

White Bear Youth Football

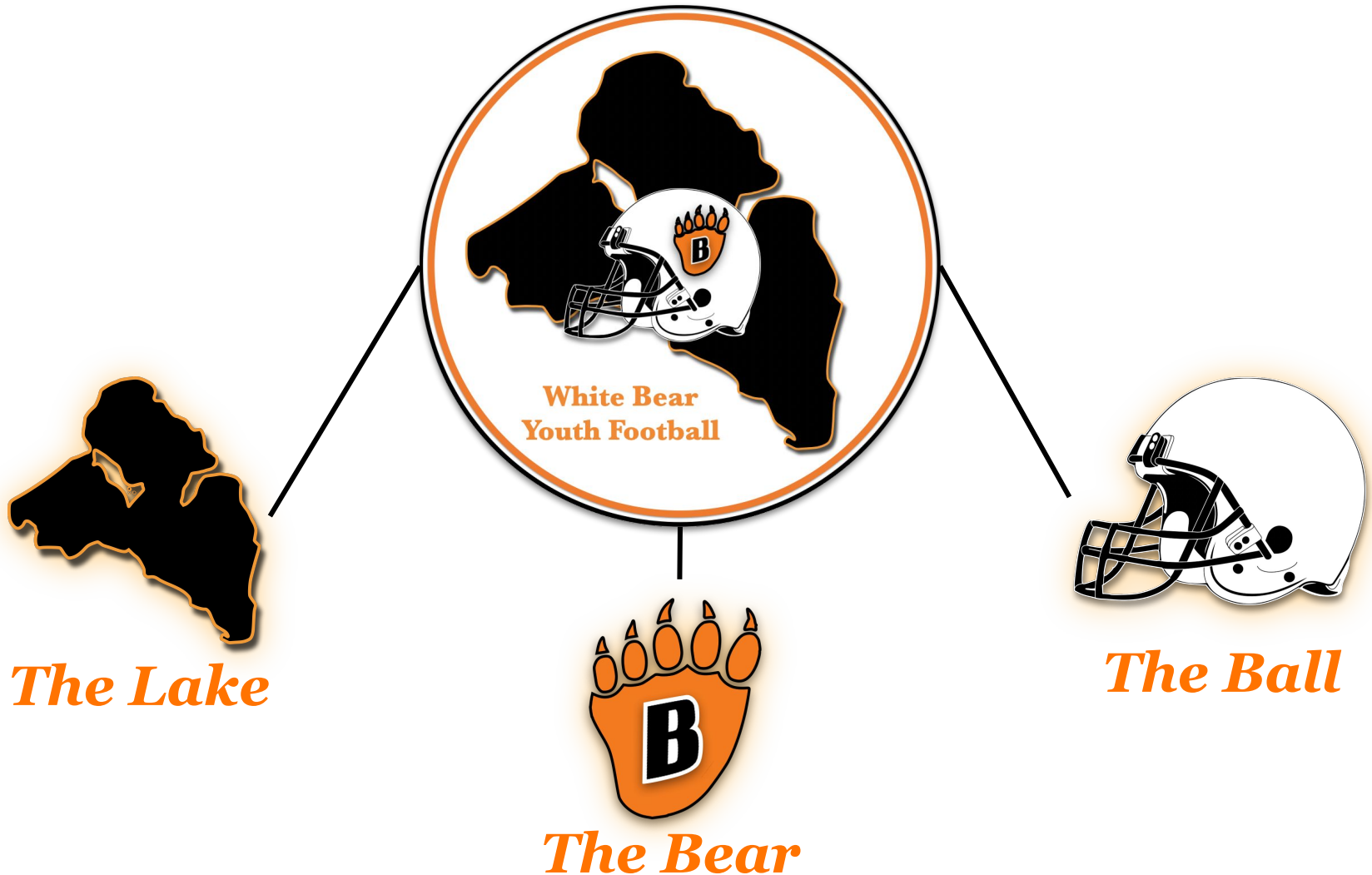
Annual Parent and Family Meeting 2026



“The Lake, The Bear, The Ball”

White Bear Youth Football

"The Lake, The Bear, The Ball!"



