



SHARK BITES

Tuesday, August 5, 2008

Welcome to Shark Football!!!

The "Shark Bites" newsletter will be given to players at every Tuesday practice. If you don't receive a copy from your child, you can get a copy off our web site, www.nyaasharks.com, or until we assign Team Parent Reps, you may get a copy from Stacia at the registration table.

BRING YOUR WATER BOTTLE TO PRACTICE

Remember to bring your water bottle to practice! Put your name on your water bottle, unmarked thermos bottles 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.

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, please see any NYAA representative. If you have any other questions or concerns please don't hesitate to direct them to Bobby Slade.

Saturday, August 9th is Equipment checkout :(13-14 yr olds, 9-10am) (8-10 yr olds, 10am-12)(11-12 yr olds, 12-1pm) PARENTS MUST COMPLETE REGISTRATION PAPERWORK, PAY REGISTRATION FEES AND SIGN CHECK OUT FORM BEFORE PLAYERS RECEIVE EQUIPMENT

Equipment

NYAA will provide each player with the league-required equipment, with the exception of mouthpieces and cleats, which players are responsible for. We do have donated cleats, please check with Equipment Manager at the equipment bin if you want to donate or if you need cleats. If you choose to purchase special equipment, keep in mind that chinstraps cannot contain metal snaps and **only clear visors** will be allowed. 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.

It is important that all players care for their uniforms/equipment to avoid damage. Please wash uniforms, tighten screws, and check snaps, chinstraps and mouthpieces. **NO EQUIPMENT WILL BE ISSUED UNTIL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET.**

Mandatory Fundraiser Info

Just a reminder that if you plan to BUY OUT the fundraiser this year you only have until **Saturday, August 9th**, after that the BUY OUT cost increases to \$90.00. If you are selling product to meet your fundraiser requirement, you may pick up a packet at the registration table. Remember to bring your order with money to the registration table every Tuesday. Deadline for fundraiser sales and buy out is Tuesday, Sept 2nd. If you have any questions, see Jamie Deterding.

Anyone interested in volunteering to coach please see Jesse Foster.

Parking

Please utilize the parking lot west of the practice field. LPD will ticket vehicles parked on the road thru the park, and as traffic increases it will not be safe.

Physicals

NYAA requires that all players have a physical or a doctor's release prior to playing. If they have had a physical recently, we will accept a copy of that. Also, Lincoln Action Program does offer free physicals at their "Clinic with a Heart", please contact them with questions.

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 that are 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.

TEAM ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE FINALIZED UNTIL THE OFFICIAL WEIGH-

CANCELATION NUMBER

Practice/Game changes or cancellations: call **438-4686** and listen to the voicemail message! Changes will be posted 1 hour ahead of all practice and game times.