

**Kennesaw Mustangs
Football and Cheer
Handout
2008**

Welcome to the Kennesaw Youth Football Association

The board members of KYFA would like to welcome you to the association. We are committed to provide a safe and fun learning environment in which your child will have the opportunity to meet new friends, build confidence and learn the skills to become a successful football player or cheerleader.

This year the board has grown to over 20 members. This would not have been possible without parents like you stepping up to volunteer and placing their confidence in the success of this association and their children.

Our coaching style will be the wing-t offense as well as compatible defense across all age groups. This will align our organization with the middle school and high school programs. Promoting this continuity will make the Kennesaw Football teams formidable opponents.

We will keep you up to date on game and practice schedules, important KYFA dates and game-day maps via the association web site. Please visit www.kennesawmustangs.com for information and updates as the season progresses.

Once again, welcome and thank you for choosing Kennesaw Youth Football Association. Let's make it a great year!

Fellow Mustangs,

It is both an honor and privilege to have your son or daughter join us on an amazing adventure of self growth. As our year gets under way I'd like to take a moment to share with you what being a Mustang means. We pride ourselves on having the ability to demonstrate discipline, determination and sacrifice.

We are recognized by other associations and NGYFL for our first rate sportsmanship skills. We are extremely proud of our diverse makeup and embrace what each player, cheerleader and parent can bring to our Mustang family to make us even better.

During the season you will have the opportunity to see the high standards we hold ourselves to. We choose to utilize a high standard of conduct not only for our Board but also for all coaches, players, cheerleaders and parents alike.

As with any family there is work to be done. We are looking forward to getting a chance to work one on one with each of you when you work your gate and/or concessions assignments. A lot of our Board members came from meeting each other in those same places and seeing what fun the group can have. Our Board is a group of hard working volunteers who are always looking for individuals who can add a positive supportive hand.

Now that our 2008 Mustangs are coming into place we are very excited that you have chosen to Come, to Grow, and to Improve. Now let's get ready to "PUMP THAT MUSTANG SPIRIT UP!"

Matt Nysted
2008 President
Kennesaw Youth Football Association

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Cheerleading FAQs

HOW OLD DOES MY CHILD HAVE TO BE?

5 YEARS OLD BY AUGUST 1ST

WHERE AND WHEN DO I REGISTER?

REGISTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE AT KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STADIUM FIELD HOUSE .TO FIND OUT WHEN CHECK THE MAIN PAGE OF THIS WEBSITE.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

\$200 DOLLAR REGISTRATION FEE
\$200 REFUNDABLE UNIFORM DEPOSIT

PLUS A \$27.00 DOLLAR CITY FEE IF YOU DO NOT LIVE IN THE CITY OF KENNESAW

WHAT WILL I NEED AT REGISTRATION?

FOR REGISTRATION YOU WILL NEED 3 CHECKS ONE FOR THE REGISTRATION FEE, A CHECK FOR THE CITY OF KENNESAW, AND A CHECK THAT OUR ORGANIZATION WILL HOLD, FOR A DEPOSIT ON THE EQUIPMENT. THE CHECK WILL BE RETURNED WHEN THE EQUIPMENT IS RETURNED.

WHAT ITEMS ARE INCLUDED IN THE REGISTRATION FEE?

INSURANCE, TROPHY
BLOOMERS, HAIR BOW, T-SHIRT
POMS, SHOES, AND SOCKS.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I NEED?

A GREAT MUSTANG ATTITUDE !!!!!!!!

I HAVE EVERYTHING, SO WHAT'S NEXT?

SOMEONE FROM YOUR CHILDS TEAM WILL CONTACT YOU, PRACTICE IS MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, 6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM MAY VARY A LITTLE BY COACH , AND GAMES ARE ON SATURDAY.

WHAT SQUAD WILL MY CHILD CHEER FOR?

YOUR CHILD WILL CHEER FOR THEIR AGE GROUP

DO THE PARENTS HAVE ANY OBLIGATIONS ON GAME DAY?

PARENTS ROTATE DIFFERENT JOB ASSIGNMENTS GIVEN BY TEAM MOM. FOR EXAMPLE, GATE AND CONCESSION 2 HRS PRIOR TO YOUR CHILDS GAME ON SATURDAYS THIS IS SHARED WITH FOOTBALL AND IS REQUIRED OF ALL PARENTS !!!! PLUS, CANDY BAGS FOR OTHER TEAM FOR TIMES AND RUN THROUGH SIGNS.

WHAT IF MY CHILD DOES NOT LIKE IT?

PLEASE CHECK THE REFUND FORM ON THE WEBPAGE. YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO A 75 DOLLAR CANCELLATION FEE

WHAT CAN I EXPECT THE FIRST FEW DAY'S OF PRACTICE?

