



FHYFC  
(FOREST HILLS YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEER)  
2008 FACT SHEET

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**Are there Age and Weight Limits?**

FHYFC provides teams in six age groups. They are as follows;

5 & 6 Year Olds:

The team will be limited to five year olds and six year olds who have not reached their seventh birthday before August 1, 2008 . Weight will be 80 pounds.

7 Year Olds

The team will be limited to seven year olds who have not reached their eighth birthday before August 1, 2008 . Weight will be 90 pounds.

8 Year Olds

Any player who has not reached his ninth birthday before August 1, 2008 . Weight will be 100 pounds.

9 Year Olds

Any player who has not reached his tenth birthday before August 1, 2008 . Weight will be 112 pounds.

10 Year Olds

Any player who has not reached his eleventh birthday before August 1, 2008 . Weight will be 124 pounds.

11 Year Olds

Any player who has not reached his twelfth birthday before August 1, 2008 . Weight will be 136 pounds.

**How often do the players weigh in?**

FHYFC participates in SOYFAI (Southern Ohio Youth Football Association, Inc.) and per the league rules one weigh in occurs each preseason. Birth Certificates are verified at this time.

**Is this competitive football or recreational football?**

All age groups play competitive football. Our league SOYFAI is a competitive (10) team league that has been in existence for over 15 years, and often referred to as the most competitive league in Southwest Ohio. While the league is competitive, Our goal, as a youth organization, is to help our youth athletes become better individuals and show them positive aspects of life through sports, while maintaining a high level of sportsmanship.

The youth football rules in Southwest Ohio vary from league to league. Some leagues have weekly weigh-ins, some leagues have non-typical rules (such as point restrictions), some leagues have no weight restrictions, and some organizations guarantee playing time. What separates our league from the others is;

- One weigh-in and age verification per season.
- All league games are played on Saturdays. Organizations play other organizations.
  - o Example; Glen Este plays Forest Hills (all teams).
- Abide by OHSAA rules, exceptions for punting and kicking.
- We play every team in the league.
- Divisions structured by community size, similar to High School football divisions.

### **How is SOYFAI structured?**

SOYFAI is divided into two divisions: North and South. FHYFC is a part of the North division, along with Glen Este, Sycamore, Harrison, and Colerain. The South division consists of Reading, Wyoming, Delhi, Deer Park, and Western Brown.

### **Why are there two divisions in SOYFAI?**

The North division consists of large community teams, while the South division consists of small community teams. Each division has its own playoff and super bowl. Non-division games do not count against a team in regards to qualifying for the playoffs. This structure is very similar to what the OHSAA uses to balance the playing field in junior high and high school. Since non-division games do not count towards the postseason, ample playing time is available for all participating kids since each team plays five non-division games.

### **What are the parent responsibilities?**

Parents are needed to assist with game day gate collections and fundraisers (usually one fundraiser per season). FHYFC is accommodating to all parents in this regard. Parents also must abide by the Parent Code of Conduct.

### **How long is the season?**

Official start dates for the FHYFC season are determined by SOYFAI, but are typically the last week of July. Practice can begin at this time. The end of the regular season is the last weekend of October. Playoffs are held the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of November and the Super Bowl is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of November. The start of the games is determined by how many organizations are participating. The organization, however, runs all year as the board meets monthly, even in the off season.

### **Why is Registration in January when our season doesn't start until July?**

We hold registrations so that we can get an idea of what equipment we will need based on the numbers. While the game season only runs for a few months, we have a lot of planning & other activities that goes into getting ready. While we don't always know sizes, we can make guesses based on numbers.

### **What is the final date a child can register?**

We hold our only official registration in January and for planning purposes, prefer that children are registered at this time. While the bulk of our registration does come at this time, we receive registrations until August 1<sup>st</sup>. After this point, it is left to the Coach's discretion and would likely depend on how full the roster was at that time. The absolute last date a child could register would be by weigh-ins.

### **Do we cap registrations?**

As a general rule, FHYFC does not cap team numbers. However, if a team has a high number of registrations, it is the Coach's discretion to impose a waiting list and cap the numbers.

### **When and where do we play?**

The Forest Hills School District provides us with the use of Anderson and Turpin football stadiums. We work with the Forest Hills School District and secure as many dates as possible (this includes 1 or 2 preseason bowl games and 4 or 5 home games). We also reserve dates for Playoffs and the Super Bowl in the event its our year to host. All league games are played on Saturdays with one SOYFAI organization playing another SOYFAI organization (Yes, we travel as an organization).

### **FHYFC Leadership**

#### **Who makes the decisions for FHYFC?**

FHYFC is governed by an Executive and Working Board. The Executive Board consists of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and SOYFAI League Rep. The Working Board consists of all Executive Board members as well as Director of Coaches, Director of Fields, Director of Equipment, Director of Cheer, Game Day Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator, Corporate Sponsorship Coordinator, Head Coaches and Parent Reps.

