

NEW MEXICO YOUNG AMERICA FOOTBALL LEAGUE

2010 PLAYER REGISTRATION PACKET

******* REGISTRATION FEE RECEIVED AFTER MAY 1, 2010 WILL BE INCREASED TO \$200.00 *******

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND POLICIES BEFORE SIGNING THE REGISTRATION FORM

INTRODUCTION

The New Mexico Young America Football League (NMYAFL) is a program of tackle football, cheerleading and other related physical activities for boys and girls. Headquarters are located at 5300 Ponderosa Drive, NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110, P. O. Box 3482, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87190. NMYAFL is a non-profit, tax exempt organization pursuant to the IRS regulations. Policies and affairs of NMYAFL are managed by a duly elected board of directors (BOD).

OBJECTIVES

The objectives and purposes for which NMYAFL is formed are as follows: (1) to engage in teaching and encouraging participation in the sport of American football, and cheerleading (2) to assist in combating juvenile delinquency by promoting the physical and emotional well being of young people by interesting them in participating in American football, cheerleading and other related activities, (3) to further sportsmanship and the importance of physical activity in their lives, and (4) to carry on competitive games and exhibits in the City of Albuquerque and the State of New Mexico.

REGISTRATION FEES AND REFUND POLICY

The registration fee for participation in NMYAFL is \$175.00 payable at the time of registration. Any player who has not paid their \$175.00 Registration fee in full may be removed from his/her roster. By signing the registration form you acknowledge, understand and agree to the following: **REGISTRATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE!! NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.** If your player is unable to participate for any reason the \$175.00 registration fee will be considered a donation to NMYAFL!!! **PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY AND ALL REQUESTS FOR REFUNDS WILL BE DENIED. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

PROOF OF BIRTH AND PRIMARY RESIDENCE ADDRESS

Proof of Birth in the form of a Birth Certificate and a valid proof of PRIMARY RESIDENCE address is required and must be provided to the league at the time of registration. Valid proof of PRIMARY RESIDENCE address must be one of the following: PNM Electric bill (original all pages) or a NM GAS bill (original all pages). **NO OTHER FORM OF ADDRESS VERIFICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED. THE ADDRESS INDICATED ON THE REGISTRATION FORM AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION WILL BE YOUR CHILD'S OFFICIAL LEAGUE ADDRESS AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE CHANGED.**

ASSIGNMENT OF PLAYERS TO TEAMS

All NMYAFL districts are identical to the established high school districts and as such all teams in each district shall have the same team colors and name as their high school district. If two or more teams are established in a single division and district the BOD will determine the team name and colors. Every attempt will be made to place Players on teams in the high school district in which they reside. The placement of your player on a team in his/her high school district is determined on a first come first served basis according your player's assigned registration number. The earlier you register your player the better chance he/she stands of being assigned to a team in his/her high school district.

Players are also assigned to teams according to their age and weight. Players must be at least seven (7) years old and no older than fourteen (14) years old and in eighth grade by September 1, 2010. Each age group has minimum and maximum weight requirements (see enclosed chart) which may affect which division your player is assigned to. The official weight of your player will be determined at his/her equipment issue time.

NMYAFL AGE AND WEIGHT CHART

<u>MITES</u>	<u>PEE WEES</u>	<u>ROOKIES</u>	<u>FRESHMAN</u>	<u>SOPHOMORES</u>	<u>JUNIORS</u>	<u>SENIORS</u>
7yr olds 128lbs Or Less	7yr olds 129lbs & up 8yr olds 135lbs or less & 9yr olds 54lbs or less	8yr olds 136lbs & up 9yr olds 55 - 140lbs & 10yr olds 59lbs or less	9yr olds 141lbs & up 10yr olds 60 - 145lbs & 11yr olds 69lbs or less	10yr olds 146lbs & up 11yr olds 70 - 155lbs & 12yr olds 85lbs or less	11yr olds 156lbs & up 12yr olds 86 - 160lbs & 13yr olds 105lbs or less	12yr olds 161lbs & up 13yr olds 106 & up & All 14yr olds