WBYF - Culture Shield



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Our Mission - The White Bear Youth Football Association aims to build and maintain a united community committed to strengthening character and resilience in its youth through the game of football.

Our Culture Shield - *"The Lake, The Bear, The Ball!"*

1. The Lake (*Unity*)

- **Unity** = Regardless of where you come from, what you look like, or the circumstances life has thrown at you or your family, we ALL TOUCH THE LAKE. North side, south, east or west, the shores of White Bear Lake unite us all. When we engage in youth football with this mentality, nothing can divide us.

2. The Bear (*Culture*)

- **Culture** = "**Be a B.E.A.R.!**" From Kindergarten through 12th grade, all athletes, their families, coaches and everyone in between have a clear understanding of what it means to "**Be a B.E.A.R.**". If one is a true **B.E.A.R.**, they are on "**B**uilt on **E**ffort **A**ttitude and **R**esilience." When we walk and talk like a B.E.A.R., no matter the circumstance of any game, at any level, all athletes, their families and our community win. This is how **WE** do things in White Bear Youth Football.

3. The Ball (*Fun*)

- **Fun** = If WE make football fun for our athletes, they'll want to continue to play. If they want to continue to play, they'll have the opportunity to continue to **build relationships, character, and positive memories** that will set them up for success the rest of their lives. White Bear Youth Football will strive to win games, while also making football fun for as many players as possible.

WBYF - 2026 Board of Directors



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Non-Profit Organization - The White Bear Youth Football Association was established in 1983 and is registered with the State of Minnesota as an independent non-profit organization offered in cooperation with the White Bear Lake Area School District Community Services/Recreation Department. All active board members are volunteers. We operate solely on donations, sponsor fees, player registration fees, and private contributions. While contributions are important, the time and effort devoted to the organization by board members, coaches, and many parents has contributed to our success.

2026 WBYF Board of Directors

President - Randy Spring

Vice President - Casey Zafke

Treasurer - Jesse Hedinger

Secretary - Aime Dewitt

Social Media Director - Aime Dewitt

Raffle Director - Aime Dewitt

Sponsorship Director - Meghan Levorson

Special Events Coordinator - Meghan Levorson

Director of Team Operations - Lesley Khattar

Concessions Director - Kathy Kirkland

H.S. Varsity FB Liason - Randy Spring

Field Coordinator - Rick Dewitt

Digital Operations/Compliance - Nate Anderson

4th-8th Coaching Director - Randy Spring

7th-8th Coaches Coordinator - Scott Mueller

4th-6th Coaches Coordinator - Erin Hauber

Board Website Links → **[2026 WBYF Board of Directors](#)** (Link)

[WBYF Board Member Role Descriptions](#) (Link)

WBYF - Head Coach Selection Process



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Coaching Selection Process - This past February, our board of directors and White Bear Lake varsity head football coach Ryan Bartlett completed an extensive application and interview process to appoint 4th-8th grade head coaches to lead our WBYF teams this season. These coaches were asked detailed questions and engaged in quality discussion to gauge their ability to lead our White Bear Lake Area youth in a positive, encouraging, and uplifting way through the game of football. Coaches asked to return from a previous season, were also asked to reflect and respond to the feedback they were shared from families who participated in the 2025 Parent and Player Survey. It truly takes a village to raise a child. We're excited to have the following individuals contributing to our mission and vision to build character and resilience in our young Bears through the game of football.

4th Grade Black - Matt Messenger

5th Grade Black - Adam Bailey

6th Grade Black - Erin Hauber

7th Grade Black - Randy Spring

6th Grade Black - Travis Macalus

4th Grade Orange - Corey Colburn

5th Grade Orange - Nate Anderson

6th Grade Orange - David Anderson

7th Grade Orange - Paul Stauff

8th Grade Orange - Gary Meyer

Background Check and Coaching Certifications - All of our head coaches and their assistant coaches have to go through an extensive coaching certification process through [USA Football](#) as well as fulfill a complete background check through [Trusted Coaches](#) before coaching your child. From head, heart and heat lessons to Emergency Action Planning (EAP) and athlete communication strategies, this certification process gains insights to prepare coaches to be their best for our Bears. Here is a brief list of the many areas our coaches will be prepared to take on this season.

