



Jr. Bison Football & Cheer

Dear Jr Bison Family, we have had a parent meeting and the board has met and here is what has been decided moving forward:

- Since cheer is an all year sport they will be moving forward on a limited basis, starting out as sideline spirit with conditioning and hopefully moving onto regular cheer once the state lifts some of the guidelines. The first practice for cheer will be August 13th at 6:30 - 8:00 pm at DiOrio field in Bensenville. **Please read attached NEW REFUND POLICY as of today for cheer only.** All required Pop Warner and Jr. Bison forms as well as an updated sports physical will be needed to participate in the first practice. More info will be discussed after the first practice.

CHEER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING ANY FURTHER REGISTRATIONS AT THIS TIME.

- Flag Football - as of now we currently have 4 participants. We are officially part of the NFL Flag Football program. The plan here is to start August 13th. 6:30 - 8:00 pm DiOrio field in Bensenville and hope to increase more participants moving forward. Since we cannot have any contact on the field, they will work with the boys on the tackle side doing skills/drill/running plays etc. If the states lifts the restrictions, the tackle players will break off into a separate group and tackle and flag will now practice separately. The date for this decision should be somewhere around August 31st. We hope to have approximately 8-10 weeks of this while splashing games in as best as we can. **Full refunds will be given if you quit prior to the first practice, after that all monies will be kept.** We plan to provide a t-shirt for this. We will meet as a group after the first practice to discuss things further.

FLAG FOOTBALL WILL BE ACCEPTING NEW REGISTRATIONS

- Tackle Football - as of now we have 10 participants. All required Pop Warner and Jr. Bison forms as well as an updated sports physical will be needed to participate in the first practice. Full refunds will be given if you decide to quit prior to August 13th.
 1. We will be issuing helmets, shoulder pads, and practice jerseys on Tuesday August 11th 6:30 - 7:30 pm. The reasoning by this is if the state lifts its restrictions AND we have enough to play the kids will already be through their acclimation period. A \$150 DEPOSIT WILL BE REQUIRED TO PICK UP YOUR EQUIPMENT

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2. First practice will be August 13th. 6:30 - 8:00 pm DiOrio field in Bensenville and hope to increase more participants moving forward. Since we cannot have any contact on the field they will work on doing skills/drill/running plays etc. with the flag kids.
3. If the states lifts the restrictions AND we have enough to play we will break away from the flag players and continue as a full tackle program under Pop Warner 14U and play a tackle schedule that will include playoffs. The date for this decision should be somewhere around August 31st. **If YOU DECIDE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH TACKLE AND QUIT AFTER THIS NO REFUND WILL BE GIVEN.**
4. If the state does not decide to lift the restrictions this will just become a full blown flag system and the kids will now come to practice without equipment. The date for this decision should be somewhere around August 31st. We hope to have approximately 8-10 weeks of this while splashing games in as best as we can. **In this case you will be refunded your tackle registration minus the flag registration.** We will meet as a group after the first practice to discuss things further.

TACKLE FOOTBALL WILL BE ACCEPTING NEW REGISTRATIONS

PLEASE REMEMBER IF YOU TRAVEL TO ONE OF THE STATES THAT ARE LISTED AS A TRAVEL RESTRICTION, FOR LONGER THAN 24 HOURS, AT ANY TIME DURING THE SEASON, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO SELF QUARANTINE FOR UP TO 14 DAYS. (As long as those restrictions are in place)

WATER WILL NOT BE PROVIDED, EACH PARTICIPANT MUST BRING THEIR OWN AND CANNOT SHARE. PARENTS SHOULD NOT BE IN ANY CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PLAYERS AND OR COACHES DURING PRACTICE. WE ALSO ASKED THAT PARENTS PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING IF VIEWING PRACTICE.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE IDPH AND POP WARNER GUIDELINES WHEN YOU ARE AT ANY JR BISON EVENT OR PRACTICE.

PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE IN THIS ALL TOGETHER AND WE NEED TO BE SMART WHEN WE ARE TOGETHER.

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**THERE MAY BE FURTHER COVID 19 WAIVER FORMS THAT HAVE TO BE SIGNED.
IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO WE WILL NOTIFY YOU AT THE 1ST PRACTICE.**

Please understand that these are difficult times for all of us and we are trying the best we can to still provide some kind of source of extracurricular activities for your children. Please also remember this is the CURRENT plan and things could change as we move along. If you have any further questions please feel to reach out to me or any other board member.

Thank you

JR. Bison Board

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