INELIGIBILITY

ANY PLAYER, WHO TURNS 15 YEARS OLD BY DECEMBER 31ST OF THE CURRENT CALENDAR YEAR, WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE WITH NMYAFL (REGARDLESS OF GRADE IN SCHOOL). ALL REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE ATTEMPTED FOR PLAYERS WITH DISABILITIES IN KEEPING WITHIN THE SPIRIT OF THE GAME OF FOOTBALL. PLAYER SAFETY AND CONCERN FOR SAFETY OF OTHERS IS A REQUIREMENT IN ANY ACTIVITY IN NMYAFL.

AT THE TIME OF EQUIPMENT ISSUE AND OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN, ANY PLAYER WHO DOES NOT WEIGH THE REQUIRED MINIMUM WEIGHT, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO WAIVE UP WITHOUT EXPRESS WRITTEN CONSENT OF COACH, LEAGUE AND PLAYER.

RULES OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES, PLAYERS, PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND

Any person(s) participating in NMYAFL in any capacity (coach, player, parent, sponsor, spectator, or official) are strictly prohibited from consuming any alcoholic beverages and/or drugs on any practice or game field before, during, or after any practice or game or any other team related function. This policy shall apply even where city ordinance permits the consumption of alcoholic beverages in city parks. Additionally, the use of profanity, physical abuse, verbal abuse, hitting, kicking, or striking of any individual, and in particular, any youth will not be tolerated by NMYAFL. Any violation of these policies by any NMYAFL participant will be dealt with swiftly and severely without exception! Therefore, all participants of NMYAFL will act with proper restraint toward any individual and in particular to any game official. **NMYAFLs uniformed game officials are the final authority on all game rules and related issues.** Any improper conduct toward any official/commissioner by any NMYAFL participant will not be tolerated. Improper conduct includes but is not limited to the following: taunting, fighting, profanity, and physical or verbal abuse or threats. Violation of this policy by any participant of NMYAFL will result in the suspension of the offending individual from participation in NMYAFL activities for a time to be determined by the NMYAFL board of directors. **Violation of any of the policies described above could result in immediate forfeiture of the game being played or the permanent disbarment of the offending individual from any future participation in NMYAFL.**

GRIEVANCES / DISPUTES RESOLUTION, CONSENT TO WAIVER OF LITIGATION, BINDING

All grievances against any coach, player, officer, or NMYAFL league official must be submitted in writing to the NMYAFL office. Grievances against coaches must be submitted in writing and addressed to the Coach's Selection Committee. All other grievances must be submitted in writing and addressed to the NMYAFL board of directors. **Only written grievances will be acted upon! Game officials are the highest authority during any game and there is absolutely no grievance procedure nor is there any appeal process where game officials are concerned!** All allowed appeals of final determinations by the NMYAFL Board of Directors shall be submitted to binding Arbitration in accordance with League Regulations. **PLAYERS, PARENTS, GUARDIANS, OR ANY ONE EXECUTING THIS FORM KNOWINGLY CONSENTS TO WAIVING ANY RIGHTS TO AVAIL THEMSELVES TO THE CIVIL COURT SYSTEM AND ACCEPTS AS THE SOLE REMEDY FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION BINDING ARBITRATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE NMYAFL REGULATIONS.**

EQUIPMENT

NMYAFL will supply the use of all necessary equipment (helmet, shoulder pads, hip/tail pads, thigh and knee pads, belt, 1 pair of pants, 1 game jersey, and 1 mouth piece). Players must supply their own football shoes, practice jersey, and athletic supporter as well as any additional optional equipment (additional or replacement pants, belts, and mouthpieces may be **purchased** through the league office). At the end of the season each player will return to NMYAFL all issued equipment but may keep their pants, belt, and game jersey. **Any lost equipment will be replaced at the player's expense!**

PLAYING TIME POLICY

NMYAFL is an instructional youth football league. Each player is guaranteed to play a minimum of **six (6) plays** per half of every football game played. However, NMYAFL does allow coaches to withhold playing time for discipline seasons/purposes.