- Developmentally Appropriate Tackle FB Drills
- Concussion Protocols
- Heat and Exhaustion Warning Signs
- Abuse Awareness (On & Off Field)
- Extensive Background Check



WBYF - Team Selection Process



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6th, 7th, and 8th Grade WBYF Team Selections

WBYF 6th, 7th and 8th grade teams are created through an evaluation process. Board members, designated 6th/7th/8th grade head coaches, and H.S. varsity football players and staff assist in putting on a 1-night practice format for each grade level where each athlete is evaluated on their speed, agility, physicality and overall football skill, knowledge, and experience. After this night of evaluation, WBYF head coaches, WBYF Coaching Directors, and WBL varsity coaches evaluate the data collected by evaluators and utilize it to conduct a team selection draft.

4th and 5th Grade Team Selections

Though it can't be perfect, our association works hard to keep as many of our 4th and 5th grade teams as close to neighborhood and school based as possible. Taking this approach allows the likelihood of already formed connections between families and friends to stay strong amidst the football season. However, each season can present unexpected changes, forcing us to make small adjustments away from this approach. We have to take into consideration where coaches and their registered children live. If coaches are returning from a prior year, we work hard to keep as many of their former players with them as possible. If we have a large spike or potential drop in registrations, we may have to move players from a coach they're familiar with, and add them to a new team to keep teams balanced. Though we would love to take team and friend requests at these grade levels, it would add a very challenging element to an already time consuming process. We're sharing this information in an effort to be transparent, and to clearly communicate the process we use to place players on a team that will put them in the best position to grow and thrive as both humans and football players in the White Bear Lake Area community. We are ALL Bears; working towards the same goal.

Website Link → [2026 WBYF 4th-8th Grade Teams](#) (Link)

WBYF - Community Code of Conduct



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“Protect the Paw!” - As a committed coach, player, family or community member of the White Bear Lake area, it is expected that we all represent the “paw” with pride, class, and respect. Whether online, on the practice field, at home or away games, you represent something bigger than yourself when supporting White Bear Youth Football and the colors that come with it. We have a huge opportunity to show all of our young players what it looks like, feels like and sounds like to represent our community, our colors, and the paw with pride, respect, and humility, everywhere we go this season.

Complete WBYF Family Code of Conduct → [2026 WBYF Family Code of Conduct Page](#) (Link)

Code of Conduct Areas of Emphasis

- **Positive Language** – All WBL coaches, parents, players and fans are expected to maintain positive language at all times.
 - Swearing around or toward referees, players, coaches, or fans is UNACCEPTABLE. Every word we say as representatives of White Bear Lake are “Building Bears Up, or Breaking Bears Down”.
 - **Referees** - It is inevitable, they will make questionable or poor calls. How we react to these calls not only helps us represent our community with pride and respect, it teaches our youth the right way to handle life when things don’t go their way.
- **Gameday Sideline Processes** –
 - Only a total of 6 coaches per team can be on the sideline. x1 head coach and x5 assistants is all that will be allowed on the sideline for games. Parents are expected to give coaches and players adequate amount of space on sidelines to maximize their game time experience
- **Ejections** – If a player or coach are ejected from a game for any reason, players and or coaches are suspended the next game. 2nd infraction is expelled from the league for the season. ***This will also be enforced for parents, family members and WBYF fans.***

“Protect the Paw!” – If we all practice this mindset as coaches, players, parents, and community members, we should have NO ISSUES when it comes to code of conduct. **Coaches should coach, players should play, and fans/families should cheer.**

