

Dear Northeast Packer Family,

Welcome to the 2009 Northeast Packers. We are hoping to make this the best season yet. In this packet you will find information on practices times, games, uniforms, upcoming events and much more.

We have a website, [www.northeastpackers.com](http://www.northeastpackers.com) that is updated with new information to keep you updated as well as directions to all of the area fields. We are always open to suggestions and look forward to working with you and your child.

Thank you,

Northeast Packers Board

## **Football**

First practice will be on **Aug 17th at 6:00 PM.** at Midland Middle School's football field. This first week of practice is a conditioning week and will not require any football equipment. Children may however wear their cleats.

Practices with pads will be announced during conditioning week. Times and days may vary once practice in pads begins, please be sure to check with your teams Team Mom or Coach.

## **Cheerleaders**

We are still in need of a cheer coaches. We will be having a cheer camp for the girls. Their first practice is **Aug 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.**

## **Team Moms**

We are in need of team moms. If you are interested in becoming a team mom, please email [info@northeastpackers.com](mailto:info@northeastpackers.com) with your contact information and the team you wish to help support. This does not mean you are automatically the Team Mom.

## **Volunteer Parent Coaches**

We still have some coaching positions available. You will have to pay for your own coaching certification and a portion of your coaching staff shirt. Please email your interests to [info@northeastpackers.com](mailto:info@northeastpackers.com)

**Refunds**-all refunds will be determined on a case by case basis and the **maximum amount to be refunded** of the Northeast Packers League fee is 25%. There will be **no refunds** after August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Game schedules** are made up after the final day of registration and all team rosters have been submitted. CYF and Columbus Parks and Recreation work together to get these schedules out to the teams as quickly as possible.

## **Opening Day Ceremonies are Saturday, September 19th.**

You will have a game scheduled the following week. The typical schedule is as follows:

4 year olds	Monday
5/6 year olds	Monday
7/8 year olds	Tuesday
9/10 year olds	Wednesday
11/12/13 year olds	Thursday

There will be some Saturday games scheduled.

## **Fees/Uniforms**

Registration fee is \$95 and pays uniform and admin fees for 2009.

**Football players:** Jersey, pants and 1<sup>st</sup> mouthpiece.

**Cheerleaders:** top, bottom and pom-poms. Fittings are being done at Team Sports starting on July 27<sup>th</sup> for cheerleaders.

## **Complaint Procedure**

Ideally there would be no complaints, but we know that misunderstandings happen. In order to quickly resolve any problems we have added a Customer Service Representative to the board. Melanie Haught will be your first line of contact to help resolve any issues, problems, complaints, etc that may arise during the season. She will then take the necessary actions to ensure it is settled quickly. If a resolution can not be reached you will be referred to the President or Vice President.

## **Upcoming events**

**Picture day** is yet to be determined. This year pictures will be taken by TSS Photography of Columbus. They have a large selection to choose from and will take cash, checks and all major credit cards. You can view some of the items offered at [www.tssphotography.com/coley](http://www.tssphotography.com/coley)

A schedule will be posted and distributed with times for each team. Please arrive 10 minutes early so we can get you lined up and ready.

**The fundraiser** this year will be **Papa John Pizza Cards**. We are asking each child to sell 10 cards. For each additional child you have in your family participating you we ask you sell 5 cards/additional child. You may choose to 'OPT OUT' of the fundraiser and pay \$70 for the first child and \$45 for each additional child. We **STRONGLY** suggest that you participate in our league fundraiser. The money raised pays for the end of year banquet (3 tickets/child) and trophy. Cards will be given out at a parent meeting with deadline dates. **Once cards are signed for, they can not be returned to the league. You will be responsible for all funds.**

If you cannot sell 10 cards you will have to make up the difference. For example if you sell only 7 cards you would have to pay \$21.

**We will have an Equipment Sale of our previously rented equipment coming soon! Details will be posted on the website shortly.**

**Volunteers!** Our league is run by VOLUNTEERS; from our President to Coaches. We always need the help of our parents. Each home game will require 3 parent volunteers to work the chains on the field, 1 parent volunteer to work the clock and 1 parent volunteer to announce the game.

Your team mom will ask each of you for volunteer duty in the concession stand this year.

We stress that we can only be successful with parent involvement. We NEVER turn down helping hands.