MEDICAL

NMYAFL does not require your player to have a physical check up by a physician to participate in the league. However, NMYAFL does strongly suggest that a physical check-up be performed to determine your player's physical suitability to compete in the league.

AGREEMENT

By signing the player registration form, both parent(s)/guardian(s) and the player acknowledge, understand and agree to abide by all rules, policies and procedures listed above and in the NMYAFL League Rules handbook. These policies, procedures and rules can be changed without notice at the discretion of the NMYAFL board of directors. If any part of the Player Registration Packet is held to be unenforceable, such holding will not affect the validity or enforceability of any other part of this Packet so long as the remainder of the Packet is reasonably capable of completion.

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2010 PLAYER REGISTRATION FORM - FEES: \$175.00

P. O. BOX 3482. ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87190-3482 505.883.9303 FAX 505.883.8601

ALL FIRST YEAR PLAYERS MUST PROVIDE A BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND PROOF OF PRIMARY RESIDENCE FOR THE 2010 SEASON!

PLAYERS NAME _____ TODAY'S DATE _____ WEIGHT _____
LAST FIRST
PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN NAME(S) _____
LAST FIRST
PHYSICAL PRIMARY RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____
CITY STATE ZIP
BIRTH DATE _____ AGE ON 9/1/2010 _____ GRADE ON 9/1/2010 _____ / _____ / _____
SCHOOL ATTENDING HS DISTRICT OF YOUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE
EMAIL ADDRESS _____ EMPLOYER _____
HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____ CELL _____

USE THIS REGISTRATION FOR FLAG FOOTBALL? YES NO
COMBO REGISTRATION FEE FOR TACKLE AND FLAG FOOTBALL: \$210.00

DO YOU HAVE A SIBLING ON A CHEER SQUAD YES / NO (REGISTRATION#): _____

ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS

IF FOR ANY REASON YOUR CHILD CANNOT PLAY, THE \$175.00 FEE WILL BE CONSIDERED A DONATION
(ANY INCORRECT INFORMATION ON THIS FORM WILL JEOPARDIZE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE-POSSIBLE FORFEITURE OF GAMES YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATED IN)

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NAMED CHILD IS PHYSICALLY ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN NMYAFL AND THAT THE CHILD HAS NO PHYSICAL OR MENTAL IMPAIRMENTS. IN CONSIDERATION OF PERMISSION GRANTED MY CHILD OR WARD BY THE NEW MEXICO YOUNG AMERICA FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NMYAFL) TO PARTICIPATE IN FOOTBALL ACTIVITIES DURING THE 2010 SEASON, I, INDIVIDUALLY, AND AS A PARENT/GUARDIAN OF MY CHILD, HEREBY GIVE MY APPROVAL FOR MY CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY AND ALL YAFL ACTIVITIES I ASSUME ALL RISKS AND HAZARDS INCIDENTAL TO SUCH PARTICIPATION INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE ACTIVITIES.

I HEREBY WAIVE, RELEASE, ABSOLVE, INDEMNIFY, AND AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS NEW MEXICO YAFL, ITS DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, COACHES, ORGANIZERS, SPONSORS, SUPERVISION STAFF, PARTICIPANTS, AND ANY OTHER AFFILIATES, PERSONS TRANSPORTING MY CHILD TO AND FROM ACTIVITIES; FOR, FROM AND AGAINST ALL LIABILITY BECAUSE OF ANY BODILY INJURY, PERSONAL INJURY, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, WHICH MAY OCCUR OR RESULT FROM THE PARTICIPATION OF THE ABOVE NAMED CHILD IN ANY AND ALL ACTIVITIES, WHETHER THE RESULT OF NEGLIGENCE OR FOR ANY OTHER CAUSE OF THE YOUNG AMERICA FOOTBALL LEAGUE. I, INDIVIDUALLY, AND AS A PARENT/GUARDIAN OF MY CHILD, HAVE READ THIS RELEASE AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS. I EXECUTE IT VOLUNTARILY AND WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE.

