



Washington Junior Football League Inc.
“Fun, Fundamentals, Sportsmanship”

Dear Parents,

We are happy to have your child as a participant in Washington Junior Football League Inc. and we are looking forward to several months of working together with you, your child and the other parents and players. The purpose of WJFL is:

To teach and develop the physical skills and knowledge necessary to play the game of football, to develop social skills which promote acceptable standards of behavior and positive relationships with others, and to develop attitudes and appreciations that will encourage participation in and enjoyment of football and team sports in the future.

Winning at all costs is not our purpose, teaching and experiencing the fun associated with football and team sports is!

In order for us to make this a positive experience for your child, we are asking for your help on several issues:

Fund-raisers

Our intent is to always keep sign-up fees at a reasonable rate in order to allow all children the opportunity to play. To do this we have to rely on several fund-raisers in addition to the sign-up fee. This year we will again be conducting a **cash raffle**. Each player pays for the 5 \$10 tickets at the time of sign-up. These tickets can be filled out and turned in at sign-ups or you can choose to sell them, keep the \$50 and **turn in the stubs for the raffle prior to the drawing**. If you can sell more your help is greatly appreciated. More tickets can be obtained from your son/daughter's coach or by calling the number listed at the end of this letter. The winning tickets will be drawn on **the 4th Saturday of the season**.

We will be conducting a **gun raffle** for anyone who would like to participate. 3 tickets will be given to each player at equipment issue and more can be obtained from your coach when the season begins. If you sell a winning ticket your sign-up fee of \$125 will be refunded.

This year like many of the 4-Rivers members we will be charging an **attendance gate**. Washington families will be exempt from this charge as passes will be issued to all of our participants. Only out of town visitors will have to pay to enter the gate.

A **concession stand** will be open at all home games. Please patronize our concessions as the profits go to purchase new equipment and to pay for game officials.

Parent Help

During the course of the season we will need parent help in a variety of areas. Please be available if your son/daughter's coach asks you to cook/grill for the concession stand, run the down and distance chains and/or work the gate, scoreboard, etc.

Practice

The practice schedule of each team is determined by that team's coach. For your child to play in games he/she must be present at practice to receive the proper coaching in order to make this not only a positive experience but a safe experience. Please try to have your child attend practice as often as possible.

Note: We as coaches of WJFL Inc. reserve the right to withhold your child as a participant in a competitive game according to our discretion as to the amount of and importance of practice time missed.

Our season will require a great amount of hard work on the part of your child. We hope that you will encourage your child to work hard, keep with it and make the sacrifices necessary to be a functioning member of his/her team. We feel your child will learn many skills of social interaction, sacrifice and perseverance through his/her participation in WJFL Inc.

Communication

Our season will only be a successful and positive experience for you and your child if an open line of communication is available between the coaches, players and parents. The coaches should hold a parent meeting during which they will communicate their expectations of your child. If at any time you have a problem with your child's coach we ask that you talk calmly and rationally with the coach before approaching a league official concerning any issue.

Discipline

We expect your help in solving any discipline problem that may arise with your child. Due to the potential for injury in football any lack of attention or effort or a disruption in our coaching and supervision due to improper behavior by a child will increase not only that child's but his teammates' chance for injury.

We reserve the right to dismiss any participant from WJFL Inc. due to constant or serious discipline problems. Our Discipline Policy is outlined below.

Discipline Policy of WJFL Inc.

- First Offense: Participant is immediately told by a member of the coaching staff how and why his behavior is inappropriate; the proper behavior is then explained to him.
- Second Offense: Procedure for first offense is repeated plus parent or guardian is notified.
- Third Offense: Child is immediately removed from WJFL Inc. all equipment belonging to WJFL is immediately returned, no refund of sign-up fee is given. Parent or guardian is notified of dismissal by both a phone call and in writing.
- Extreme Misbehavior: In a case we judge to be extreme misbehavior we will immediately follow the process outlined for the third offense.

Equipment

All equipment issued to your child is the property of WJFL Inc. Your child is expected to treat it with the respect he would his own property. With the exception of the jersey, your child is not permitted to wear any equipment at any time, but during WJFL Inc. practices and games.

Any equipment lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed while in your child's possession must be replaced by that child's legal guardian. The cost of damage or destruction occurring during a WJFL Inc. practice or game will be assumed by WJFL providing the participant notifies us when damage occurs.

The return of all equipment is the responsibility of the participant’s legal guardian. Failure to return equipment will result in the financial replacement of the equipment or further action if necessary.

The following is a 2018 price list of normal youth size equipment. If your child requires larger equipment the price may be higher.

Helmet.....	\$130
Shoulder Pads.....	\$65
Pants.....	\$25
Jersey.....	\$24
Total Replacement Cost	\$244

Final Notes:

All WJFL games and Four Rivers YFL schedules and results can be viewed at our website at:
wjfl.org

All WJFL Inc. practices and games are alcohol free events. Please abstain from any alcohol consumption during these events.

All associated with WJFL Inc. are extremely excited about the coming season. Your help, cooperation and participation are greatly appreciated. If I can be of any help to you please contact me or any member of WJFL Inc.

Thank You

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