WBYF - Team Code of Conduct



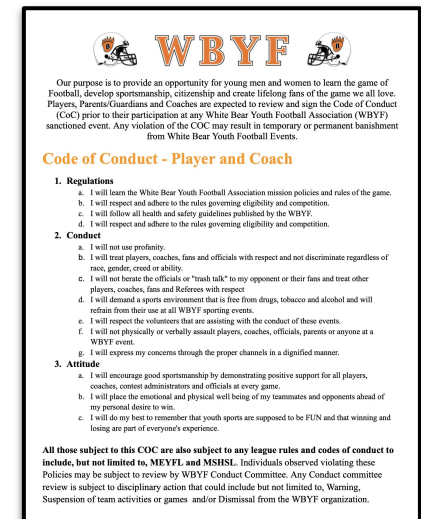
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WBYF Coach and Player Code of Conduct Document (Link)

- The above document can be referenced to understand the standards we hold our White Bear Youth Football players and coaches to during a season.
- All those subject to this code of conduct framework are also subject to any league rules and codes of conduct to include, but not limited to, MEYFL and MSHSL. Individuals observed violating these Policies may be subject to review by WBYF Conduct Committee. Any WBYF Code of Conduct Committee review is subject to disciplinary action that could include but not limited to, warning, suspension of team activities or games and/or dismissal from the WBYF organization. The WBYF Code of Conduct Committee will review and enforce all actions. Any conduct infractions reported/submitted are thoroughly reviewed by our 3-person code of conduct committee. After review, and presentation to the board, appropriate actions will be taken and all involved will be notified.

WBYF Code of Conduct Committee and Protocols

- Any conduct infraction involving players, coaches, or parents during the season **must be reported using the WBYF Code of Conduct Reporting Form** — but **only** in situations that are **serious in nature and cannot be effectively addressed by a coach at the team level**. This helps ensure that reporting is reserved for cases requiring broader organizational oversight. Possible situations needing to be reported are, but not limited to:
 - Social and/or Emotional Abuse with Malicious Intent
 - Physical Altercations between Teammates/Coaches/Referees
- **Conduct Infractions** – Any sort of player to player, coach to player, coach to coach, or parent conduct infraction occurring amidst the season needs to be reported through this [WBYF Code of Conduct Reporting Form](#) (link).
- **Good Judgment** - Anything coaches or families feel they can handle with their team limits should work hard to do so. Any repeated infractions that are not resolved, or infractions of severe nature should be reported through the reporting form link above.



WBYF - Be a B.E.A.R.



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What it means to "Be a B.E.A.R.!"

- If one is a true B.E.A.R., they are "**B**uilt on **E**ffort **A**ttitude and **R**esilience." When we walk and talk like a B.E.A.R., no matter the circumstance of any game, at any level, all athletes, their families and our community win. This is how **WE** do things in White Bear Youth Football.

B.E.A.R. Decal Sticker - (1 for every player) Every player on every 4th-8th grade team will get this decal. Put it on the bottom middle position of each helmet. This will continue to stress our foundation of coaching that is what it means to "Be a B.E.A.R."!

Small Bear Paw Decal Stickers - (100's) These may be used by each coach to celebrate as many athletes on your child's team as possible through the many positive actions seen on and off the field that exemplify what we feel it looks, sounds and feels like to be a B.E.A.R.. Examples may include:

- O or D Practice Player of Week or Game
- Practice Hustle Award
- Good Teammate Award (Whenever it presents itself)
- Intentional Listening, Picking Up Practice Materials
- Building Up Teammates
- Perfect Weekly Practice Attendance
 - Coaches (Head/Assistants) Create Own Criteria

***IMPORTANT** - Coaches know it will not be acceptable to use these decals to ONLY celebrate skill players and their production on game days. This WILL be a process built into molding these young people into better teammates, football players AND humans.