THE FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE IS BASICALLY A MEETING WITH INTRODUCTIONS AND INFORMATION, AND BECOMING FAMILIAR WITH THE PRACTICE FIELDS AND ORGANIZATION.

WHEN ARE THE GAMES PLAYED?

GAMES ARE PLAYED ON SATURDAY ALL DAY STARTING AT 9: 00 AM TILL 8:00 PM.
YOUNGER PLAYERS IN THE MORNING
OLDER PLAYERS IN THE EVENING

WHERE DO WE PRACTICE AND PLAY?

AT THE KMHS TRACK FIELD

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN PRACTICE IS CANCELLED?

YOU WILL BE CALLED BY A CALLING POST TO A NUMBER YOU SPECIFY. PRACTICE MAY BE RESCHEDULED ON THE COACHES DISCRETION. EVEN IF IT'S RAINING PRACTICE MAY NOT BE CANCELLED.

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YOU MAY NEED TO BRING AN ORIGINAL COPY OF YOUR CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE WITHIN THE FIRST MONTH OF PRACTICE TO VERIFY YOUR CHILD'S AGE FOR CERTIFICATION. YOU WILL BE ADVISED AS SUCH BY YOUR TEAM PARENT.

WHAT EQUIPMENT WILL I RECEIVE?

A HELMET, SHOULDER PADS, PANTS PADS, PRACTICE UNIFORM, AND GAME UNIFORM, KEEP THE GAME SHIRT .

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I NEED?

YOU WILL ALSO NEED SHOES, RUBBER CLEATS, A MOUTH GUARD AND A WATER BOTTLE. ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT MAY BE SUGGESTED BY YOUR CHILD'S COACH DEPENDING ON YOUR CHILD'S POSITION.

I HAVE EVERYTHING, SO WHAT'S NEXT?

SOMEONE FROM YOUR CHILD'S TEAM WILL CONTACT YOU, PRACTICE IS MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, 6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM, THOUGH SOME COACHES CHOOSE TO PRACTICE MORE OFTEN THE FIRST MONTH OF THE SEASON. GAMES ARE ON SATURDAY, OCCASIONALLY A WEEK DAY GAME IS NECESSARY.

THIS IS MY CHILDS FIRST YEAR WILL HE SIT ON THE BENCH?

IF YOUR CHILD MEETS ALL PRACTICE OBLIGATIONS, HE IS GUARANTEED 8 PLAYS PER GAME.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS AN INSTRUCTIONAL AND A COMPETITIVE TEAM. WHAT TEAM WILL MY CHILD PLAY ON?

NOT ALWAYS, IF THERE IS A NEED FOR TWO TEAMS THE COACHES THAT ARE SELECTED BY THE KYFA BOARD WILL DECIDE , BASED ON YOUR CHILD'S SKILL, WHAT TEAM IN YOUR CHILD WILL PLAY ON.

DO THE PARENTS HAVE ANY OBLIGATIONS ON GAME DAY?

PARENTS ROTATE DIFFERENT JOB ASSIGNMENTS GIVEN BY TEAM MOM, FOR EXAMPLE, GATE AND CONCESSION 2 HRS PRIOR TO YOUR CHILDS GAME, ORANGES DURING HALFTIME, POST GAME SNACK OR DRINK.

WHAT IF MY CHILD DOES NOT LIKE FOOTBALL?

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DO YOU KEEP SCORE FOR THE GAMES?

YES, THERE ARE VERY FEW DIFFERENCES BETWEEN COLLEGE FOOTBALL AND THE NCFYFL, WINS AND LOSSES ARE TABULATED TO DETERMINE PLAYOFF RANKING

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Parents/Guardians Responsibilities

At least one parent or guardian will be present at all practices and all games. This is for safety reasons in case your child is injured or removed from the game/practice field. In the past, some parents have left only a cell phone for their child to call when practice is over or have simply left to come back once practice has concluded. This behavior puts your child at risk and will not be tolerated. KYFA cannot and will not baby-sit your child. In the event of an emergency, someone must be present who can make medical and legal decisions for your child.

Gate and Concession

Yes, it is mandatory for parents to work in the concession stand and/or at the gate at the home games. In most cases, you will be assigned to work prior to your child's game. Please make every effort to be there two hours prior so you can finish your duties before your child's game starts. If you cannot make the prearranged time for your duty, you must find a replacement. Children under 16 are not acceptable replacements. The team parent will schedule parents to attend the gate/concession. A team representative will visit with you during practice to confirm the schedule and your assigned area during the game. Life doesn't always work as we planned - do not miss your game because someone has not shown up to replace you. Please go to the concession stand and communicate this situation so arrangements can be made.

