



# Tinora Little League Football

The season is fast approaching, and I wanted to get information out to parents and players as soon as I could about the upcoming football season and what changes will be coming due to COVID-19. We are following the Governor, the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio High School Athletic Association's (OHSAA) direction by adhering to the applicable sections of the National Federation of State High School Association (NFHS) Sports Medicine Advisory Committee's (SMAC) document 'Guidance for opening up high school athletics and activities' and the Ohio Department of Health's 'Responsible RestartOhio' guide for contact sport practices.

As of June 22, 2020, we will be in Phase 2 of reopening contact sports as based on the above documents. As the summer passes, we expect the Governor/Lt. Governor to let us transition into Phase 3 and then eventually start full contact sports. **All of this is obviously subject to change.** Follow the Tinora Little League Football Facebook page and the Tinora App for updates during the summer about the fall sports season.

Here is our plan to keep players safe during practices:

- All coaches and players will be screened at the beginning of practice for signs/symptoms of COVID-19. These screenings will be documented and retained. Any player with positive symptoms will not be allowed to participate in practice and their parent/guardian will be contacted immediately to pick up their player. Any coach that tests positive will be required to leave practice immediately and will not be allowed to come in contact with any player. If your child feels sick or has symptoms before practice, keep them home!

- We will be following social distancing during our practices and will be focusing our time on conditioning, drills and fundamentals until such time that close contact activities may start.

- All shared athletic equipment - footballs, tackling pads, etc. - will be cleaned intermittently during practice. Hand sanitizer will be available for all.

- All players are required to bring their own water bottles/drinks and cannot share water or drinks between players.

- All players are highly encouraged to shower immediately after returning home from practice.

These same guidelines will be followed during games and we will modify the above if/as new directions are given by the Ohio Department of Health. When we pass out this

season's schedule, we will include an updated list of guidelines for all of us to follow during game time gatherings at any location as directed by the Ohio Department of Health and approved by our League.

The dates below are all **tentative** and **subject to change at any time**.

This league is for students who will be entering 5th and 6th grade for the 2020/2021 school year.

**Registration/Tryouts:** Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00 pm at the Elementary for first year players only. You must be present both days. Everyone who tries out makes a team.

**Returning Players:** Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> 4:00-6:00 pm. All returning players will stay on the same team as last year. We will have regular practice with all players the rest of that week (Aug 5th & 6th) 4:00-6:00 pm.

**League Fees:** \$100.00 for first year players  
\$70.00 for returning players when keeping last year's jersey  
\*if you wish to get a new jersey it will be an additional \$30.00\*

**Physical forms must be completed and turned in by Aug.6<sup>th</sup>. All players must have a sports physical, no exceptions. Forms can be printed from [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org) You will not be permitted to participate in practice/games without having a physical completed.**

**Equipment Handout/Parent Meeting:** TBD. We need to get more information about when close contact activities will be allowed before being able to hand out equipment.

There will be a lot of changes for this season, but I know we can all work together to keep each other safe and still have some fun.

If you have any questions or concerns about this season or about our new guidelines we are following, feel free to either call or text me. Also, follow us on the Tinora Little League Football Facebook page for updates throughout the summer and the fall season.

Thank you,

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