I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS FORM I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE TO ALL OF THE RULES, POLICIES, AND TERMS INCLUDED WITHIN THIS NMYAFL REGISTRATION PACKET FOR THE 2010 SEASON. I ALSO AGREE TO READ, STUDY AND ABIDE BY THE NMYAFL LEAGUE RULES.

I CERTIFY THAT THE ATTACHED/ACCOMPANYING AND OR SUBMITTED PROOF OF BIRTH AND PROOF OF MY PRIMARY RESIDENCE ADDRESS IS TRUE AND ACCURATE. I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY PROOF TO THE CONTRARY IS GROUNDS FOR MY CHILD OR WARD BEING UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN NMYAFL.

I UNDERSTAND I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RETURN OF ALL EQUIPMENT BELONGING TO NMYAFL WHICH HAS BEEN ISSUED TO MY CHILD AND I WILL BE BILLED THE AMOUNT OF \$175.00 IF THE EQUIPMENT IS NOT RETURNED TO THE LEAGUE OFFICE BY DECEMBER 15, 2010.

I UNDERSTAND THAT AS A PARENT/GUARDIAN WHOSE CHILD OR WARD WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN YAFL, THAT FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE WILL BE OFFICIALLY SET BY THE LEAGUE. MY CHILD OR WARD'S PARTICIPATION IN ANY FORM OF PRACTICE PRIOR TO OFFICIAL FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE, WITH THE SOLE EXCEPTIONS OF YAFL APPROVED FLAG FOOTBALL AND YAFL APPROVED HIGH SCHOOL CAMPS, MAY RESULT IN MY CHILD/WARD BEING REMOVED FROM TEAM, THE TEAM FORFEITING GAME(S) AND/OR OTHER SANCTIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE LEAGUE. PRACTICING BEFORE OTHER TEAMS ARE ALLOWED TO PRACTICE IS VIEWED BY THE LEAGUE AS CHEATING AND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

I UNDERSTAND THAT DUE TO LATE REGISTRATIONS, AUTOMATIC WEIGHT WAIVERS, AND OTHER FACTORS, NMYAFL CANNOT AND WILL NOT GUARANTEE ANY PLAYER A SPOT ON ANY TEAM UNTIL TEAM ROSTERS ARE FINALIZED AFTER TEAM CONSOLIDATION DAY.

PLAYERS ARE ALSO ASSIGNED TO TEAMS ACCORDING TO THEIR AGE AND WEIGHT. PLAYERS MUST BE AT LEAST SEVEN (7) YEARS OLD AND NO OLDER THAN FOURTEEN (14) YEARS OLD AND IN EIGHTH GRADE BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2010. EACH AGE GROUP HAS MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS (SEE ENCLOSED CHART) WHICH MAY AFFECT WHICH DIVISION YOUR PLAYER IS ASSIGNED TO. THE OFFICIAL WEIGHT OF YOUR PLAYER WILL BE DETERMINED AT HIS/HER EQUIPMENT ISSUE TIME.

I UNDERSTAND THAT COACHES DO NOT AND CANNOT MAKE ANY PLAYER PLACEMENT DECISIONS. FOR INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE TEAM ASSIGNMENT OF YOUR PLAYER, ALWAYS CONTACT THE NMYAFL OFFICE FOR INFORMATION AND VERIFICATION.

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RELEASE MADE THIS _____ DAY OF _____ MONTH 2010 BY _____
Parent/Guardian Signature

CITY OF _____ COUNTY OF _____ STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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DIVISION: _____ DISTRICT: _____ REGISTRATION NUMBER: _____ AMT PAID: _____ CASH RECEIPT# _____
CHECK# _____ CREDIT CARD MC# VISA# _____ EXP. DATE: _____
FLAG REGISTRATION INCLUDED: YES NO
BIRTH CERTIFICATE: YES NO PROOF OF RESIDENCE: YES NO SCHOLARSHIP FORM: _____