



## **BIG BLUE YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING**

### **Parental Consent**

I, the parent or legal guardian, give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the Big Blue Youth Football and Cheering Program.

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### **Release from Liability**

I agree to assume all risks and hazards related to participation in football/cheerleading, including transportation to and from activities. I hereby:

- Waive, release, and hold harmless Big Blue Youth Football and Cheering, the local association, officers, directors, sponsors, volunteers, participants, and anyone transporting my child to/from activities.
  - Release them from any claims arising from injury, whether due to negligence or any other cause.
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### **Medical Release**

In case of an emergency where I cannot be reached, I authorize Big Blue Youth Football and Cheering to:

- Administer first aid.
  - Secure proper medical treatment and hospitalization for my son/daughter, according to their best judgment.
  - Attempt to contact the emergency contact provided during registration.
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### **Equipment/Uniform Responsibility**

I agree to assume responsibility for the football/cheerleading uniforms and equipment issued to my child for the 2025 season. I understand that:

- I will not be held responsible for normal wear and tear.
  - I will be financially responsible for replacing any lost or unreasonably damaged uniforms/equipment.
  - The final decision regarding equipment/uniform matters will be made by the President of Big Blue Youth Football and Cheering.
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## Minimum Play Time & Attendance Policy

BBYF&C is committed to ensuring all children have the opportunity to develop their skills and enjoy the game. To promote fairness and participation, the following guidelines apply:

### 1. Minimum Playtime Requirement

Squad	Team Size	Minimum Plays per Player
D Squad	17 players or fewer	8 plays
	18–23 players	6 plays
	24 players or more	4 plays
C/JVC Squad	23 players or fewer	6 plays
	24 players or more	4 plays
A/B Squad	23 players or fewer	4 plays
	24 players or more	2 plays

\* Special teams plays **count** toward the minimum play total.

\* There is **no minimum play requirement during playoffs**.

- Each child will qualify for minimum play rule, provided they have attended all scheduled practices for the week (excluding excused absences).
- Playing time may be adjusted based on effort, attitude, and adherence to team rules.

### 2. Football Practice Attendance Requirement

- Attendance at practice is mandatory to be eligible for game participation.
- Any missed practice must be communicated to the head coach in advance.
- Repeated unexcused absences may result in reduced playing time at the coach's discretion.

### 3. Cheer Practice Attendance Requirement

- In order to compete, we expect:
  - i. No more than 3 unexcused absences throughout the season
  - ii. Practice is mandatory the full 2 weeks prior to competition
- With safety being our priority, coaches reserve the right to determine if an athlete may or may not participate in competition if there are repeated unexcused absences throughout the season or absences within the 2 weeks period prior to competition.

These policies are in place to emphasize commitment, teamwork, and player development while maintaining fairness for all participants.

At BBYF&C, our mission is to foster the development of young athletes by teaching the fundamentals of football and cheering, while instilling core values that will serve them throughout their lives.

## Core Principles

We are committed to promoting:

- **Sportsmanship:** Demonstrating courtesy and respect on and off the field.
- **Teamwork:** Emphasizing the value of collaboration and mutual support.
- **Discipline:** Instilling focus, self-control, and dedication.
- **Hard Work:** Recognizing effort and perseverance.
- **Responsibility:** Building accountability and dependability.
- **Character:** Developing integrity, empathy, and moral courage.

## Our Commitment

BBYF&C is dedicated to creating a **positive and fun environment** for all participants. This environment should be free from adult-driven motivations for personal glory. Players, parents, coaches, and Board members are expected to uphold these principles by serving as role models for our youth.

## Parental Role

Parents play a critical role in creating a positive and supportive environment for all participants in BBYF&C. To help ensure this:

- Provide encouragement and set a good example to help children learn valuable life lessons in sportsmanship, teamwork, and discipline.
- Emphasize the importance of hard work, responsibility, and character.
- **Respect the boundaries of practices and games:**
  - Do not interfere with any practice or game.
  - Yelling at coaches or players is strictly prohibited.
  - Coming onto the field during practices or games is strictly prohibited.

## Policy on Violations

Any violations of the above principles by parents, family members, or spectators may result in removal from the program. All violations will be reviewed by the BBYF&C Football Board of Directors, who will determine the appropriate disciplinary action. This policy ensures that the focus remains on the growth, development, and enjoyment of the children.

Let's work together to create a supportive and enriching experience for every child in BBYF&C.