1" CUSTOM AWARD MARKER



WBYF - Playing Time Policies



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WBYF Playing Time Guidelines → 4th, 5th, & 6th Grade Teams

- All Head Coaches are expected to *game plan in a way that gives every player the opportunity to participate in at least 50% of equal playing time in each game*. This standard reflects our Protect the Paw philosophy — prioritizing development, fairness, and a team-first culture. At the same time, coaches must recognize that game flow, injuries, special-teams situations, and unpredictable circumstances can impact planned rotations. While the expectation is to plan for 50% participation, we understand that execution may not always match the plan perfectly. Playing time may be adjusted when a player is not meeting the standards outlined in the Protect the Paw Playing Time Philosophy (effort, attitude, preparation, and team values). Any adjustments should be communicated clearly, handled consistently, and always tied back to development and team culture.
- MetroEast Youth Football League (MEYFL) rules also state that all skill focused players (QB, RB, FB, Slot WR) can only play one half of football in these positions. Tight Ends and on the line of scrimmage WR can play both halves. Players can also play as many defensive positions as possible both halves of the game.
- MEYFL rules also state, that “Blue Stripers” who have restrictions on skill position play due to their size, have special opportunities to do so if coaches choose to take advantage. Examples - Blue Stripers CAN carry the ball inside the 10 yd. Line. They CAN catch a ball anywhere on the field, however, the ball is blown dead where they catch it.

["Protect the Paw" Playing Time Philosophies and Standards](#) (Link)

WBYF - Playing Time Policies



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WBYF Playing Time Guidelines → 7th & 8th Grade

- All Head Coaches are expected to game plan in a way that ensures every player participates in at least **25% or more of either offensive or defensive snaps**. At a minimum, all of WBYF is striving to provide each player at least half of the snaps on one side of the ball during a game. This standard reflects our Protect the Paw philosophy — prioritizing development, fairness, and a team-first culture. At the same time, coaches must recognize that game flow, injuries, special-teams situations, and unpredictable circumstances can impact planned rotations. Coaches will also strive to recognize that game flow, injuries, special situations, and other unpredictable factors can impact planned snap counts. While the expectation is to plan for each player to reach the 50% threshold on one side of the ball, understand that actual snap totals may not always align perfectly with the pre-game plan.

["Protect the Paw" Playing Time Philosophies and Standards](#) (Link)

WBYF - Playing Time Policies



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“Protect the Paw” Playing Time Philosophy

White Bear Youth Football is committed to providing a safe, competitive, and development-focused experience for all players. Playing time is an important part of development, but it is also earned and maintained through behaviors that align with “Protect the Paw.”

There may be times when playing time is limited or adjusted for the following reasons:

- 1. Safety of Self** - Not demonstrating the conditioning, effort, or technique necessary to safely participate in full-contact football may result in playing time being limited.
- 2. Safety of Others** - Players must demonstrate awareness, effort, and willingness to safely execute their role for the team/teammates. Not demonstrating ability to do this may result in playing time being limited.
- 3. Attendance & Commitment** - Putting forth consistent attendance and engagement are critical to both individual and team development. Persistent tardiness, absences, or sitting out in the middle of practice may result in playing time being limited.
- 4. Attitude & Insubordination** - Respect is a core expectation of “Protect the Paw.” Disrespect, failure to follow directions, persistent inattentiveness or bullying/harassment may lead to playing time being limited.
- 5. Parent Conduct & Playing Time Impact** - White Bear Youth Football expects all parents and guardians to uphold the same “Protect the Paw” standards of respect, sportsmanship, and positive representation as our players and coaches. If a parent or guardian has multiple violations of the Code of Conduct, it may impact their player’s participation in team activities, including playing time. In these situations:
 - The Head Coach and/or WBYF Leadership will communicate concerns directly with the parent.
 - Expectations for behavior moving forward will be clearly outlined.
 - Continued violations may result in reduced playing time or other participation restrictions for the player including removal from the team.

*These decisions are not made lightly. Our priority is to maintain a safe, respectful, and positive environment for all players, coaches, officials, and families.

Reference this ["Protect the Paw" Playing Time Philosophies and Standards](#) (Link) for finer details in the above areas of our Protect the Paw Playing Time Standards.

