



Dear Dillon Flag Football Families,

As we prepare for another exciting Dillon Flag Football season, the Dillon Jaycees would like to share an important change regarding how teams will be formed this year.

Beginning this season, **teams will no longer be created based on where players live.** Instead, players from all areas will be combined and distributed among teams. After experiencing continued challenges with location-based team placement in previous seasons, we believe this change will help us create teams that are more balanced and provide a fair and positive experience for everyone involved.

We understand this change may create some additional challenges for families when it comes to transportation, practice locations, and scheduling. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your flexibility as we make this transition.

Our goal with Dillon Flag Football has always been to keep the league fun, fair, and focused on the kids. We want every player to have the opportunity to learn the game, develop teamwork and sportsmanship, make new friends, and enjoy being part of DFL.

Thank you for your cooperation, understanding, and continued support of Dillon Flag Football. We are looking forward to another great season and can't wait to see everyone on the field!

Sincerely,

Dillon Jaycees

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Dillon Flag Football



DFL



Dillon Football League – Kids' Flag Football

REGISTRATION: The DFL registration deadline is, Sept. 14th (the earlier, the better please), and games will begin Saturday, Sept. 19th. The coaches meeting will be Wednesday Sept. 16th at 7 p.m. in the seminar room at the high school. It is never too late to register, **but PLEASE register by deadline so we don't have to push the start date back one week (hunting season stuff).**

About the program: The DFL Kids' Flag Football program provides an upbeat recreational experience for boys and girls ages preschool through eighth grade. In addition to social interaction with other kids and the chance to learn the concepts of teamwork and sportsmanship, DFL provides players an opportunity to gain an understanding of the game of football and to develop basic skills that will increase the players enjoyment of the game.

The game: Boys and girls preschool through eighth grade are welcome. We play six-man, flag football in four age divisions: preschool/kindergarten/first (PK1), second/third, fourth/fifth, sixth/seventh/eighth. Games, played Saturday mornings and last about an hour.

Practices: League rules allow one practice per week, maximum length of one hour. Some teams practice Saturday before their game, others practice during the week. Coaches are encouraged to find a day and time that works for all players on that team.

When and where: Our games will be played on Saturdays beginning **Sept. 19th between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (teams will play one-hour game slots each week)**. The season runs five weeks, with the playoffs the last Saturday of the season (week five).

Cost: The cost is \$25 per player, with a \$50 maximum per family (2 or more – if you have six kids God bless you, all six can play for a total of \$50), **checks payable to Dillon Jaycees**. Each player receives a team T-shirt. We have a scholarship fund to cover players who cannot afford the fee – we've never turned away a kid.

Questions: Feel free to call Nick at (847)345-7719 or Kelly at (847)563-0887. Our philosophy emphasizes sportsmanship, fun and equal playing time.

Three ways to register a player(s): Mail the registration from to DFL, P.O. Box 334, Dillon, MT, 59725. OR Drop registration off at the Elementary School (Miss Ashlee) OR email kelly970655@gmail.com.

Please note: If the registration catches you between pay periods, submit your form and write a note in the memo section below saying when you'll be able to pay. FYI – It's never too late to sign-up, **but please sign-up as soon as possible.** *****PLEASE MAKE SURE FORM IS LEGIBLE*****

DFL Kids' Flag Football registration form Player's name

_____ **Boy or Girl** (circle one) **Grade** (circle one): Preschool K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Favorite pro football team _____ **Address** _____ **City** _____

Phone number _____ **Shirt size (circle):** YS (6-8) YM (10-12) YL (14-16) AS (34-36) AM (38-40) AL (42-44) AXL (46-48)

Players age as of Sept. 22 (for insurance purposes): _____ **Players birth date** (for insurance purposes): _____

Volunteer Coaches (circle one): Name _____ **Phone (home/work)** _____

I am very interested in coaching. **I am very interested in being an assistant coach.** **I'll coach if you're desperate.**

MEMO: I agree to allow my child to participate in Kids' Flag Football conducted by the Dillon Jaycee's. I understand that participation in the activity presents risks, some of which are unknown, and I assume all risks associated with such participation. On Behalf of my child/ward and any person who may have an interest in his/her wellbeing, release and forever discharge the Dillon Football League and any person or group associated with the activity from any and all real possible claims for damages or other harm to person or property, regardless of the manner by which any such claim may be brought. I accept the terms of this complete and total release and agree to be bound by it of my own free will. I consent to first aid, emergency medical care, and authorize, if necessary, admission to a hospital. I understand that I am responsible for any and all medical expenses which may be incurred as a result of any accident or illness while participating in Kids' Flag Football. I am the parent or legal guardian for the above-named player, who is referred to in this agreement as child/ward. My approval of this agreement means that I cannot later bring a claim for damages against the Dillon Football League and/or any cooperators in this program.

Parent/guardian consent/liability waiver signature _____ **Date** _____



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RULES:

1. The Game Format:

- a. **2nd-8th Game Length** – Two 15-minute halves and the clocks run continuously except for time-outs or injury time-outs.
- b. **PK1 Game Length** – Two 20 Minutes halves, each half is a game. The clock runs continuously except for time-outs or injury time-outs.
- c. **Halftime** – 5 minutes (unless we are running late, then shorten to 2 minutes).
- d. **Time-outs** – 1 minute (teams get 1 time-out per half). After time-outs, clock starts on the snap.
- e. **Injury Time-outs** – If somebody gets injured, have the referees stop the clock until he/she gets up and gets off field.
- f. **Regular Games** – Games can end in a tie.
- g. **Two Minute Warning** – When there is 2-minutes left in the half, referees will call out "Two Minutes", so everyone knows that the half is almost over.
- h. **Playing** – Every player gets the ball at least once a game. Make sure the playing time is equal, smooth rotation every 3 plays.
- i. **Shoot-Outs** – After the regular game. It counts as a game in the standings and will be on a separate score sheet so there will be another coin toss. Each team gets 2 possessions of 3 downs. If

they score a touchdown on their possession, they get to go for the extra point. Best score after 2 possessions wins. A shoot-out cannot end in a tie. After 2 possessions, you determine the winner by who gets the most yards in one play. If still tied, each team gets another play for most yards. Shoot-outs are not timed.

2. Penalties:

- a. Spinning
- b. Stiff Arm
- c. Flag Guarding
- d. Holding Flag Belt
- e. Diving into the End-Zone
- f. Stripping the Ball (Automatic 1st down)
- g. Unnecessary Roughness
- h. Unsportsmanlike Conduct
- i. Offsides
- j. Snap to QB (Must be Grabbed)
- k. Water Bucket Rule (Offense hides receiver)
- l. No-Huddle Offense (Must allow other team to make substitutions)
- m. Player with no flag in possession of ball

3. Have Fun!!! That is what is important! Play within the spirit of the rules, sportsmanship, respect.

Reminder to Parents:

Our referees for this program come from the Youth Challenge. They are learning the game each week—just like your kids! Please remember to be kind, patient, and respectful as they gain experience. Your support helps make the game a positive experience for everyone.