

New Fairfield Falcons

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2009 Football Registration Information

New Fairfield Falcons Football is open to all children, ages 5 to 15 (as of July 31, 2009) 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. Rules are available on-line at www.nffalcons.org and in hard copy. All rules are strictly enforced.

REGISTRATION DATE: Saturday, March 28, 2009 at the Senior Center 9am – 3pm. *Please note that in order to complete the registration process the parent/guardian and player(s) must come to registration. Players will be required to weigh-in at this time in order to facilitate team placement. Make-up registration dates will be scheduled in the future.*

REGISTRATION FORMS: ONLY 2009 Pop Warner Forms will be accepted.

STEPS TO REGISTRATION:

- 1. Parent/Guardian must register or update previous year registration information on the League One website.** A link to this site will be available shortly before the registration date at www.nffalcons.org. Computers will also be available at the Senior Center on registration day for those who need assistance or prefer to complete the on-line portion of registration at that time.
- 2. Parent/Guardian must bring the following completed 2009 Pop Warner forms and player(s) to official registration.** *Forms can be downloaded on-line at www.nffalcons.org:*

- **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.
- **Medical Release:** 2009 NF Falcon Form signed by a physician and dated no earlier than January 1st of the current year, based upon an examination occurring after January 1st of the prior year. If the child had a physical in the calendar year 2008, they do not need a new physical, just the doctor's signature on the completed **2009** form.
- **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.
- **Report Card:** A copy of all sides of the **year-end** report card. 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!**
- **Registration Fee:** The 2009 fee for all levels is \$180 for the 1st child, \$160 for the second child and \$140 for a third child. This fee includes a \$45 field use charge for each player. The maximum for a family is \$480. The 2009 Fee for Tiny Mites is \$180 per child. If financial assistance is needed, please contact one of the football registrars.

***Please note that there will be future paper days designated that will allow you to submit forms at a later date. However, no player will be permitted to practice if his/her paperwork is incomplete.**

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. Requests that are granted will be refunded on a prorated scale.

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Other Important 2009 Football Information

COACHING STAFF: The head coach of each team is selected by the current 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 Football Commissioner.

TEAM SIZE: The number of athletes on a team is limited by Pop Warner regulations, the availability of coaches and equipment. Registration for a given team will close when this limit is reached and a waiting list will be created. Registrations are prioritized based on the date and time the registration is submitted.

PRACTICE: *Practice Begins Monday, August 3, 2009.* Participants will not begin practice until all registration fees and completed forms are submitted. There are no exceptions to this policy. Attendance is mandatory at all practices, games, and competitions for the entire season. Failure to attend may result in dismissal from the team.

PARENT/GUARDIAN MEETING: Parent/Guardian is required to attend the NF Falcons Orientation meeting prior to the start of the season. If you cannot attend the meeting, you must contact the Football Commissioner to obtain this important information at another time.

OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN FOR GAME ELIGIBILITY: Football players are not eligible to play in a pre-season or regular season game until a Western Connecticut League official has officially weighed them in. 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, please contact the Football Commissioner.

FOOTBALL AGES & WEIGHT ELIGIBILITY				
Eligibility	Ages on July 31	Older Lighter	Weight Range	O/L Max. Weigh
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.	60-85 lbs.
PeeWee	9-10-11	12	75 -120 lbs.	75-100 lbs.
Junior Midget	10-11-12	13	85 -135 lbs	85-115 lbs.
Midget	11-12-13-14 entering 8 th Grade or below	14 & entering 9 th Grade	105 –No weight maximum	165 lbs

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS NEED TO BE SUPPLIED BY THE FOOTBALL PLAYER:

Girdle, athletic supporter, knee pads, hip pads, thigh pads, butt pad, practice pants, practice jerseys or shirt, football cleats, black socks and a water jug with player's name on it. 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, and an equipment bag to keep everything together.

The Falcons will provide: helmet, chin strap, mouth pieces, rib guards, shoulder pads, game pants & game jerseys for home and away. There will be an equipment day in July and a uniform handout day in August to receive these items. Contact the Equipment Manager for more information.

Please Note: It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to check the website for current information, the Falcons also rely on email to communicate with the parents. If you do not have Internet access or email, please contact one of the football registrars.

Football Registrars: Amara Tenaglia footballregistrar1@nffalcons.org, Stephanie Thusen footballregistrar2@nffalcons.org, Valerie Quartaro footballregistrar3@nffalcons.org.