



Bartlett Hawks Youth Football and Dance

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Member of The Chicagoland Youth Football League

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) - Football

GENERAL

To what league does Bartlett Hawks Youth Football belong?

We belong to The Chicagoland Youth Football League. Please see www.tcyfl.net to learn more.

When are the board meetings and who can attend?

Board meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Bartlett Fire Station #1, 234 N. Oak Ave. Anyone may attend the meetings. Please see the website for dates.

When are team pictures?

Team pictures will take place in early August. The date will be announced via email, website and Team Parent.

What fundraisers will be conducted?

There is one fundraiser, a cash raffle. Families will purchase a set of tickets for \$100 for up to two participants per family that they may then resell. The drawing will be during Homecoming weekend in September.

There will be several optional fundraising events throughout the year such as a golf outing, candy sales and pep rally.

Where can I purchase Bartlett Hawks Youth Football apparel?

Apparel and other items are for sale at registration, all home games and other special events. A selection can be found at Bartlett Sports, 310 S. Main St.

EQUIPMENT

What equipment is provided?

Tackle

Football Helmet
Practice Pants
Practice Jersey
Rib Guard
Shoulder Pads
Girdle
Girdle pads (3)
Thigh pads (2)
Knee pads (2)
Belt (2)
Game Pants
Game Jersey – personalized*
Game Socks*
Mouth Guard*

Flag and Mighty Hawks

Hockey Helmet (no facemask)
Practice Pants
Practice Jersey
Knee pads (2)
Belt (2)
Game Pants
Game Jersey – personalized*
Game Socks*
Mouth Guard*

**These are items are yours to keep.*

What equipment will I need to supply for my child?

Shoes –You can use non-metal spike shoes you already have from another sport. You can also purchase football shoes.

Mouth Guard – One is provided to you, but if you need to purchase additional mouth guards they cannot be clear. White or colored plastic are allowed by the league rules.

Protective cup for male players

Water bottle

When is equipment pick-up?

Equipment pick-up takes place in June/July at Bartlett High School. The date will be announced via email, the website and a mailed postcard at least two weeks before the date. You will need to leave a security deposit in the form of a check, postdated to December 1. The amount of the check is equal to amount paid at registration. When the equipment is returned, the check will be returned to you. It will only be cashed in the event the equipment is not returned at the end of the season.

When will equipment be returned?

Equipment will be returned during mid-December. See “What equipment is provided” for which equipment needs to be returned.

What size football is used?

Here are the official footballs allowed by TCYFL

	Wilson	Baden	Nike	Rawlings
Heavyweight	TDY	FX500Y	Youth	ST5 Youth
Lightweight	TDY	FX500Y	Youth	ST5 Youth
Middleweight	TDJ	FX500JR	Junior	ST5 Junior
Featherweight	TDJ	FX500JR	Junior	ST5 Junior
Bantam	K – 2	FX500PW	Pee Wee	ST5 Pee Wee
Instructional	K – 2	FX500PW	Pee Wee	ST5 Pee Wee
Flag	K – 2	FX500PW	Pee Wee	ST5 Pee Wee
Mighty Hawks	Nerf mini-football			

PRACTICE

When is the first practice?

Tackle and Instructional Tackle

July 26 - Practice will be conditioning with no pads. Helmets can be worn.

August 2 - Full equipment will be worn. 10 hours of conditioning have to be met before full contact.

Flag and Mighty Hawks

August 3 – Full equipment will be worn.

Where is practice?

July 26 to Sept. 30 – Hawk Hollow Elementary School. See our website for directions and a field map.

October 1 to November 30 – Bartlett Community Center (BCC). We move to this location due to darkness and BCC provides a lighted field. Please see our website for directions and a field map.

When will my child practice?

Tackle

July 26 to August 20 – Four to five days a week, Monday thru Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
August 23 to Sept. 30 – Three days a week, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
October 1 to October 25 – At least two days a week, Monday & Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Postseason – Will be determined by your coach.

Instructional Tackle

July 26 to September 30 – At least three days a week, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
October 1 to October 25 – At least two days a week, Monday & Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Additional days will be determined by your coach

Flag

August 3 to September 30 – Two days a week, Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
October 1 to October 25 – Two days a week, Monday & Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Mighty Hawks

August 3 to September 30– Two days a week, Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
October 1 to October 25 – Two days a week, Monday & Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

What should my child wear to practice?

Before August 1, your child should wear their practice jersey (most players prefer to wear a shirt underneath), shorts, socks of their choosing, football shoes/spikes and bring their helmet and mouth guard. After August 1, your child should wear their practice jersey, practice pants, all pads, socks of their choosing, football shoes/spikes, helmet and mouth guard.

What should my child bring to practice?

Besides the required equipment, they should bring a large water bottle and bug spray.

How will I know if practice is cancelled?

Practice is rarely cancelled. Lightening is usually the main reason for a cancellation or if the school or park district determines if the fields are too wet. Rain alone does not necessarily warrant a cancellation. You will be notified of a cancellation via email and it will be posted on our website. You may also receive a call from your coach or team parent. Please be aware that often the decision to cancel a practice is made between 1 to 2 hours before practice is scheduled to begin. Please check your email or the website and do not call the hotline.

Teams

What are the levels and what do they mean?

Tackle

Instructional is for 6-7 year-olds weighing 77lbs or less and will play in-house teams
Bantam is for 7 - 8 year-olds weighing less than 87 lbs
Featherweight is for 9 - 10 year-olds weighing less than 97 lbs
Middleweight is for 11 - 12 year-olds weighing less than 107 lbs
Lightweight is for 12 – 14 year-olds weighing less than 123 lbs and not in high school
Heavyweight is for 12 – 14 year-olds weighting less than 168 lbs and not in high school

Flag

Flag is for 6 and 7 year olds and will play teams from other towns. 77 lbs and under.

