ALL PLAYERS (EQUIPMENT INCLUDED): \$175

EQUIPMENT FITTING DATES: All Registration is online and may be completed at any time. Equipment fittings will be held on Saturdays: dates and time TBD located at the Cowboy Complex in Jim Warren Park. **PLAYERS MUST BE PRESENT FOR EQUIPMENT FITTING AND PROVIDE COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE** (if you did not play for us last year).

PLAYER AGES: Age groups are determined by a player's age as of July 31, 2016.

IMPORTANT DATES (All Dates Subject to Change):

Practices Begin	July 18
TNYFL Jamboree	August 6
Cowboy Bowl	August 13
Regular Season Begins	August 20
Playoffs Begin	October 22
TNYFL Championship	November 5

PRACTICES: Practices are typically three nights per week during the season (often less for younger divisions) after an initial two-week evaluation period (July 18 - July 29).

GAMES: Games are usually played on Saturday; however it may be necessary to have a game on Sunday. This doesn't happen very often and only occurs after all other play options have been exhausted. We do "travel" to other TNYFL communities for games and the locations and directions can be found at www.tnyfl.org.

RAIN: The most-asked question – do we practice/play in the rain? And the answer is... yes and no and maybe. Sprinkling? Yes. Lightning? No. Raining hard? We make the call by 4pm that day depending on field conditions.

FOOTBALL UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT: The Franklin Cowboys provide (for the current season use) players with the necessary "hard equipment" (helmet & shoulder pads) as well as their game jersey, game pants and one mouthpiece. The player will be responsible for providing their own practice jersey, practice pants and football cleats. If the player has their own equipment, it must be NOCSAE certified and in good condition. The Cowboys will provide the decals and stripes to be placed on the helmet for the season.

SPONSORS: The Franklin Cowboys are a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization and we welcome help financing our activities. The fundraisers and registration fees only provide a portion of those needs. The Franklin Cowboys are a complete volunteer organization. No member of the Cowboys staff is compensated for their time and work.

PLAYER EVALUATIONS: In the first two weeks of practice, players are evaluated and assigned to a team based on their ability and experience level. It is the goal of the league to have players of equal experience compete with equal competition. Players are broken into triple, double and single level teams in each age bracket. **PLEASE NOTE:** Teams are selected and players are assigned, using a very specific set of guidelines regarding player selection and draft. At no time will a parent be able to influence what team their child plays on or what coach they are assigned. You may request (in writing) your desire to be placed on a particular team, but those requests cannot be guaranteed. **This rule is absolute.** All team selections are final.

What is the difference between Single, Double and Triple levels?

While not always the case, single level players are usually younger, less experienced and/or new to organized tackle football. Double level players are often older and more experienced and Triple level players are the most experienced, generally bigger in size, often the oldest kids in their division, and more aggressive. Triple level teams are selected first, followed by double level, then a single level draft is held. In most instances, there are enough players in one age group to field additional teams at the Single level. Coaches evaluate all players for placement.

What are the age/weight limits (to carry the football) for each division?

Division	Weight *	Age
AAA	140 lbs	11-12 years old
AA	130 lbs	
A	120 lbs	
BBB	115 lbs	9-10 years old
BB	105 lbs	
B	95 lbs	
CCC	90 lbs	7-8 years old
CC	80 lbs	
C	75 lbs	
PeeWee	65 lbs	5-6 years old
Jr. PeeWee	60 lbs	

Ages are calculated as of July 31, 2016

* Maximum weight to advance/carry the football. By rule, players over the above weight limit are considered a "Double Striper" and must play on the interior line.

REFUNDS: If, after registration your child is unable to participate, a partial refund may be available. Only the registration fees are eligible for a refund. There will be no refunds of the equipment rental fee or cheer uniform costs, regardless of whether the equipment/uniform was used or not. No Refund will be considered after the first pre-season game. All approved refunds will be credited via credit card or mailed (if paid by check) to the participant after the TNYFL Fee Night filing date.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Franklin Cowboys are proud members of the Tennessee Youth Football Association (TNYFL). Details about other communities can be found at WWW.TNYFL.ORG.
- The Franklin Cowboys and the TNYFL are proud members of **USA Football** and Practice **Heads Up Tackling**.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.FRANKLINCOWBOYS.ORG TO KEEP CURRENT WITH THE LATEST INFORMATION AND REGISTER YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS IN ORDER TO RECEIVE PROGRAM UPDATES, WEATHER, AND OTHER COWBOY NEWS.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF THE COWBOY PROGRAM.