WBYF - Practice Information



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Practice Locations/Protocols

- **4th, 5th, and 6th grade** coaches are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to utilize green practice space at Podvin Park. When at Podvin these teams will have the majority of the practices held on the east side of the hockey rink. Keep in mind, there may be rare occasions that these teams use the main game fields on the west side of the Podvin Pavilion if teams are not using them.
 - ***4th Grade Teams** - Since they play on a smaller field, 4th grade will be utilizing their 80 yard game field for practices as often as possible.
- **7th and 8th grade** coaches are expected to practice at Podvin Park fields as often as they are able. However, we are able and willing to utilize association funds to provide them turf practice space any time requested and available. Be flexible with your coaches if they switch to places like Louricas or Price Turf Fields. If not on turf, 7th and 8th grade have rights to the following:
 - **7th Grade Teams** - Have rights to the PF1 West and PF1 East Fields as often as possible.
 - **8th Grade Teams** - Have rights to the 100 yd. Field (goal posts) on the South Side of Podvin Park whenever available.

***Important Practice Note** – Coaches will conduct 3-4 practices a week leading up to game season. Because football is a complex game, and needs 11 players working in unison every single play, all players are expected to be at as many of these practices as possible. This shows a full commitment toward teammates and coaches, but also being able to play the game safely. If athletes are or have missed a large amount of practices before games begin, WBYF head coaches reserve the right to limit playing time out of safety concerns and fairness to the team as a whole.



- **WBL Lacrosse** - Your child is practicing on the east side of Podvin PLEASE work hard to respect any WBL Youth Lacrosse camps or practices taking place. They have rights to these spaces as well and will need to be shared.

WBYF - Game Information



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WBYF Games in the MEYFL

- Games will begin the week before Labor Day weekend. Schedules are still being finalized but can be accessed on the MetroEast Youth Football (MEYFL) website all season under the “Schedule” tab. **Link** → <https://www.meyfl.org/>.
- ***Save this to your devices and check this frequently. It will be the sole resource of communication regarding game schedules.**
- ***4th Grade Home Games** - Always on the 80 yard, non-goal post field to the northwest side of the Podvin Pavilion.
- ***5th-8th Grade Teams** - Play on the 100 yd. Southwest side field with goal posts.
- Once games begin, expect each team to continue to practice 2-3 times a week depending on each week’s game schedule.



2024			
Date	Event	Time/Results	Venue
August 22, 2024	4TH CGAA Green vs 4TH WAA Blue	13 - 0	Hamlet 2
August 22, 2024	5TH CGAA Green vs 5TH WBL BLACK	7 - 0	Hamlet 1
August 22, 2024	5TH WBL WHITE vs 5TH OAA	13 - 13	Podvin Park 100
August 22, 2024	5TH SCVAA Black vs 5TH ERAA Black	7 - 27	M Health Fairview Center Blue 5
August 22, 2024	6TH CGAA Green vs 6TH WBL BLACK	6 - 7	Hamlet 1
August 22, 2024	8TH WBL ORANGE vs 8TH CGAA Green	0 - 24	Podvin Park 100
August 24, 2024	4TH MAH Blue vs 4TH SCVAA Black	26 - 6	Wildwood Elementary School
August 24, 2024	6TH HUDSON vs 6TH OAA	20 - 0	Hudson Middle School
August 24, 2024	4TH MAH Gold vs 4TH SCVAA Red	0 - 14	Wildwood Elementary School
August 24, 2024	4TH ERAA Black vs 4TH OAA	27 - 0	M Health Fairview Center Blue 2

WBYF - Volunteers Continued...



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Our Program THRIVES with YOU!

This association relies solely on volunteers to operate. We do not have enough active board members to do everything that is needed to provide a positive and impactful season for all coaches, players and families. We thrive, when we acquire parent support in areas of need throughout the season.

○ WBYF Home Games

- **Game Field Equipment** - Each home Podvin Park game the first WBYF team playing that day/night is responsible for setting up the field. This means parents, players and coaches should work together to set up number markers, touchdown pylons, goal post pads, and 1st down chain markers. The last team of the day/night is responsible for putting it all away in the Podvin Park equipment closet.
- **Sideline Chain Gang** - 3 people are required from our home team to fill this role. NO COACH should be responsible for this. We need parents to step up for this! It's the best seat in the house!
- **DAK Scoreboard Operator** - We need 1 adult from the home WBYF team to run the scoreboard. You will be able to scan a visual to get the app on your phone and one of your child's coaches will teach you when to start and stop clock.

