



SHARK BITES

Monday, August 8th, 2016

Welcome to Shark Football!!!

The "Shark Bites" newsletter will be given to players at practice every week. If you don't receive a copy from your child, you can get a copy off our website. www.nyaasharks.com.

EQUIPMENT CHECK OUT

We will be at the storage facility (Office Innovations- 1801 N. 1st Street- west of Oak Lake) for equipment check out for all pre-registrations received prior to Aug 1, 2016. Do not park in the business to the north, there is parking on the south side of the building) on Wednesday, 8/10/16. All players receiving equipment Wednesday have been notified by an attachment sheet to the newsletter.

Inclement Weather

During inclement weather, we ask that all parents please stay at the park in case we would need to stop practice early.

Equipment

NYAA will provide each player with the league-required equipment, with the exception of chinstraps, mouthpieces, girdles and cleats, which players are responsible for. If you choose to purchase special equipment, keep in mind that chinstraps cannot contain metal snaps and **only clear visors** will be allowed for practice AND games. We advise that the league dictates that all mouthpieces must be colored (not clear), and no metal cleats will be allowed. It is your responsibility to make sure you have a mouthpiece at practice and at game times. You will not be allowed to practice or participate in games without a mouthpiece. We do have mouthpieces for \$1 and will have Chinstraps for \$10 available.

It is important that all players care for their uniforms/equipment to avoid damage. Please wash uniforms (practice and game) regularly, tighten screws, and check snaps, chinstraps and mouthpieces. Keep helmet clean inside and out. A great tip for cleaning the inside of the helmets is to use a spray-on cleaner you would use in the bathroom, such as Scrubbing Bubbles. We've also heard Mr. Clean's Magic Eraser works well to remove the scuff marks on the outside of the helmets. Uniforms will be checked periodically for maintenance and cleanliness.

Team Assignments

We will start breaking down into teams in the next two weeks and you will be noticing a lot of movement. Some of the criteria considered for team assignments are:

- Age of the player during the calendar year
- Age of the player as of August 1st
- The weight of the player- specific limits for certain teams.
- The skill level of the individual player

TEAM ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE FINALIZED UNTIL OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN.

Birth certificates

If you did not play for us last season, we will need a copy of your birth certificate as soon as possible.

Practice Schedules

If you did not receive a practice schedule during registration, please pick one up from Niki or go to our website- www.nyaasharks.com to print a copy.

BRING YOUR WATER BOTTLE TO PRACTICE

Remember to bring water to practice! Put your name on your water bottle, unmarked coolers and containers will be thrown away if left at the field.

Make sure you are getting plenty of water during the day, prior to practice time.

Still Accepting Fall Registrations

If you know anyone interested in playing for the Sharks this season, pick up a registration form from Niki or direct them to our website www.nyaasharks.com

Parent Policy

We encourage and appreciate all parents that stay to watch their child's practice. As a reminder only coaches and players are allowed on the practice field as well as the game field. Parents should not come any closer than the tree line during practices. For clarification, questions or concerns please see any NYAA representative.

Mandatory Fundraiser Info

Just a reminder that if you plan to BUY OUT the fundraiser this year you only have until today, **Monday, August 8th**, to pay only \$75. After that the BUY OUT cost increases to \$90.

If you are selling product to meet your fundraiser requirement, you may pick up a packet at the registration table if you have not already done so. Remember to bring your order with money to Niki by the deadline, Tuesday, August 23rd. If you have any questions, see Niki.

Please check out our website at www.nyaasharks.com for facts on concussion. All of the players have been talked to about the signs of concussions; please make sure to review the information with your players.

CANCELLATION NUMBER

Practice/Game changes or cancellations: call 402-421-1889 and listen to the voicemail message or like us on Facebook for updates! Changes will be posted 1 hour ahead of all practice and game times.