

2020



Cesar Chavez Jr Titans
Youth Football & Cheer
Parent Information Packet

Welcome to the Cesar Chavez Jr. Titans Youth Football and Cheerleading program. This program is a competitive and instructional athletic program that aims to provide an opportunity for youth to improve skills, develop leadership, sportsmanship, teamwork, develop a sense of community, and strive for excellence. This program is committed to fostering an atmosphere of fun and fair play.

We believe that maintaining a positive focus is the key to athletic excellence!

Athletes First!

Young athletes participate in team sports to enjoy the friendship and fun of youth sports. By learning the fundamental skills associated with the various team sports, young athletes develop both maturity and confidence in their abilities. Coaching plays an instrumental role in this development; young athletes need and deserve the proper guidance from experienced and positive coaches.

If you have any questions or concerns at any point during the season, please feel free to contact your coaches or our CCJT board members. We look forward to seeing all of you and your families at the field this year and in the seasons to come.

I. MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of CCJT is to create an atmosphere for children and adults that is safe, challenging, friendly, and fun. Where self-confidence can be nurtured as children grow and develop their skills in wholesome surroundings. Through active participation in our youth football and cheer programs, children will learn fundamental values, skills and knowledge that they will use throughout their lives.

II. REGISTRATION FEES

We accept cash and debit/credit cards ONLY
Additional 3% fee for debit/credit cards.

Football Players:

The registration fee is \$250 for a new player and \$200 for a veteran player. We offer a reduced registration fee for eighth grade veterans of \$50, this covers the mandatory non-refundable deposit and no additional discounts may be applied to this discounted rate. Eighth grade veterans are not exempt from mandatory fundraising requirements. Parents are required to provide cleats and socks for their football players.

All fees go toward the cost of field usage, team insurance, team pictures, and the reconditioning and certification of helmets and equipment. There is a \$50 non-refundable sign-up fee to hold your participants spot, no exceptions and no additional discounts may be applied to the deposit. All participants **MUST** be paid in full and have fundraising completed before any equipment is issued.

Cheerleaders:

The registration fee is \$350 for new cheerleaders, \$200 for a new mascot and \$150 plus the cost of uniform maintenance for veterans. Registration fees for new participants includes their uniform. Parents are responsible to provide white cheer shoes and socks.

Mascot guidelines:

Mascots are to be a minimum of three years of age to sign up. It is expected they be potty trained and to have a parent/guardian available for the duration of all practice and games. The expectation is that the Mascot program be a steppingstone towards our cheer program. Keeping this in mind, it is vital that they show up on time and participate as much as possible throughout the week and on game days. Last but not least, we would like everyone involved to realize that the mascots are a vital part of who we are as a franchise and they are to be treated as such.

Cheerleader Guidelines:

Cheerleaders will be placed in their age/skill appropriate level. All cheerleaders are required to meet practice hours prior to any game/event in order to qualify for participation. Hours will be completed and logged weekly in accordance with DYFL standards.

Appearance:

Cheerleaders and mascots are expected to arrive in proper practice and game attire, with completed outfits and accessories in place. Nails are to be trimmed and free of polish upon arrival to practice/games, and hair is to be up and in a rubber band bow (clip on bows are not allowed), shoes are to be tied and uniforms free of rips, tears, and stains.

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Loyalty Program

We are excited to begin our Loyalty Program beginning with our 2020 season! Any player that has been a participant with CCJT and maintained veteran status since beginning on the Junior Novice level has earned free registration for their 8th grade year. This does not exclude participants from fundraising requirements and cheerleaders will still be responsible for the cost of uniform maintenance.

Discounts

We offer an early bird discount of \$20 per participant if paid in full by May 13th, 2020 and a sibling discount of \$25 applies if you bring one or more siblings. The sibling discount is limited to one per family/household. Absolutely no discounts can be applied to the nonrefundable deposit.

III. FUNDRAISERS / SPONSORSHIP

Fundraising participation is **mandatory**. Each participant (football player, cheerleader and mascot) will be obligated to participate in the fundraising. Our initial fundraiser will be selling beef jerky sticks. Each participant will be required to sell four (4) boxes of jerky in order to satisfy their minimum fundraising requirement.

There is a \$50 per participant one-time fee, in addition to registration fees, to opt out of the mandatory fundraising requirement. No equipment or uniforms will be distributed until paid in full and fundraising requirements have been met. Therefore, if opting out of fundraising and paying the additional \$50 fee, the fee plus registration costs must be paid in full in order to receive any equipment and/or discounts. Absolutely no exceptions will be made.