○ Concession Stand Volunteer Support

- The WBYF board will provide a schedule for which teams need to provide volunteers in the concession stand each week. This will be emailed directly to you from a board member or your child's Team Manager. This process will need approximately 3-4 parents to cover shifts of 2-3 hours on weekday games. *Weekend games may require more but multiple teams will help cover these situations.
- **Team Party Funding** - End of the year team parties are planned to be covered by our association. Money raised through concession stand sales is utilized to provide these experiences. Any 4th-8th grade WBYF team unable to provide adequate amounts of volunteers to raise this money, will be subject to paying for end of year team parties out of parent pockets.

WBYF - Concession Stand Procedures



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Concession Stand Procedures

- **Arrive for your shift 30 minutes before your assigned game's start time.**

- *Example* - You're designated game start time is 600pm – arrive at/by 530pm.
- Ask the board member (Kathy Kirkland) in charge where to sign in.
- Thoroughly wash your hands and await instruction.

- **Attire**

- YOU MUST WEAR A HAT OR HAIRNET IN THE CONCESSIONS. Longer hair must be in a pony with either. Due to FDA guidelines, there is no exception to this rule.
- Please refrain from wearing heavily scented colognes, perfumes, or essential oils due to potential allergies of others serving.
- Depending on the time of year, it can get hot or cold in the concession stand, dress in layers if necessary.

- **There will be 3 serving positions to fill at concessions.**

- **Register** – Cash and Card Reader (we show you how to run it)
- **Runner** – Filling food orders.
- **Hotdog/Nacho** – Filling orders.

- **Slower Serving Time** - Restocking is done during this time and a board member will assist you.

- **Concessions Closure**

- We try to keep concessions open approximately 10-15 minutes after the last game of the night.
 - *Example* - The last game start time is: 730pm – closing time will be approximately 900-930pm
- At this time you will assist a board member with clean-up.

WBYF - Unity Night



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2026 WBL Football Unity Night - Tuesday, August 18

The mission of White Bear Youth Football is to build and maintain a **UNITED** community committed to strengthening character and resilience in its youth through the game of football. There is no better way to strengthen this unity than bringing both the youth and varsity football programs together for a night of football, food, and fun! Below you will find detailed logistical information on Unity Night.

Location - White Bear Lake High School Campus - Main Stadium Field

Dates & Times -

- **Tuesday, August 18 from 500pm-700pm**

- It is VERY IMPORTANT your child gets dropped off at the gate at 4:45pm.

Equipment Needs - Helmet, Shoulder Pads, Shorts, and Cleats. NOT full padded practice.

Parent and Adult Observers - After dropping your child off at the NW stadium gate (see attached visuals), you can park your car and head to the home side stadium bleachers. The event RIGHT AT 5:00pm on the main stadium turf. Once your child officially starts practice, feel free to move throughout the stadium to take everything in.

Food Trucks - Our association has coordinated 5 local food trucks to be at this event. They will be open for service around 600-615pm. Our association is not covering the cost for food. Purchases will need to be made on your own. Feel free to take advantage of this before your child's practice concludes around 700pm.