Snack , Drinks and Oranges

Each team will set a schedule for snack and drink after the game and oranges at halftime handed out by the team parent. Please help out in any way you can. If, for some reason, you cannot fulfill that which you are scheduled to do, let the team parent know and try to make other arrangements.

Game Times

Generally your game will be around the same time every weekend please check the website Kennesawmustangs.com or ngyfl.com for game times. Please arrive 1.5 hours, or coaches discretion, prior to game time for weigh in.

Team Moms and Dads

Every team needs a team mom and dad, please step up and help the team. These parents will be in charge of handling the snacks and drinks at games and for the flow of information from the cheer and football parent coordinator.

Getting Your Child to Practice

MINIMUM PARTICIPATION

(As taken from NGYFL bylaws)

*“Each football player on a roster who has not missed any practice during the prior week and is not injured or under discipline by the head coach or Association President shall play a minimum of eight (8) plays for a Division I game or twelve (12) plays for a Instructional League game. Each Association shall inform their membership of this provision, in writing, upon registration of players. **Each coach must also report at weigh-in, prior to said game, any player that will not meet minimum play requirements due to the above mentioned circumstances.**”*

This applies to both football players and cheerleaders. Your child is part of a team and must be present at the prescribed practices in order to be an effective member of that team. As such, if your child has missed practices leading up to a game, the coach is not required to let them participate in that game.

Behavior Guidance Policy

This is a reminder to all that there is a code of conduct for our organization. We have always and will continue to “Win with class and lose with class”. Poor conduct by spectator and player, alike, will not be tolerated.

(As taken from KYFA bylaws)

“A. Parents, Coaches, and Spectators shall conduct themselves in such a manner as to set an example for the young people.

B. During competitive events, any display of conduct unbecoming or detrimental to the Association or to NGYFL/NGYCC by coaches, parents or spectators will not be tolerated and could result in forfeiture of the game.

C. During competitive events and practices, all spectators shall remain at least 10 feet from the boundaries of the playing field or behind the crowd control fence if such is provided.”

CONDUCT OF SPECTATORS - INCLUDING PARENTS

(As Taken from the NGYFL bylaws)

“A. All persons other than players, coaches, or (adults as provided in playing rule D) shall remain behind the crowd restraining barrier.

B. Should spectators, including parents, and persons using a public address system to the game, display conduct unbecoming or detrimental to the NGYFL, Inc., the head official shall have the responsibility of giving the head coach a first warning that, should this conduct continue, the team whose spectator’s conduct is in question will be penalized by forfeiture of the game. An official time-out shall be called for the affected coach to discuss this ruling with his team’s spectator(s). Should such spectator(s) not be associated with the team in question, the affected head coach should notify the head official. The head official shall request from the home and/or host Association officials to have such spectator(s) removed from the premises, by the local police authorities if necessary. Additional warning by the official of spectator(s) misconduct may result in forfeiture of the game. All such conduct must be reported by the home Association President to the Chairman, within forty-eight (48) hours.

C. Any Parent heard using profanity at an NGYFL, Inc sanctioned event by a NGYFL, Inc Commission Member or an Official will be immediately ejected from the game and must be removed from the park. NGYFL, Inc reserves the right to consider further disciplinary action up to and including permanent removal from NGYFL, Inc.”

In Addition:

The Kennesaw Youth Football Association strives to take the high road in any detrimental situation and expects every member of its association to do the same. Inappropriate conduct undermines the ability of our coaches to instill discipline on the field, which is crucial to the team’s ability to function. We are here to support our volunteer coaches. There is a time and place for everything. Please feel free to address any coach, board member or parent in an appropriate manner away from the field, players and cheerleaders. Please include any board member in any conversation that you feel is appropriate.

KYFA - A Volunteer Organization

With everyone’s help we will make this an enjoyable season for everyone. For the new comers, we welcome you. As you can see, we are a very active and ever evolving association. If you have a suggestion, send us an email via the website or chat up a board member. Thank you, in advance, for your continued support of the KYFA football program. None of this would be possible without you.

Together we’ll make it great year!

Playing Field

(As taken from the NGYFL bylaws)

“G. Each Association shall have a physical barrier at least ten (10) feet parallel to each sideline and end line to enforce crowd control. In the event a 10-foot barrier is physically impossible, the Member Association will create a barrier as close to 10-feet as physically possible.

Please stay behind the fence for games and practices.

In Case Of an Accident Or injury

- Any emergency 911 will be called and your child will be assessed on the field by the coaching staff.
- Parents will be notified of the on-field assessment at that time.
- It will be at the parent’s discretion as to how the situation will be handled thereafter.

INJURED PLAYERS

(As taken from the NGYFL bylaws)

“A. When a player is injured and an official time out is required to check the injury, said player shall be removed from the game for at least one play.

