



SHARK BITES

Tuesday, August 9, 2011

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 website, www.nyaasharks.com, or until we assign Team Parent Reps, you may get a copy at the registration table.

Practice schedule change

We will be holding practice Friday 8/12 and 8/19 for 9 year olds and older.

this is a change to the original practice schedule

Birth certificates

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

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 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 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.

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.

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.

Shark Apparel Order Forms

Order forms for Shark Apparel will be sent home with players today. If you would like to order, please turn in form by Tuesday, August 23rd.

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.

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

Practice Schedules

If you did not receive a practice schedule during registration, please pick one up from the registration table.

Anyone interested in coaching 10 and under please come to registration table.

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.

SHARK BASEBALL

Any 10 and 11 yr olds that are interested in playing for the new Tiger Shark Baseball Program for the 2012 season, please contact Jon Locus 438-4686.

MOUTHPIECES

We do have mouthpieces FOR SALE at the registration table for \$1.00 each.

Mandatory Fundraiser Info

Just a reminder that if you plan to BUY OUT the fundraiser this year you only have until today, Tuesday, 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, August 23rd. If you have any questions, see Stacia or Kim.

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.