Mighty Hawks

Mighty Hawks Flag is for 4 and 5 year olds and will play in-house teams 77 lbs and under.

What is the difference between Mid 10 and Pac 10?

Mid 10 (sometimes referred to as Big 10)

The Mid 10 emphasizes competition at a high level, and includes each Member Community's best and most capable players at each level, drafted to teams prior to drafts Pac 10. It is the TCYFL's intent to provide all Mid 10 players a reasonable playing time opportunity in each game (except for illness, injury, disciplinary reason, etc.)

Pac 10

The Pac 10 emphasizes instruction, development and participation. Pac 10 teams are composed of players not participating in the Mid 10. Pac 10 utilizes Eleven on – Eleven off. Eleven on – Eleven off requires that all players should have a starting position. On teams with more than 22 players, additional starting positions should be created on kickoff and kickoff receiving teams and coaches should rotate players on offense and defense to accommodate a balanced approach to playing time.

How many players are on a team?

Tackle

There are between 18 and 24 players on a team.

Instructional Tackle

There are between 12 and 15 players on a team.

Flag

There are between 12 and 15 players on a team.

Mighty Hawks

There are between 8 and 12 players on a team.

How do they decide which team my child will be on?

There is an evaluation process run by the coaches. After the evaluation process the coaches will divide up the teams. The Mid-10 coaches run the evaluation process at the tackle level.

What is the role of a Team Parent?

A team parent will organize the snack schedule, Homecoming activities, schedule concession stand and field set-up/take-down volunteers and will be the point person for the distribution of league information.

Games

When does the season start and end?

Tackle

There will be a pre-season bowl game in mid-August. Regular season games will begin the first weekend in September and continue for nine (9) games, ending around the end of October.

Instructional Tackle

Will start the same weekend as the regular tackle level and have scheduled 6-8 regular season games.

Flag

There will be a pre-season bowl game in mid-August. Regular season games will begin either the last weekend in August or the first weekend in September and continue for eight (8) games, ending around the end of October.

Mighty Hawks

There are no pre-season games. Regular season games will begin the first weekend in September and continue for six (6) games, ending around mid-October.

When are the games played?

Tackle – Mid 10

Games are played on Sundays and are usually scheduled at either 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m. 1:30pm or 3:00 p.m. Subject to TCYFL schedule.

Tackle – Pac 10

Games are played on Saturdays and are usually scheduled at either 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m. Subject to TCYFL schedule.

Tackle – Instructional

Games are played on Saturdays or Sundays and are usually scheduled at either 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m.

Flag

Games are played on Saturdays and are usually scheduled at either 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m.

Mighty Hawks

Games are played on Saturdays and are usually scheduled at either 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m.

Where are the games played?

Tackle

Four to five (4-5) of the games will be played out our home field, Bartlett High School. The other four or five (4-5) are played at towns within TCYFL. Please see our website for schedules and maps.

Instructional Tackle

Games are played at our home field, Bartlett High School. There may be an opportunity to travel to a neighboring town to play a team.

Flag

Four to five (4-5) of the games will be played out our home field, Bartlett High School. The other four to five (4-5) are played at either Reed Kepler Park in West Chicago or Mill Creek Community Park in Geneva. Please see our website for schedules and maps.

Mighty Hawks

All games are played at our home field, Bartlett High School.

How long does a game last?

Heavyweight and Lightweight Levels*

10-minute per quarter stop clock with a 10-minute halftime. A fruit snack at halftime and after-game snack is provided.

Middleweight and Lightweight Levels*

9-minute per quarter stop clock with a 9-minute halftime. A fruit snack at halftime and after-game snack is provided

Bantam Levels*

8-minute per quarter stop clock with an 8-minute halftime. A fruit snack at halftime and after-game snack is provided

**The players in these levels must weigh-in one hour prior to the kick-off of their game. Players missing weigh-in are ineligible to play.*

Instructional Tackle

Two 30-minute halves with a running clock and a 10-minute halftime. A fruit snack at halftime and after-game snack is provided.

Flag

Two 40-minute halves with a running clock and a 10-minute halftime. A fruit snack at halftime and after-game snack is provided.

Mighty Hawks

Two 30-minute halves with a running clock and a 10-minute halftime. The clock does not stop. An after-game snack is provided.

How is a game scored?

A touchdown is six (6) points. Two (2) points are awarded for a successful conversion kick after a touchdown. One point (1) is for a successful conversion running or passing play after a touchdown.

When we will know our game schedule?

Our parent league, TCYFL sets the schedules. It will set the Mid 10 first and then the Pac 10. Instructional Tackle, Flag and Mighty Hawks schedules are sometimes dependent on the Pac 10 schedule, as they all play on Saturdays.

The Mid 10 schedule is usually set by mid-August, Instructional Tackle, Flag and Mighty Hawk follow soon after. Pac 10 often is scheduled just a few weeks at a time. We appreciate your patience with the process.

What happens on Homecoming Weekend?

One weekend during the regular season will be designated as Homecoming. There will be special events, on-field presentations, car decorating and lots of fun. There will also be yard signs available for purchase to recognize your child's effort.

Are concessions available?

Concessions are available at all regular season games, home and away. The only exception is for our Instructional Tackle and Mighty Hawks in-house games. When the other tackle and flag teams are away, there will be no concessions. Please patronize the concessions whenever possible. All teams count on the profits to help fund their leagues.