



Frequently Asked Questions about MGH-JFL:

How old does my child have to be to play MGH-JFL?

5 years old as of August 1 of that year (cannot turn 15 prior to November 1st of that year)

When are sign ups?

For 2011 they are:

Tuesday May 9th @ Riverview 6-8 PM

Sunday May 15th, @ Germantown Hills Firehouse 2-6 PM

Wednesday May 18th @ MTHS 6-8 PM

What do I need to bring to sign my child up?

Your child needs to be at the registration for weigh in. This is critical to help us determine how many teams we will have for the coming year. At the Sunday level, we need to size them for helmets as well to ensure the best fit.

Your child's birth certificate if he did not play the previous season

How much does it cost for my child to play MGH-JFL?

\$100 for players 8 -14; \$50.00 for players 5-7

If you have more than one child playing that is between ages 8 and 14, then the first child is \$100 and each child after that is \$60. This does not include children ages 5-7.

The above fees also covers the fee charged by Metamora Park District for use of Black Partridge Park.

We also have a mandatory fundraiser that costs \$30. This fundraiser is mandatory for the first two players from each family regardless of their age. This fee can be paid at the time of sign ups, but must be paid prior to uniform pick up.

example: Total cost of for 1 tackle level player is \$130.

No equipment will be issued until all fees have been paid.

What equipment do I need to purchase for my child?

Each child needs cleats, black football socks, and a water bottle. MGH-JFL provides full uniforms for all players.

Do not purchase mouth guards. Your son will be provided one and must use the one that is issued.

If your child must have an orthodontic mouth piece, then they must have a note from their doctor/dentist stating this. Special mouth pieces will not be provided by MGH-JFL.

What team/level will my child be on?

For children ages 8-14, this varies based on the child's age and weight.

Saturday level:

SQUIRT (first year players):

8-no weight limit and 9- up to 90 lbs

PEE WEE:

8- no weight limit, 9- no weight limit, and 10- 80 lbs and under

JUNIOR VARSITY:

9- no weight limit, 10 – 81 lbs. and over, 11- 115 lbs and under, and 12- 90 lbs and under

Sunday level:

VARSITY:

10- no weight limit, 11- 116 lbs and over, 12- 91 lbs to 130 lbs., 13- 105 lbs and under

SENIOR:

12- 131 and over, 13- 106 lbs. and over, and 14- no weight limit

Flag level:

For children ages 5-7, they will be divided by age (divisions 5&6 year olds and 7 year olds).

What does Saturday/ Sunday level mean?

Saturday level players are players who are playing Squirt, PeeWee, or Junior Varsity levels. These teams play their games on Saturdays.

Sunday level players are players who are playing Varsity or Senior levels. These teams play their games on Sundays.

When will my child practice/play?

Practices begin the first full week of August, this year it will start on August 8th.

Games for players age 5-7 begin around the third weekend in August.

Games for players age 8-14 begin the weekend after Labor Day.

For players age 8-14, practice will be Monday through Thursday from 6-8pm for the first two weeks. After that, practices will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6-8pm.

For players 5-7, practice will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7:30pm.

Schedules will typically be distributed on the Wednesday prior to the first games for players ages 8-14 and Thursday prior to the first games for players ages 5-7.

Where will my child practice/play?

All practices will be held at Black Partridge Park. Games will be held at various locations around the tri-county area.

Does my child wear his uniform to practice?

Players age 5-7 should wear shorts and t-shirt to practice.

First two weeks, players age 8-14 should wear helmet, t-shirt, shorts, and cleats (plastic). Your child's coach will tell them when he can wear his practice uniform.

How do I become a coach?

Let any board member know when you sign up your child, get in touch with the coaching director, Dave Zimmerman at 309-367-2461, or if your child is 5-7, you can contact the Flag Director, Chad Hawes at 383-4899. In addition you can email mghjfl@yahoo.com .

I want to help, but I know nothing about football. What can I do?

There is a lot.

Each team needs at least one team parent to help the coach. If you are interested, let your child's coach know. Each team will also build a float for the MTHS Homecoming Parade, help is always needed for this event.

Each family is responsible for working in the concessions at least once during the season. You can sign up with your team parent the week that schedules come out.

Fundraising Committee – each year we need volunteers to help with working the concessions at 10 games we are signed up to do in 2011. We need volunteers to help with our MGH JFL Golf Outing at Metamora Fields as well as help with our Annual kick off celebration at Didley's. Please contact Steve Ufheil (383-2957) or Troy Jones (367-2988) for more information or at mghjfl@yahoo.com .

Board members are needed each year. If you want to have a voice in how the program is run, be sure to inquire about when nominations are due.

Volunteers are needed to help with finishing up the building. If you have a special skill, let us know.

What is done with the money that is raised each year with the fundraisers?

The money that is raised is put back into the program. In 2010, we purchased brand new Riddell helmets (like the ones that MTHS uses) for our Senior level team. These helmets are custom fit with inflatable padding inside the helmet (retail \$200 each). In 2011, we plan on purchasing the same helmets for our Varsity level teams.

(Due to the nature of the weight of these helmets, the younger kids in our programs have not developed strong enough neck muscles to support these helmets therefore we supply them with different/lighter helmets for the 8 -10/11 age level.)

In 2010 we also purchased new jerseys and pants for the flag level in addition to numerous sets of new should pads as well as installing a PA system for the north field. In addition, fence repairs to the north field were completed along with concrete under the bleachers.

We pride ourselves on providing the best equipment for our kids compared to rest of the areas in OCI. In fact we donate our older equipment that we will no longer use to other programs in our league.