

# New Fairfield Falcons

## Registration Information for Participants & Youth Coaches - 2011

New Fairfield Falcons is open to all children from ages 5 to 15 that reside in New Fairfield or a surrounding town that does not have a Pop Warner Program. There are no try-outs; everyone will be assigned to a team. The program consists of playing tackle football or cheering at football games (home and away) and may involve numerous cheer competitions. Rules are available on line and in hard copy. All rules are strictly enforced. **If you have any questions regarding the level of commitment that is required, contact the Cheer Coordinator at [NFFalconscheer1@aol.com](mailto:NFFalconscheer1@aol.com) or the Football Commissioner at [Commissioner@nffalcons.org](mailto:Commissioner@nffalcons.org), or call the Falcons Voice mail: 203-778-7090.**

**REGISTRATION: Saturday, March 19th from 9:00am – 12:00pm  
at the New Fairfield Senior Center**

Registration is a two step process. The first step is an on line registration, and the second step is submission of required paperwork. Following is information to guide you through the process.

- 1. Parents must register or update all information on the League One site. This should be done at home prior to registration day. A link to on line registration can be found on the Falcons' website.**
- 2. Bring in your paperwork on registration day.** This includes the consent form, birth certificate, picture for cheer only, and payment. **ALL TEAMS WILL BE FILLED ON A FIRST COME BASIS DETERMINED BY DATE OF PAPERWORK SUBMISSION. OUR CHEER TINY MITE TEAM WILL BE LIMITED TO 16 PARTICIPANTS. REGISTRATION FORMS: ONLY 2011 FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED** – the consent and medical forms are on the Falcons' website and will also be available at registration day
  - a) Parent/Guardian Consent and Release Form:** Parent/Guardian **must read, sign and date** to indicate acceptance of Parent/Guardian responsibilities to the Falcons. **Working cell phone number(s) and e-mail address MUST BE INCLUDED.** *Cheerleaders & Youth Coaches* should attach (stapled or paper clipped, please) a full-face photo (school picture is preferred) to this form.
  - b) Birth Certificate: New participants** must provide a legible copy of their birth certificate or passport. Please bring the original birth certificate to registration so a league official can validate against the copy. If a team reaches the regional level, the original or a certified copy of the original document must be presented.
  - c) Registration Fee:** \$165.00 + \$35.00 (Field use fee) for a total of \$200 for the 1<sup>st</sup> participant. 2 participants = \$380.00. 3 or more participants = \$540.00. If financial assistance is needed with the registration fee please contact the Falcons ([President@nffalcons.org](mailto:President@nffalcons.org)).
  - d) Medical Release:** Pop Warner form signed by a medical professional and dated no earlier than January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year, based upon an examination occurring after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the prior year.
  - e) Report Card:** A copy of **ALL** sides of the **year-end** report card should be submitted immediately following completing of the school year. This is a Pop Warner requirement used to ensure academic eligibility and nominate individuals for scholastic All-American honors. **Partial year report cards will not be accepted!**

### Paperwork Nights:

**Cheerleading:** At Sneaker Night (May TBD), at the Rebel Cheerleading Camp, as well as throughout the first 2 weeks of July. (Specific dates/locations to be communicated through our website – [www.nffalcons.org](http://www.nffalcons.org) **\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: NO PAPERWORK WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE FIRST NIGHT OF PRACTICE. PAPERWORK MUST BE COMPLETED BY JULY 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Football:** Paperwork collection days will be communicated through our website - [www.nffalcons.org](http://www.nffalcons.org) **\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: PLAYERS WITH MISSING PAPERWORK WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PICK UP EQUIPMENT IN JULY.**

**Youth Coaches (Cheerleading):** Youth coaches need to fill out the same paperwork as the Cheerleaders, and will be held to all of the same rules and deadlines (as stated above) as the Cheerleaders.

**REGISTRATION FEE REFUND POLICY:** This policy only applies to paid registration fees. Refund requests should be made in writing to the President via email to [president@nffalcons.org](mailto:president@nffalcons.org). Requests that are granted will be refunded on a prorated scale as follows:

Postmarked Date	Percentage Refunded
August 11	100%
August 18	75%
August 25	50%
September 1	no refunds

In the event of medical withdrawal where a full season is missed, full refunds will be considered.

**COACHING STAFF:** The head coach of each team is selected by the Cheer Coordinator or Football Commissioner and approved by the Falcon Board of Directors. All coaching positions terminate at the end of the season. Assistant coaches are chosen by the Head Coach and submitted to and approved by the current Coordinator. All coaches are expected to attend the Pop Warner Coaching Clinics. The clinic is mandatory for the head coach.

**TEAM SIZE:** The number of participants on a team is limited by the availability of coaches, equipment and Pop Warner regulations. Registration for a given team will close when this limit is reached and a waiting list will be created. Registrations are accepted based upon the date of registration. (Cheer registration generally closes in May; football varies based on sign-ups.)

**PRACTICE: *Practice Begins Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>*** Participants will not be allowed to pick up equipment or attend practice until all registration fees and correct forms are submitted. There are no exceptions to this policy. Attendance is mandatory at all practices, games, and competitions for the entire regular and post season. Failure to attend may result in dismissal from the squad. Please speak to the cheer coordinator or football commissioner regarding the time commitment this program demands.

**PARENT/GUARDIAN MEETING:** Mandatory attendance at a meeting for parent/guardians prior to the start of the season. If you cannot attend the meeting you must contact the Cheerleading Coordinator or the Football Commissioner to make arrangements for another time.

**OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN FOR GAME ELIGIBILITY:** Football players are not eligible to play in a pre-season or regular season game until they have been officially weighed in by a Western Connecticut League official. Any player that misses the League weigh-in at the pre-season game will have to go to a designated location to be weighed in.

FOOTBALL AGES & WEIGHT ELIGIBILITY				
Eligibility	Ages on July 31	Older Lighter	Weight Range	O/L Max. weight
Tiny-Mite	5-6-7	None	35 – 75 lbs.	None
Mitey-Mite	7-8-9	None	45 - 90 lbs.	None
Junior PeeWee	8-9-10	11	60 -105 lbs.	85 lbs.
PeeWee	9-10-11	12	75 -120 lbs.	100 lbs.
Junior Midget	10-11-12	13	85 -135 lbs	115 lbs.
Midget	11-12-13-14	Freshman	Unlimited	Freshman 165 lbs.

**FOLLOWING ITEMS NEED TO BE SUPPLIED BY THE ATHLETE:**

**CHEERLEADERS** - Briefs & wind suit, cheer socks, competition and practice sneakers, uniform body liner, practice uniform, competition bow and game bow. There will be an optional cheer bag for purchase. Items are brands and styles designated by the Falcons program and **may change from year to year**. These items will be available through the Falcons at our “Sneaker Day” to be held in May.

**FOOTBALL PLAYERS** – Girdle, athletic supporter, knee pads, hip pads, thigh pads, butt pad, practice pants, practice jerseys, football cleats, and black socks. Additional items that would help the player: a comfortable short sleeve shirt for under the rib guards when it is warm, A long sleeve shirt for under the rib guards when it is cold, arm pads, a water jug with his name on it, an equipment bag to keep everything together. There are also mouth pieces available to accommodate players with braces.

The Falcons will provide: helmet, chin strap, mouth pieces, rib guards, shoulder pads, game pants & game jerseys for home and away. Contact the equipment manager for more information.