

# PELICAN PARK FOOTBALL 2021

## INFORMATION SHEET

In 2020 Pelican Park and Coquille partnered up to form a league so that we could control the league and who participated. Even with Covid this endeavor went above and beyond our expectations and we are excited to continue this league and add additional Parks to it. The leagues we will be playing will be Slidell Youth Football Organization, St Bernard Recreation, Coquille Parks & Recreation and possibly Chappapeela Sports Park, Abita Park and Covington Park. What does this mean...?

- This league is more structured and the Recreation Districts WILL enforce the rules and consequences will be handed down should a coach or team not follow the rules.
- There will be some games at the other facilities which will require you to travel for those games
- There will be gate fees at the other facilities. Pelican Park will continue NOT to charge gate
- Age as of date is June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- No play ups will not be allowed
- Pelican will continue with coach's code of conduct and a blind draft to ensure fairness on our teams, should there be more than one team in an age group. All Parks will follow the same process this year to keep fairness across the league

### PELICAN PARK & NORTHSORE FOOTBALL LEAGUE MISSION

Pelican Park & Northshore Youth Football League is dedicated to providing a **recreational** football league for youth that addresses the needs of the football community by teaching the fundamentals of the sport in a positive, fun and safe environment.

### OBJECTIVES OF LEAGUE

Pelican Park & NYFL's goal is to teach sportsmanship, teamwork, leadership, and increase youth activity levels.

#### **BOYS: Ages 7 – 12 years old**

- **Age as of 6/1/2021** will determine the age group placement. A child must be 5 years old by 6/1/2021 in order to register in the football program.
- **Practices** will begin the week of August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021. In order to teach proper technique in a contact sport, pre-season practices will be scheduled up to 4 evenings per week (3 practice days and 1 game day). Once games begin, there will be a maximum of 3 practices per week. Practices are an hour and half long and the coaches will choose the following slots to fit their work schedules: 5:30pm, 5:45pm, 7:00pm, or 7:15pm. **All practices will be held at Pelican Park.**
- **Jamboree** will be held at Pelican Park on September 4<sup>th</sup> 2021
- **Games** begin September 11th. The season consists of a 7-game schedule and concludes with a tournament. Games are scheduled by NYFL and will be certified and approved by all participating Rec. Districts participating. All regular season games will be held on a Saturday, unless there is an odd number of teams in an age group in which we will have to use a weekday. Make-up games may be scheduled on a different day of the week. The games will be at various locations of surrounding Recreation Departments such as Coquille Parks and Recreation and Chappapeela Sports Complex! We will host some games at Pelican Park
- **Mouthpieces** – Mouthpieces are mandatory. Players cannot participate in evaluations, practices and or games without full gear including a mouthpiece.
- **Registration Fees** cover the cost of a game jersey, a pair of socks, helmet decals, secondary

medical insurance, officials and awards. **IT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE COST** of a helmet, pads, cleats or pants. Please contact your local sporting goods store for information regarding equipment. An estimated purchase cost for all equipment is between \$150.00 - \$200.00 depending on the store and the quality of equipment. ***Please do not invest in purchasing equipment until we know there is enough players to have a team (18-20 players).***

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## **2021 FOOTBALL EVALUATION INFORMATION AND SCHEDULE**

Evaluations will only be done should there be enough players registered to have 2 or more teams in an age group. This will be determined after registration. The following will apply should there be an age group with more than one team:

- All players need to be evaluated.
- **Players must attend one of the two evaluations offered.**
- Players must come to evaluations dressed in full gear, which is shoulder pads, helmet with mouthpiece, leg pads, and rubber cleats.
- It is strongly suggested that the players bring a water bottle.
- **If your child does not attend one of the evaluations then they will not be allowed to play a skilled position.**
- All participants must be at the Park by the start time in order to complete the full evaluation. The times of the evaluation will be announced after registration, in case there is more than one age group with multiple teams.

***The location of the evaluations will be on the Grey 2 field  
Evaluation will be offered only if there is enough to make 2 or more teams ... on the following days so please mark your calendars. Remember, the times will be determined after registration.***

**Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> 2021**

The evaluation will take 1 to 1 ½ hours to complete

***IN THE EVENT AN EVALUATION DATE IS CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER, THE EVALUATION MAY BE RESCHEDULED ON THE NEXT OPEN DATE.***

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## **2021 FOOTBALL PLAYER/PARENT SEASON KICKOFF ORIENTATION**

Pelican Park and the Football Advisory Board will be having their annual Football Season Pep Rally. This will be a formal gathering of all the coaches, parents and players in an age group where the teams are announced and players are introduced.

At the celebration, the parents and players will have the opportunity to hear all the new exciting things happening in the Football program and the new league we have partnered with, Northshore Youth Football League.

This event will be held in the White Gym date and time to be announced after registration for **ages 5-12**. This will be an extra special event for the Players and coaches to attend in addition to hearing all the exciting news about the league Pelican Park is joining.