

## Frequently Asked Questions:

### *How do I register my child?*

All registration for VCYFL is done online, through our website, at [www.vcyfl.org](http://www.vcyfl.org). Usually, opening January 1<sup>st</sup> and closing April 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are registering for the first time you will be asked to create an account. After your account is created you will be able to register your child for football or cheer. It is important that all your information is accurate and up to date. The contact information you input to your account is the information the league and coaches will use to contact you, and keep you updated on practice and game information.

### *Registration Fee*

Our registration fee consists of 3 components. Our base fee is \$200 for each Mighty Might player (ages 6-7) and \$225 for each D1 – D3 player (ages 8 and up), with a mandatory \$25 work bond. This work bond will be returned to you upon the completion of an offered volunteer activity (coaching, uniform handout, concessions, etc.). In addition, there is a mandatory purchase of \$100 of raffle tickets \*per family\* at the time of registration. Initial out of pocket expense is \$325 (MM) and \$350 (D1-D3) for one participant. If you have multiple children, you will only be charged the \$100 in raffle tickets once. It's your choice to sell the raffle tickets to recoup the \$100. Raffle Tickets are usually distributed during our May equipment/ uniform fittings and collected during our July summer workout sessions. The base fee is the average cost of putting a player on the field. This may change season to season. The raffle component of your registration fee is used to make improvements to our program, and allows us to limit the amount of fundraising we require our families to participate in.

### *Do you have a flag football/ cheer program?*

Our flag program is an intramural program run each season based on level of interest. If we have enough children and volunteers to support the program we have one. We usually, start the season mid-September and run it for 6 weeks. Registration is open January - September.

### *Participation Trophies?*

The league is comprised of both Non-Competitive and Competitive Divisions of play. Our Flag and Mighty Mite Divisions are considered non-competitive levels of play. We provide participation medals or trophies for children participating in those programs. The D1 – D3 Division are competitive levels of play that have a playoff system and eventual champion. We do not provide participation trophies for those levels of play. However, in the event a team wins a championship we recognize those team members with a memento for the championship season.

***How old does my son or daughter need to be to participate?***

**Flag:** 4 or 5 years old on or before 11/30

**Mighty Mites:** 6 or 7 years old on or before 11/30

**Division 1:** 8 or 9 years old on or before 11/30

**Division 2:** 10 or 11 years old on or before 11/30

**Division 3:** 12 or 13 years old on or before 11/30 and 14 year olds who turn 14 on or after August 1<sup>st</sup>

***What are the maximum weights for each division of play in tackle football?***

The weight limits for each division are as follows:

**Flag:** No weight limit

**Mighty Mite:** No weight limit

**Division 1:** 127

**Division 2:** 138

**Division 3:** 164

Players *must weigh within 10 pounds of the maximum weight* for each division in order to start contact practice at the beginning of the season. For in season weigh-in, a player may remove clothes from the waist up, as well as socks and shoes only, to make the required weight. An allowance of 3 pounds will be given for pants, kneepads, hip pads, thigh pads, jock and underwear.

***When does the season start?***

Our voluntary conditioning program will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays the week following July 4<sup>th</sup>. Mandatory Practice begins on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Depending on the level of play your child is participating in; practices may be 5 days a week until school starts. Practice schedules are determined by the teams head coach and follow OCYFL guidelines.

The first game of the season, usually take place Labor Day weekend. However, games schedules are not finalized by OCYFL until mid- August.

***Do you have a refund policy?***

Prior to the first game, we will refund \$100 of the registration fee. After the first game, we will not issue any refund. Refund checks will not be given until all equipment is returned.

## Valley Central Youth Football and Cheerleading

### ***I still have a question?***

The best way to reach us is through email. Send us an email at [vcyfandc@gmail.com](mailto:vcyfandc@gmail.com) . Someone will usually respond within 24 hrs.

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