

2009 Welcome to the Brandon Bears

Brandon Bears Youth Football and Cheerleading Organization

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Mission Statement:

The Brandon Bears Youth Football and Cheerleading Organization is committed to providing a safe and positive environment for our children to learn teamwork and participate in sports.

Goals:

Our goal is to develop and promote the idea of responsibility, hard work, discipline, sportsmanship, and teamwork. The individual growth of our community's children is enhanced through the spirit of competition and fair play. These goals will be accomplished by providing a structured program designed to educate both children and families in all aspects of the sports of football and cheerleading.

Board of Directors:

President.....	Tony Hernandez
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Asst Concession Director	Donna Dunnam
Football Equipment Director	Mike Davis
Asst Football Equipment Director	Bill Van Wagner
Cheerleading Equipment Director	Danita Sawyer
Team Mom Coordinator	Marcia Perri
Volunteer Coordinator.....	Open
Registration Director.....	Steve Potter
Asst Registration Director.....	Tracey Potter
Fundraising Director	Kim Davis
Publicity Director.....	Arly Ramos
Field Maintenance	Open

No Refund Policy:

There is a \$50 non-refundable **administration fee**.

Refunds of the **registration fee** (not the administration fee) will be given in the following cases:

1. Injury up to and thru the FIRST season game.
2. Relocation of family out of Hillsborough County up to August 1, 2009.

****You must submit in writing the reason for refund within 10 days of the first season game for injury, or within 10 business days of August 1, 2009 (by August 15, 2009). Any items issued to the child as non-returnable (those the child keeps) will be deducted from the refunded amount.**

3. **Varsity Football Players Only!** Refunds of the registration fee will be provided to any registered Brandon Bear Varsity Football players who makes his High School Varsity football team. You must submit in writing the request for refund and include a letter from your High School football coach confirming your participation on the High School Varsity team.

Registration Fees:

Football registration fee for all teams is \$200 – this includes jersey and socks.

Cheerleading registration fee for all teams is \$235 – this includes practice set, socks, ribbons, shoes, bloomers, and crop top.

These Registration Fees **help** to cover the following:

- WCYFC league fees
- Insurance for your child (the league insurance is **secondary**, your private insurance is primary)
- Game day football/cheerleading uniform rental
- Pads/helmet rental
- Field maintenance (game day and practice fields)
- Rental of Spoto High Schools football field for game day
- Miscellaneous operating expenses
- Trophies at the end of the season (child must complete the entire season and return all equipment to receive a trophy)

****A deposit of \$100 is required to confirm your roster position for the 2009 season. \$50.00 of this deposit is the non-refundable administration fee. Your child cannot participate unless all fees are paid. Your child will not receive any equipment until all fees are paid.**

Five Year Jackets will be presented at the end of season ceremony to Football Players and Cheerleaders who have completed **5** seasons with the Brandon Bears.

Ten Year Rings will be presented at the end of season ceremony to Football Players and Cheerleaders who have completed **10** seasons with the Brandon Bears.

Game Day:

The coaches will advise you and your child what time they must be at the field prior to the start of the game. Pre-game time is extremely important. Football players must be weighed in and Cheerleaders must practice before the halftime show. Failure to be present at the scheduled time may result in your child not participating in that scheduled event. There are 10 scheduled games plus 2 Exhibition games. Playoff games will be held to determine the participants in the Super Bowl. All Cheerleaders are to cheer for their scheduled football games. Cheerleaders will also participate in various competitions throughout the season. There will be additional fees for the competitions. All competitions are **mandatory**.

Please do not let your child eat greasy food or drink milk before a game/competition.

Kick Off Times are as follows on Saturday during regular season:

- Flyweight (Mascot for Cheerleading) kick off time is at 9:00am
- Super Midget kick off time is at 10:45am
- Midget kick off time is at 12:30pm
- Jr. Varsity kick off time is at 2:15pm
- Varsity kick off time is at 4:15pm

****These times are subject to change.**

Practice:

Due to weather and/or injuries, the Brandon Bears **strongly urge** a parent or guardian remain present throughout the practices and games. Practice begins promptly at 6:30pm. Children should be at the practice field no later than 6:15pm. Please bring your child to practice even if it is raining. In the case of rain, please remain at the practice field with your child in case practice is cancelled. A child can be benched or dismissed for an unexcused absence from any practice.

****If there are extenuating circumstances and you must leave the practice field during practice, please make sure you or someone is at the field at 8:30pm to pick up your child. If your child is**

not picked up at the scheduled pick up time of 8:30pm, or earlier in the case of rain, a Board Member or Coach will have to remain at the field with your child until they are picked up. We thank you in advance for your understanding this and your consideration for the Brandon Bears Board Members and Coaches.

Donation Booth/Front Gate on Game Day:

Please remember that your donation helps to pay for game day referees. Please be sure to donate both at Home or at Away games. Donation requests for all fields are **\$2 per adult** and **\$1 for non-participating children**. Please remember that this **includes Board Members and Coaches**.

Fundraising:

The Brandon Bears relies on Fundraising events to pay for general operation and maintenance of the Brandon Bears organization. Fundraising events will be used to pay for additional tents, water coolers, and other items needed for upkeep of the organization.