B. Any player who is knocked unconscious or when, in the judgment of the referee, a player’s health or safety is in jeopardy, said player shall be taken out of the game and shall not be allowed to return to practice without a doctor’s approval.

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Under no circumstances will the player who was knocked unconscious, or removed from the field by medical personnel, be allowed to participate in any practice or game until the Chairman has received the doctor’s approval of the players condition stating that said player is fully recovered and that he can participate in the football program.

C. Any Association or coach who violates this rule shall be suspended from further participation in the NGYFL, INC”

Note:

Again, KYFA expects all football players and cheerleaders to be supervised by a parent or legal guardian during all practices and games. It is important that you are the one to make any/all medical decisions in the event your child is injured.

Cheer

Attendance

Your child is part of a team and must be present at all practices in order to be an effective member of that team. Cheerleading involves stunts, jumps, and routines that require our children to work together for successful completion. Therefore, you are only allowed 3 missed practices. If you miss more than three your coach is not required to allow you to participate in games

Uniforms and Essentials

At the beginning of each season each cheerleader will be sized for her uniform, socks, shoes, It is our goal to have all these items to you before the first game. However, please understand that sometimes the circumstances are out of our control and there may be some delay.

Uniforms: These are loaned to you at the beginning of each season and you are required to return them at the end of the season. If you do not return the uniform top and bottom, the deposit check that we are holding will be cashed.

Care: It is important that we care for our uniforms as we use them from year to year. Please remember to wash them separately in cold water with a mild detergent, air dry them, and never take them to the cleaners.

Essentials: Bloomers, socks, shoes, pompoms and hair bows are yours to keep at the end of each season. It is your responsibility to keep up with these items as we do not keep extras of these around.

Appearance

This is a vital part of being a cheerleader. We are representing KYFA and want to make a good impression both at home and away. It is also important to remember that your appearance includes a big smile and a positive attitude.

Attire: Uniforms should be clean and neatly pressed if needed. Your shoes should always be as clean as possible. For every game you are required to be in full uniform. This includes your uniform, bloomers, socks, shoes and hair bow. Additional accessories may be used at the coach's discretion.

Hair styles: These are somewhat relaxed for the games, however please remember that this is also a representation and we should all look our best at each event.

Practices

We all need to sharpen our skills and learn new ones each season. The practices will begin with basic reviews of cheers, chants and jumps that help our football players stay motivated during each game.

Frequency: We practice 2 Days each week for approximately 1.5 hours each time. There are occasions where the coach may call an additional practice if they feel that it is necessary.

Locations: Our practices are held at the back fields of Kennesaw Mountain High School.

Attendance: Each child is required to attend every practice. However, we do understand that there are illnesses and family events, see attendance for details.

Games

There are 9 weeks of regular season games, playoffs and championships depend on each football team. Each game lasts approximately 2 hours and sometimes they can go into overtime.

Arrival: Please arrive 30 minutes prior to the start of the game to insure that everyone is on time and able to participate in the run through banners.

Location: At each game we are required to be at least 10 feet away from the field. In most cases this will require us to be outside the fence. Some fields do have tracks around them in which case we are allowed to be on the track. This is strictly enforced for the safety of the football players and the cheerleaders.

Half Time: Each squad will perform at halftime and then be allowed to enjoy their snack and rest for the remainder of halftime and approximately 4 minutes of the 3rd quarter. The pee wee squad is allowed to rest for the entire 3rd quarter due to age.

Goodie Bags: For the home games we will give out goodie bags to the visiting team. Your team parent will have more information about this as the season begins.

Events

Many times there are events in the community that we can participate in as a representation of KYFA. Please understand that if we choose to participate in these events it will be as a whole. If you or someone you know would like for us to participate in a community event, please speak with one of the cheerleading board members. We want to participate with our community and appreciate all ideas. We ask for your cooperation with this matter as it is vital that we set a good example and present a positive attitude to our community.

Homecoming

This is a special time for our cheerleaders as we celebrate our organization. Details of homecoming are given out closer to the actual event however, please keep in mind there may be additional expenses associated with this event. Each squad is responsible for tiaras, sashes, and any other items that may be used at homecoming. These items must be approved by the board. The ceremony is usually held at half time during your game. Each girl is escorted by a father, grandfather, brother, uncle, or anyone that her parents choose. The coaches and cheerleaders are announced by name during this special time. FYI – this is a great photo opportunity!

Additional Expenses

As you all know we can not include every expense that may arise during the season in the registration fee. So we want to prepare you for some of the items that may arise. This is not a complete list and your squad may not do all that is on this list or they may add different items.

Banner Supplies
Flowers
Glitter
Treats

Media Guides
Rollers
Tiaras

Spirit Wear
Hair Spray
Sashes