During the season, we will have additional fundraisers to help with the cost of the program. Without your help and participation in these activities, we would not be able to continue this program for our youth. If you would like to be involved in any of the fundraising committees or have additional ideas for fundraisers, please contact our Fundraiser Coordinator and/or our President.

IV. REFUND POLICY

Refund requests require a copy of your original registration receipt. No refund will be considered until all equipment has been returned and verified by one of our equipment managers. If a participant quits prior to the first practice, July 11th 2020, they will be refunded in full minus their \$50 non-refundable sign-up fee. **NO refunds will be given after the first day of practice.** No exceptions!

V. FRANCHISE REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANT

In order to be registered to a franchise and eligible for participation, every participant must have a current DYFL player contract completed with the following information and supporting documents: (this includes players, cheerleaders, mascots, water boys and ball boys). All candidates must present to the franchise the following:

- A copy of a legal birth certificate.
(Copies of a valid and properly recorded birth certificate will be deemed to fulfill the Franchises responsibility providing there are no strikeouts, erasures or other changes to the birth certificate which might raise a question as to the name and birthdate.)

In the event the player does not have a copy of a valid and properly recorded birth certificate, or in the event the franchise desires a decision on a copy of a birth certificate that has a strike over, erasure or other change the player's birth-date shall be determined by the Executive Directors.

The decision of the Executive Directors cannot be appealed.

- A copy showing proof of grade level. (This verification pertains to the grade level of the participant during the season of participation.) The following are acceptable forms of verification:
 - A current year report card
 - Standardize test results
 - Verification letter from the school. This verification must be on school letterhead showing the participants name, current grade level, and signed by an Official School Representative.)
 - DYFL approved "grade level verification form".
- Prior to participation in any CCJT official practice every participant's parent/guardian must complete and sign a DYFL "contract" giving their consent for the individual to participate in our football and/or cheer program. Both parent and participant must also sign a "Code of Conduct".

This contract must be signed by the parent in the presence of a franchise representative, who also signs the contract. If the consent is revoked, the participant is immediately ineligible.

- A recent picture must be affixed to the contract.

- Every participant must annually obtain a physical and furnish the franchise with a written statement (physical form) from an examining physician or duly licensed chiropractor, PA, RN or other league authorized medical person as to his/her physical fitness to be able to participate in DYFL.
 - The annual physical must specify the participant is cleared for contact sports, cleared for football, cleared for cheerleading, whichever applies.
 - Be dated and signed by the physician and have the physicians “office stamp” on it.
 - The annual physical must be conducted within the calendar year of participation in any DYFL franchise.

If at any time during the season a physician or duly licensed chiropractor should subsequently determine that the participant is no longer physically fit to participate, he/she is immediately ineligible. It is our expectation that upon being informed of such a condition, the participants parent/guardian will notify CCJT as soon as possible.

Should an injury occur that makes the participant ineligible for participation he/she shall remain ineligible until the franchise is given a medical release IN WRITING for his or her return to full participation.

When all of the contact information, signatures and supporting documents have been compiled, the Franchise President will sign the contract as a declaration that he/she has reviewed the information provided and supports his/her participation with said franchise.

All required documentation MUST be turned into the CCJT secretary no later then July 31st, 2020 or your participant will be dropped from the CCJT participant roster and unable to participate in the 2020 season. No refunds will be given.

You can scan and email documentation to the CCJT secretary at ccjtsecretary@gmail.com. Please make sure copies scanned in are legible and add your participants full name in the subject line so the documentation can be added to the appropriate participant file. CCJT will not be held responsible for missing documentation so make sure the above guidelines are met prior to the July 31st deadline.

VI. ELIGIBILITY

A player who meets age and weight requirements and has been cut from another tackle football program may participate in a DYFL franchise, after;

- He/she provides documentation from their previous coach concerning the amount of conditioning hours achieved.
- Spokespersons for the Franchise at the time of sign-ups and/or registrations are required to be very specific in replying to the questions from the candidates, parents and/or guardians. Answering all questions covering how the registration fee will be used, the type of insurance coverage carried by the Franchise, the DYFL Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Franchise rules and regulations and any concerns that of the said parent or guardian.

Prior to being certified to a roster each participant's contract must be "book checked". (Reviewed, stamped with an official DYFL stamp and signed by an Executive Director in the appropriated area of the DYFL contract)

Conference Weighmasters shall compile a list of any "late registrants" (as defined by DYFL), said list shall be available, upon request, to the League Vice Presidents and any Franchise President. The list shall include;

- The date of the player's registration
- Date of official notification
- Date for completion of conditioning.
- Date of the first game said player will be eligible to play.
- The League Weighmaster or Vice President will notify the franchise as to the
- Date of completion of the twenty (20) hours of conditioning, based on team practice schedule hours and days.
- The date said player will be eligible to play in a scrimmage, jamboree, League game, etc.
- Said notification will be duly signed by the Weighmaster and become an addendum to the player's certification and contract, for all to review and see.
- No League official may certify ("book check") the contracts of a franchise in which they are affiliated.