WBYF - Raffle Fundraiser



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2026 WBYF Fundraiser

- WBYF hosts a charitable raffle annually to help us keep our registration costs down, yet continue to provide a quality program with meaningful experiences for our players and resources for coaches. During registration, you had the option to buy out of this raffle for an added fee. If you did not select the buy-out option and pay the fee, WBYF expects each player to sell at least 10 tickets, which raises a total of \$100 for the program. You can absolutely sell more raffle tickets than this, as we offer incentives to our top 3 sellers.
- If your registration indicated your participation in raffle sales, a raffle packet has been assembled for your player, and you will pick that up tonight before leaving. Arrangements can be made to pick up your packet from your Team Manager or Podvin Concessions if you did not attend the parent meeting. Inside your packet you will find:
 - A book of 10 raffle tickets. Each ticket costs \$10.
 - A raffle letter explaining raffle procedures, how to acquire additional tickets if you've sold yours, and important dates for turning in tickets and money.
 - An envelope with your player's name for turning in final sales and unsold tickets.
- Raffles are regulated by the State of Minnesota's Gambling Control Board, and all sales are reported to them at the end of the raffle drawing. Why is this important?
 - EVERY ticket is considered to hold a dollar value, for our raffle this is \$10. ANY ticket that is unaccounted for at the end of the raffle is considered to be SOLD. this means that WBYF loses \$10 for each ticket that is unreturned. It is vital that you return ALL tickets whether sold or not. Families will be responsible for the cost of unreturned tickets.
 - Since tickets hold value whether sold or not, WBYF will only hand out tickets to parents/guardians. If you have another trusted adult you are asking to pick up tickets for you, this must be arranged prior to pick up with Aime DeWitt. Coaches are busy teaching our players and time on the field is valuable, things are easily left behind at practices, so we will generally not have coaches involved in the exchange of tickets. **Please do not have your player give money or tickets to their coach!** All tickets and money must be returned to Podvin Park Concessions.
 - WBYF is required to track each ticket and who it is given to as a seller. We will reach out to you if we do not have your tickets indicated as returned. Please help us reach a 100% return rate this year!

WBYF - Raffle Fundraiser



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WBYF Raffle Frequently Asked Questions

- ?** **How many tickets am I required to sell?**
WBYF asks each player to sell 10 tickets. If you have more than one player, this means we ask you to sell 10 tickets for each player registered.
- ?** **If I sell my 10 tickets, can I get additional tickets to sell?**
YES!! You can get additional tickets by reaching out to Aime DeWitt (aimedewitt@wbyouthfootball.org). We will arrange a time to meet, or an envelope of tickets will be left with your name on it at Podvin Park Concessions. We encourage you to sell as many as you can! Remember- the top 3 sellers receive cash prizes!!
- ?** **What incentives are offered for selling?**
The TOP 3 SELLERS will be awarded cash prizes.- 1st Place: \$100, 2nd Place: \$75, 3rd Place: \$50
- Where and how do I return tickets and money?**
- ?** *Return all tickets and money to someone in Podvin Park Concessions anytime it's open. The concessions stand will be open anytime games are hosted at Podvin Park Fields. Tickets and money MUST be placed in a sealed envelope with your player's name on it.*
- When are tickets and money due?**
- ?** *Return all tickets and money by September 23rd. This allows time for the raffle director to account for all tickets and prep for the drawing, which is held September 26th at Podvin Park.*
- What if I do not sell all of my tickets?**
- ?** *We ask you to purchase any remaining tickets if you have not sold a minimum of 10. Either way, please return the tickets that are unsold with any tickets you have sold.*
- I've lost my tickets. What now?**
- ?** *As stated, the State of Minnesota considers these tickets sold. You will be asked to pay face value for any tickets lost. If this is a hardship for your family, please reach out and let Aime DeWitt know.*

Be a “B.E.A.R.”, Protect the Paw!



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B.E.A.R. Family Members

“Built on Empathy, Awareness and Resolve”

For Coaches!

- Remember, they are volunteers who stepped up to provide your child with the best possible youth football experience they possibly can. Build them up, don't break them down. They're sacrificing more than you may never know. Be a B.E.A.R.!

For Opponents!

- Represent White Bear Lake with character, composure, respect and sportsmanship. Remember, we are White Bear Lake, control what WE CAN CONTROL, don't respond to the negativity and poor modeling of other communities. Be a B.E.A.R.!

For Referees!

- Trust our board members, coaching directors, and league officials to hold referees accountable. Their actions on the field will be held to a higher standard than years prior. Yelling at, swearing at, or complaining about calls will do nothing but make every situation worse. Be a B.E.A.R.!

FOR OUR KIDS!

- Our kids need us. They need us to model for them what it looks like, feels like and sounds like to be a composed, resilient, and respectful human to other humans. The best way for them to learn this is by SHOWING THEM. They are going to go through tons of highs and lows throughout the season, how will WE support them and guide them through??

It takes a village to raise a child, WE are that village.

LOVE them, HUG them, and tell them you're PROUD of them.