

# NGYFL

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **1. Who can play?**

Anyone can play in the North Georgia Youth Football league that can meet the age (as of July 31) and weight requirements:

Currently, NGYFL is not an unlimited weight football league. We have certain base limits placed on skill position players and a base weight overage of 30 pounds for the other positions. Per NGYFL rules offensive skill positions are running backs, quarterbacks, receivers. Defensive skill positions are cornerback, safeties, and linebackers. All "Heavy" players must play on the line of scrimmage (between the tackles). The weight limits for skilled players are:

6 Year Olds: May not weigh more than 80 pounds during the first 4 weeks

7 Year Olds: May not weigh more than 95 pounds during the first 4 weeks

8 Year Olds: May not weigh more than 105 pounds during the first 4 weeks

9 Year Olds: May not weigh more than 115 pounds during the first 4 weeks

10 Year Olds: May not weigh more than 125 pounds during the first 4 weeks

11/12 Year Olds: May not weigh more than 150 pounds during the first 4 weeks

### **2. If my child is too heavy, can he move up a weight class?**

Prior to making weight, a player may move up in weight to play with older more mature players.

### **3. When is registration?**

Each Association is responsible for establishing their registration fees and dates. Check the Associations website for more information for that association.

### **4. I was told that my child could not register because "Registration is Closed."**

#### **What do I do?**

Associations may close their registration for specific divisions, based on criteria in our By-Laws. You are free to register at another association.

### **5. We just had our first scrimmage and I do not like the way the coach is doing his job, may I change teams?**

After certification (third Sunday in August) no player may change teams. Prior to that date, talk to the Association President and Athletic Director about changing teams.

### **6. May my 6<sup>th</sup> grader play Middle School football and NGYFL football?**

No player in NGYFL may play for any other team.

## **7. What is the Minimum Participation Rule?**

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 shall play a minimum of eight (8) plays a game. This includes playoff games and the SuperBowl. The definition of Discipline is left up to the individual Associations. Individual players are put on the discipline list at the discretion of the Head Coach and Association President.

## **8. I'm having trouble getting money back...**

NGYFL does not involve itself in the internal affairs of any Association. Please take up all money and personnel issues with your Board of Directors or Association President.

## **9. My daughter's a cheerleader and ...**

NGYFL assumes no responsibility for the cheerleading program. This function is a function that is to be controlled entirely by the Member Association's Board of Directors.

## **10. What time are games?**

Standard game times, for an Association with 6 teams is:

10:00 AM	5/6 YO
12:00 PM	7 YO
2:00 PM	8 YO
4:00 PM	9 YO
6:00 PM	10 YO
8:00 PM	11/12 YO

## **11. Why are my 2 children playing at 2 different parks this week?**

The basic schedule is based on each Association having 6 teams. When an Association has enough players to split a team, the second team is placed into a different conference so that the only way the two teams meet is in the SuperBowl. We do our best to keep the Association together for home games, but if your Association goes to an Association that does not have a second team, the second team has to go somewhere.

## **12. Why are we playing on Tuesday Night?**

In the event that a weight has an odd number of teams, then 1 team will have a Saturday off each week. To give each team an equal number of games we play a Tuesday night game. PeeWee (5/6 YO) will only play on a Tuesday Night at the discretion of the Head Coaches involved.

## **13. I pay no gate fee at my park but this other Association wants \$3, do I have to pay?**

Some Associations use their gate fee to help offset the cost of officials, it is considered a donation. It costs around \$195 to pay the officials for each game.

## **14. Our teams split and my child plays on a team that will never win a game. What now?**

The league is no longer involved in splitting teams. NGYFL requires that each team has an equal number of players and that if there are players of different ages involved, then they are split accordingly. Take up the problem with your Association President or Board of Directors.

**15. I see a representative of the league at all my child's games, why are you picking on us?**

We try to see as many teams as we can during the year, and if we get complaints about a specific team, we might try to see them a few more times than normal.

**16. How does the weigh-in work?**

Each player, alphabetically, enters the weight room, states their name and number (They must have their game jersey on or in hand) and steps on the scale. The weight commissioner or viewing coach for the other team says OK and the player leaves the room.

**17. What if the player is overweight?**

The player may only step on the scale twice after that. The player's coach should know how much equipment the player should have on for weigh-in. Players who are close should weigh-in in their jersey and a pair of shorts (no socks or shoes). For the second time on the scales, taking off as much as the parent and coach feel necessary to make weight (sometime to the underwear). After that, it's up to the player and parent if the child wants to stand on the scale without any clothes.

**18. My child has to strip to make weight, is this fair to the player?**

We have established some modesty guidelines for this purpose. Ngyfl expects that the parent will be in the room for this, as well as the weight commissioner. Either (or both) of the two observing coaches may excuse themselves.

**19. How do I get involved?**

Run for Association President, they are the only ones who can vote on rule changes. The 8 elected Commission members can't vote, and only enforce the rules. If you want one of those positions, talk to your Association President and be at the meeting the Second Sunday in February.