VII. PRACTICE

The first official practice is on July 11th, 2020 at Cesar Chavez High School (2929 Windflower Ln) OR Panella Park (5758 Lorraine Ave, Stockton). Check in time for participants will be from 8:00am to 9:00am. Practice will begin at approximately 10:00am and last until 12:00pm. Regular practice will be at Cesar Chavez High School or Panella Park, whichever is available, 6pm to 8pm. Please make sure that your child is at the field and ready no later than 6pm, the first 10 minutes are for warm-ups and stretching. This time is crucial to minimize the possibility of injuries to your child.

The first two weeks of training will be for conditioning. Participants are required to have a minimum of **20 conditioning hours** before they can receive any equipment and another **10 conditioning hours with equipment** before they can participate in any official DYFL games, including the Jamboree. A minimum of exactly **4 hours is required each week** to be eligible to play during regular and post season games (play-off games). Failure to complete the required number or hours for conditioning/practice each week will result in your child's ineligibility to play during that weeks game. If your child consistently shows up late and miss practices, the coaches can choose to cut their play time during the game.

MAKE SURE TO BRING YOUR CHILD WATER TO EACH PRACTICE!!

Participants please wear a white t-shirt, black sports shorts, athletic shoes with white socks, and a practice bow for cheerleaders. **Absolutely NO hats, jeans, hard dress shoes, or sandals.** Football players must wear the required equipment after it has been issued, unless specified by the coaches. Failure to bring equipment will result in your child not being able to practice and loss of playing time.

Parents are NOT allowed on the practice field or game fields. ONLY certified personnel who have attended a DYFL coaches' clinic, are certified in first aid and CPR, have passed a background checked and, if necessary, completed the "USA Football Heads Up" course will be allowed on the field during practice and game days. Eligible individuals must visibly display their picture ID badge and CPR card at all times.

VIII. MANDATORY PARENT MEETING

There will be a mandatory parent meeting during the first day of practice at Cesar Chavez High School (2929 Windflower Ln) or at Panella Park, whichever is available. Exact location will be announced once confirmed. This meeting is important so please make plans to attend. We will explain our program and our expectations during the 2020 season. We will be asking for volunteers to help out at the Cesar Chavez Jr Titans games.

IX. JAMBOREE

All eligible players and cheerleaders are encouraged to participate in the 2020 Jamboree. The Jamboree is a controlled scrimmage, each set being 10 minutes in duration. Although this is a non-scoring game, players must be in attendance in order to be officially weighed in. Coaches will be handing out the information for the Jamboree prior to the date. After the Jamboree, cuts will be made for those teams that have over 45 players. Cuts will be announced at the next scheduled practice day.

X. EQUIPMENT

Equipment will be provided by the franchise and a **parent/guardian must be present to sign out the equipment**. Proper care of all equipment and uniforms that are checked out are the responsibility of the football player/cheerleader during the duration of the season. Any malfunctions must be reported to coaches and/or franchise officials in a timely manner to allow for repair/replacement. Lost or *damaged equipment has to be paid for before new equipment can be issued. Please see equipment replacement price list.

***damaged equipment** due to neglect, not associated with normal wear and tear.

Participants must wear the proper equipment required by the DYFL during all practices/games to be able to participate. Only helmets provided by the franchise are allowed during practice and games. All helmets have been reconditioned and certified as per the league safety standards. A mouthpiece will be issued with the equipment. Should any players either break or lose his/her mouthpiece, a new one may be purchased for \$2 from the Equipment Manager. If you purchase a mouthpiece for your child, it must be black with a strap. Clear mouthpieces are against the rules. Cleats will be required after conditioning for each practice and game. This purchase will be the responsibility of the parents. **Girdles are not supplied and must be purchased separately.**

Any participant that fails to turn in equipment at the end of the season will not be allowed to participate in the end of season banquets/award ceremony and will not receive an award until all of the equipment/uniforms are returned to the franchise or any other franchise within the DYFL. Furthermore, that player and/or siblings will not be allowed to participate in the following season if all equipment is not returned to the franchise. Legal action will also be taken if equipment is not returned.

EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT COSTS:

1 Football Helmet	250.00	1 Mouth Piece	2.00
1 Shoulder Pads	150.00	1 Game Jersey	50.00
1 Practice Jersey	35.00	Helmet Decals	4.00 Each
1 Helmet Chin Strap	15.00	Helmet Pads	10.00 Each
Cheer Poms 1 set	20.00	Game Day Pants	50.00

XI. GAME DAY

A complete 2020 season schedule will be provided at a later date. Games are scheduled by the DYFL. Jr. Titans home games are on Saturdays. Away games days depend on the team we are playing and game times may vary. All players are required

to weigh in prior to the start of each game. **Your child will be required to be at all games 2 hours prior to the start of each game in order to weigh-in and warmup.** If your child misses the weigh-in, he/she will not be allowed to play. The weigh-in will begin one hour prior to the start of each game.

Absolutely NO outside food or drinks are allowed to be taken into any DYFL event. Only Coaches and assigned Team Parent's displaying a DYFL ID badge will be allowed to bring in drinks and snacks for their team level. Only one cooler per team/level will be allowed. Participants can carry in their own water, only one water container per player. Water is provided to the players during the game. Selling of merchandise that has not been approved by the CCJT Board is prohibited. All profits from the sale of any merchandise at home games are strictly for the CCJT.

XII. PICTURE DAY

Football players and Cheerleaders are to arrive 30 minutes prior to your scheduled time. Picture day information will be handed to your participant by their coaches. If you do not wish to purchase any pictures, please have your child attend so they can get their free team picture. If your child does not attend picture day, they will not receive their free team photo.

XIII. CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents and spectators affiliated with CCJT

- Adults affiliated with CCJT (this includes all DYFL certified personnel) found to have violated the CCJT Bylaws may be suspended for the balance of the current and the immediate following season.
- Adults affiliated with CCJT will always set a good example in personal appearance and actions while engaged any CCJT activity.
- Adults affiliated with CCJT shall not engage in any CCJT activity while under the influence of alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances, including tobacco products.
- The consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or controlled substances, and/or tobacco products at any CCJT game or practice, regardless of the nature, is prohibited. The California Penal Code strictly prohibits bringing alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, and/or tobacco products upon school grounds. Any individual found to have alcohol or a controlled substance upon them or in their possession shall immediately be removed from the grounds.
- Adults affiliated with CCJT shall always strive to make every CCJT activity serve as a training ground for life for its participants.

- Adults affiliated with CCJT will not criticize the their own or opposing team, coaches, league directors, board members, game officials or fans by improper comments or gestures.
- They will not cause altercations or confrontations including verbal/physical abuse.
- They will not incite non-sportsmanlike conduct.
- They will not strike or threaten to strike any coach, manager, game official, officer or director of any Conference, League, Franchise and/or Booster Club, parent, guardian and/or spectator.
- Absolutely no form of bullying will be tolerated, this includes but is not limited to cyber bullying.

Franchise presidents may be held responsible for the actions of their parents and fans.

A parent or guardian may not criticize the Head Coach's decision(s) except at the appropriate time, place and manner as selected by the Head Coach.

Adults affiliated with CCJT will not permit the unauthorized use of funds committed to their custody in conjunction with their participation in any CCJT program.

A parent or guardian whose actions are found to be detrimental to the activities of CCJT may be requested to remove his/her participant from the program at the discretion of their Franchise President or member organization.

Any decision to remove a participant may be appealed to the Executive Directors of Cesar Chavez Jr Titans. An adult expelled from a game is considered expelled for the remainder of the day.

Parents please refrain from using foul or offensive language in and around the practice and game areas. The coaches and board members are volunteers and are not being paid for their time. If you have any concerns, please talk to the coaches or board members before or after the game in a respectful manner. No yelling or cursing will be tolerated.

We are always in need of volunteers, please talk to one of the board members. Parent/guardians or any adults interested in coaching needs to fill out an application and needs to attend a coach's clinic in June. Coach's clinics will be paid for by the Jr Titans, but potential coaches are required to pass a basic background check and needs to be first aid and CPR qualified and USA Football Heads Up Certified.

XIV. COMMUNICATION

Facebook and Instagram will be the our main outlet of dispersing general information, please search CCJT209 on Facebook and CCJT.209 on Instagram. If you do not already, please go follow our Facebook and Instagram pages to make sure you stay up-to-date on all information. Game schedules, meetings, events, pictures, and other general information will be posted. This is a more efficient way of communicating information to everyone. You are; however, welcome to contact your child's coaches or any of the board members if you choose to.

We will still be providing information via fliers and notes given to your child at the end of practice. Please keep an eye out for these handouts to stay up to date on important information from the CCJT board members and/or coaches to you. If your child will miss practice, please call his/her coach incase information or instruction were given.

The DYFL holds an award ceremony at the end of the season to acknowledge participants that have maintained a 3.0 GPA or equivalent. Packets will be handed out before the last game of the season to apply for the Bob Griffitt's Scholastic Achievement Award.

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