



WHAT DOES LOUISIANA YOUTH FOOTBALL PROVIDE OR REQUIRE?

- Standardized rules that all players and cheerleaders follow;
- Eligibility verification of ALL football players;
- Regular Season Schedule & Venues;
- Championship Series Football Playoff Format and Cheer Showcases;
- Coaches Certification and Background Checks;
- Certified High School Game Officials;
- Access for member organizations to purchase discounted uniforms and equipment;
- \$1,000,000 Liability Insurance for organization's game and practice fields;
- Academic Award programs;

WHAT AUTHORITY DOES LOUISIANA YOUTH FOOTBALL HAVE?

Louisiana Youth Football's Director & Council have the authority to enforce all rules, regulations, policies and procedures with verbal warnings, fines, suspensions and terminations of membership both at the individual level and organizational level.

Some of the things that Louisiana Youth Football has little to no authority over:

- Regulating team registration fees (organizations set their fees based on the area they are in);
- Regulating team refund policies (organizations set their own policies);
- Regulating team playing time (Louisiana Youth Football is not a "must play" league, though strongly encouraged);
- Regulating team fundraisers (some organizations do them and some do not);
- Get involved in any internal operations of an organization.

Exception: if an organization violates a Louisiana Youth Football rule then Louisiana Youth Football can step in and enforce the rule with suspensions, fines and anything else that is determined appropriate by the Director & Council.

The Louisiana Youth Football season spans the months of July through November and into December for those who make it to the Championship Series - Finals.

- Preseason is the third week of July through the month of August.
- Regular season is September into November.
- Playoffs are the month of November and into December.

There is no limit to the amount of practice an organization can put your children through. That is between the parents and the organization. In most cases, organizations practice Monday through Friday (roughly 10 hours) the first 2 to 3 weeks of preseason and then drop to 3-4 days a week (roughly 6-8 hours), after that for the remainder of the season. The organization you sign up with will lay out what their schedules and routines will be.

There is no Mandatory Play rule in Louisiana Youth Football. While Louisiana Youth Football believes all children should have the opportunity to play, it is up to the individual organizations to set their own policy. Our quarters are longer for most of our age brackets which gives the coaches more time to get the children playing time. Our Mercy rule (where the score gets out of hand) does not end a game or take the ball away from one side. Instead the clock runs, but this is time that coaches can make mass substitutions to get children playing time. If a game is in Mercy rule and children still don't get playing time, then Louisiana Youth Football Game Officials will step in to take potential action.

Louisiana Youth Football currently does not recognize or enforce any boundaries for the recruitment of youth or volunteers between organizations. Louisiana Youth Football does not allow organizations to put HOLDS on youth or volunteers unless they owe money or equipment to the organization. Louisiana Youth Football will mediate to get these situations handled as quickly as possible.

Louisiana Youth Football is a "Competitive & Instructive" league; it is NOT "Recreational". Louisiana Youth Football is split into playing levels & age divisions: Division I – Championship Series / Division II – Bowl Series and D-League: 5-6, A: 7-8, AA: 9-10, & AAA: 11-12. The D-League: 5-6 is VERY Instructive and A: 7-8, AA: 9-10, & AAA: 11-12 are VERY Competitive. Louisiana Youth Football does not allow tryouts of any sort for a child to make a football or cheer team. But, tryouts are allowed to determine what position that child will play or cheer at after they have made the team. Weight, color, or gender does not matter. Girls can play football.

Louisiana Youth Football charges less than \$900 for the season for all required fees per team. All fees are used to purchase the liability & accidental insurance for the organizations that Louisiana Youth Football provides, hire quality High School certified officials & site managers, purchase recognition awards for academic & athletic excellence, and to put the league games into very nice venues for Football. All fees are used for the betterment of the game of football for ALL participants (players, cheerleaders, coaches, & fans). Louisiana Youth Football is a 100% Volunteer ran program (excluding Game Officials).

Football game gate fees are mandated to be \$0 to \$3 max during the season and Championship Series games.