In addition, FHYFC operates under approved by-laws. These are kept by the Secretary and are available should any member like to view them.

#### **Are these positions elected?**

The Executive Board members and the Director positions are 2-year elected positions. The Coordinator and Head Coach positions are 1-year positions appointed by the Board and the Parent Reps and Assistant Coaches are selected by the Head Coach. These positions are staggered so that there is not a new board every two years.

#### **Are there any requirements to hold a position?**

The primary requirement is that you are willing to invest the time that the position is going to require and this differs based on the position. All Executive Board, Directors, Coordinators, Coaches, and Parent Reps are required to submit a criminal background check. These are submitted to the Secretary and maintained in the organization's files.

#### **Are any of the FH positions paid?**

NO - All FHYFC positions (board, coaching, parent rep, etc) are volunteer positions and therefore receive no compensation for anything they do.

#### **When are elections?**

Nominations are taken and verified during September and then a slate of nominations is presented at the General Board meeting in October. Elections are typically held the end of October at the practice field to make it easier for all families to participate. Each family has one vote per parent with a maximum of 2 votes per family. Results are officially announced at the November meeting.

## **FHYF FINANCES**

### **What are the fees for FHYFC?**

FHYFC requires a \$50 non-refundable registration fee and is due at the time of registration (typically January) to hold a spot on the roster. The equipment fee is \$85 and is paid no later than equipment distribution which is typically the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of practice.

### **Where does our money go?**

Our fiscal year runs July 1 – June 30. As of July 1, 2006, we began the year with a \$14,988 balance. Below is an overview of our income and expenses. Keep in mind that we are only halfway through our fiscal year. Most of our revenues come in January at registration and then August – October with equipment fees, game day earnings, and fundraising. Our expenses, however, are spread throughout the year.

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Projected</b>	<b>Expenses-to-Date</b>
Cheerleading Expenses	\$13,885	\$580
Coaches Expenses	\$560	\$44
Concession Expenses	\$4,200	\$3,036
Concession Rental	\$1,500	\$750
Senior Jerseys	\$1,500	\$1,406
Equipment	\$5,900	\$12,119
Field Usage	\$3,834	\$1,000
Field Rental	\$3,900	\$545
Referee Fees	\$2,625	\$2,625
Trophies	\$5,000	\$0
Senior FL Trip Registration	\$300	\$200
Advertising	\$1,000	\$0
Accounting/Legal Fees	\$480	\$0
Insurance	\$4,940	\$454
Secretary Budget	\$750	\$0
Other Fees	\$930	\$0
Misc. Fees	\$200	\$700
Rent	\$2,400	\$800
Fundraising Expenses	\$5,000	\$7,257
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$58,904</b>	<b>\$31,516</b>

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Projected</b>	<b>Revenues-to-date</b>
Registration	\$15,000	\$13,000
Equipment Fees	\$19,125	\$19,647
Game Day	\$5,150	\$4,100
Buddy Cards	\$5,000	\$7,000
Fundraising	\$4,000	\$3,650
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<b>Year End Projections</b>	<b>-\$14,129</b>	<b>\$15,881</b>

### **I heard that we gave a lot of money to the high school fields, is that true?**

In 2001 or 2002, we made a pledge to give \$7000 to the Anderson High School Field of Dreams. This was not a lump sum but was rather spread across several years. We made the final payment on this pledge 2005. Last year, we made a pledge to the Turpin High School Field of Dreams for \$2500 to be paid over the next 3 years. Forest Hills School District supports us and we intend to support them.

**Does this give us rights to use the field?**

No, this was a donation to support our community. We reserve field use through the FH School District. Field rentals are done on a first come, first serve basis and depends on which school is available. We reserve first right for Saturday usage over other area youth organizations

**How much do we pay for the field?**

We pay an hourly fee for the use of the field. We have typically reserved the field from 10 am – 5pm at a cost of \$500 for the day. We also pay an additional hourly rate for the custodial staff and for lights, if we use them. In addition, we pay \$150 a day to use the concession stand. As a part of that contract, we also get the rights to use the Ayer practice field Monday – Saturday night for the duration of our season.

**Why did we do away with Bingo?**

Years ago, Bingo brought in a significant amount of money to FHYFC. In recent years, it brought us approximately \$10,000 per year. There was a large commitment on the part of the Director of Bingo to keep this up and running on a weekly basis. In addition, it was up to the membership of FHYFC to work this every Sunday night. Unfortunately, there was a significant no-show rate and people were not keeping these commitments. Due to the fact that Bingo was not making a significant amount anymore and the operations of it were falling to few people, we solicited input from our membership and the majority was in favor of closing the doors.

**When do we set the budget and can I see it?**

The Working Board meets in January to determine what will be needed for the budget. At the February Board meeting, the budget is distributed, reviewed and subsequently voted on. The meeting, like all Board meetings, is open to the general membership. Any member can attend if he/she would like to have input.