Injuries:

At least one coach on each team or squad will be trained in CPR and will have minimal first aid training. Any football or cheerleading related injury, regardless of outward appearance, is taken seriously and will be addressed as such. All injuries **MUST** be promptly reported to the Athletic/Cheer Director. We also encourage all participants to make known any injury to his/her coach immediately upon occurrence. Participants should not hide injuries. Any player sustaining an injury that requires a doctor's care will be required to provide a medical release from that doctor prior to further participation in games, practices, or competitions.

Rules:

Rules and Regulations must be followed at all times at the Practice Field, at Games, or at Competitions. **Rules and Regulations** are as follows:

- The use of profanity, drugs, alcohol, or tobacco is prohibited during any WCYFC or Brandon Bears event (smoking will be permitted in *designated* areas only)
**Smoking is permitted at the practice field in the parking areas only. Smoking at Spoto High School is permitted in the parking lot, on the parking lot side of the sidewalk only. Please do not smoke in any other areas. Please seek guidance about permitted areas for smoking while at other WCYFC events.
- No parking in front of the emergency gate
- Please place all trash in receptacles and keep bathrooms neat
- Personal coolers are not permitted beyond the gate at any WCYFC event
- No pets are allowed at any WCYFC or Brandon Bears function

Volunteering:

We need your help in order to have a successful season. Board Members and Coaches are volunteers who work all year long to ensure a successful season. We cannot do all of the work. Each team/squad must provide parent volunteers for the following:

- Fundraising booth during practice and during Home games
- Concession stand during practice and during Home games
- Donation Booth/Front Gate during Home games
- Chain Gang during Home games

As such, **10** volunteer hours are **REQUIRED** per **family**. We welcome parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and other family members over the age of **13** to help complete these volunteer hours. You will be assigned dates/times to volunteer by the Volunteer Coordinator. If you are unable to volunteer at the assigned date/time, **YOU** will be responsible for filling the spot. Not completing the required volunteer hours will result in your child not being considered

for All-Stars and not being eligible to register as a returning player/cheerleader the following season. Volunteers are solely responsible for ensuring they properly sign in and out in the volunteer book before and after each shift. This also includes ensuring that the **football player/cheerleader** whom you are volunteering for is indicated so that our Volunteer Director can give the proper credit.

The Brandon Bears Need Your Help!!

Parent/Guardian Responsibility:

We encourage all parents/guardians/family members to get involved with the Brandon Bears organization. If you see something that can be improved upon, please contact any Board Member with your suggestions. We ask that you do not voice any complaints or concerns towards coaches, referees, or league officials in front of the children. This especially includes the time when you are a spectator at a game. During practices and on game days, we ask that you support ALL teams. Applaud good plays, congratulate and encourage ALL teams. It is our responsibility as the Brandon Bears to set an example of good sportsmanship and behavior not only for our children but for the other teams as well.

Again, WELCOME to the Brandon Bears and please allow your child and all of the children to play as a child and have FUN!!

GO BEARS!!

Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct:

Parents are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects well on the Brandon Bears. Failure to follow the Code of Conduct can result in disciplinary actions as stated below. The

Code of Conduct is as follows:

- I will support the efforts of all Board Members, Coaches, and Volunteers
- I will not use profanity, drugs or alcohol during any WCYFC or Brandon Bears event and will only use tobacco in **designated** areas
- I will set the right example for the children by always showing good sportsmanship
- I will show respect toward everyone at the field
- I will never argue with a coach or an official during practices or games. Any complaint or concern will be addressed in the order of the following steps:
 - 1) Discuss with the individual privately
 - 2) Discuss with appropriate head coach after practice and not on game day
 - 3) Discuss with appropriate Director (Athletic or Cheer)
 - 4) Discuss with President or Vice President
 - 5) Request a Grievance Committee hearing
 - 6) Request a hearing before the Board of Directors with Grievance Committee approval
- I understand that the Brandon Bears organization does not have a minimum play rule and that my child may not have playing time in every game
- I understand that if I enter the playing field during a game, or incur an un-sportsmanship like behavior penalty, I risk being disqualified from further league participation
- I will remember to praise my child's efforts and always offer my support
- I understand that if I furnish a false birth certificate or misrepresent my child's age or date of birth, I may be subject to both Civil and Criminal legal action
- I understand that refusal to return all equipment issued to my child, or to pay for missing equipment, may result in my child not receiving a trophy and not being eligible to register the following year
- I further understand that refusal to return any and all equipment issued may subject me to both civil and criminal legal action and may exclude my child from participation in the WCYFC. I also understand that if I turn in my child's equipment late, a late fee of \$25 may apply.

Disciplinary Actions:

Breaking the Parent Code of Conduct or violation of any league rule may result in disciplinary action. The Grievance Committee will handle all disciplinary problems submitted in writing on a case by case basis. If disciplinary actions are implemented for you or your child, your child may not participate in All-Stars. If needed the Conference Trustees may be required to handle disciplinary actions. Punishment can be but is not limited to:

- Verbal or Written warning
- Game Suspension
- Season Suspension
- Permanent Removal from the Program

I have read and fully understand the above Welcome to the Brandon Bears packet and I agree to abide by the child/parent/guardian code of conduct.

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____