



River Falls Youth Football

Parent's Meeting

August 1st, 2024



As the head coach at River Falls High School, I'd like to welcome you to Wildcat Football! As a high school program, we want our young athletes to learn to love football in a safe, competitive, and fun environment. RFYFA does a fabulous job of providing all young athletes with an opportunity to do all three of those things. One of my favorite things about RFYFA is developing a connection between our high school players and our youth football players. That shared sense of community and purpose is what makes River Falls great. I can't wait to see you out on the field this Fall. Go Wildcats!

- COACH RYAN SCHERZ



Introductions / About RFYFA

- Board Introduction/Roles
- Interested in helping shape the program?
 - Email us/Stop by and ask after the meeting.
- Website: <https://riverfallsfootball.com>
- Email: rfyouthfootball@gmail.com



Agenda

- Dates and Events
- Combine Night
- Summer Camp & Season Kick Off Lunch
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- Practice w/UWRF Falcons
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Dates & Events

Event	Date	Time	Location	
Combine Night 1	Tues Aug 6 th	6p – 730p	MMS	Map
Combine Night 2	Thurs Aug 8 th	6p – 730p	MMS	Map
Summer Camp/Season Kick Off Lunch	Sat Aug 10 th	10a – 2p	RFHS Football Field	
First Practice	Thurs Aug 13 th	6p – 7p	MMS	Map
Halftime w/RFHS Wildcat	Thurs Aug 29 th	730p	Ramer Field	
Game Day (Game 1)	Sat Aug 24 th	930 – 12p	MMS	Map
See Calendar/TeamSnap app for more dates/times				

<https://riverfallsfootball.com/calendar/>

Once teams are formed and loaded into TeamSnap, the full practice, detailed game, and other events will be available.

Combine Night

- Why we do the Combine
- Drills/Assessments
- When
 - Tues Aug 6th, Thurs Aug 8th from 6p – 730p
- Location
 - Meyer Middle School Fields
 - [Map](#)



<https://riverfallsfootball.com/combine-night/>

Summer Camp & Season Kick Off Lunch

- Included in your registration. Youth players spend time running drills with RFHS Wildcat Players and Coaches.
- When
 - Sat Aug 10th from 10a – 2p
 - Camp is from 10a – 11:30a
 - Kindergarten Camp 11:30a-12p
 - Lunch is 12p – 2p
- Bring the entire family for food and fun!
- Location
 - River Falls High School Football Field
 - [Map](#)



Halftime w/Wildcats

- What
 - Youth Players meet at south endzone 2 mins before halftime.
 - Youth Players will form a tunnel as the RFHS Wildcat players run off the field.
 - During halftime, youth players are split into their grade divisions and will participate in throwing/catching drills.
 - Youth Players will form a tunnel as the RFHS Wildcat players come back onto the field.
 - Youth Players will return to parents/guardians.
- When
 - Thurs August 29th @ 7:30p
 - Meet at south endzone 2 mins before halftime begins.
- Location
 - Ramer Field
 - [Map](#)



<https://riverfallsfootball.com/locations/>

Practices

- Ran by Team's Coaches
 - Parent help is appreciated. Check with team coach.
- When
 - 1st practice Thurs Aug 13th 6p-7p
 - Every Tues & Thurs evening from 6p – 7p thereafter unless noted otherwise
- Location
 - Meyer Middle School Fields
 - [Map](#)



<https://riverfallsfootball.com/practices/>

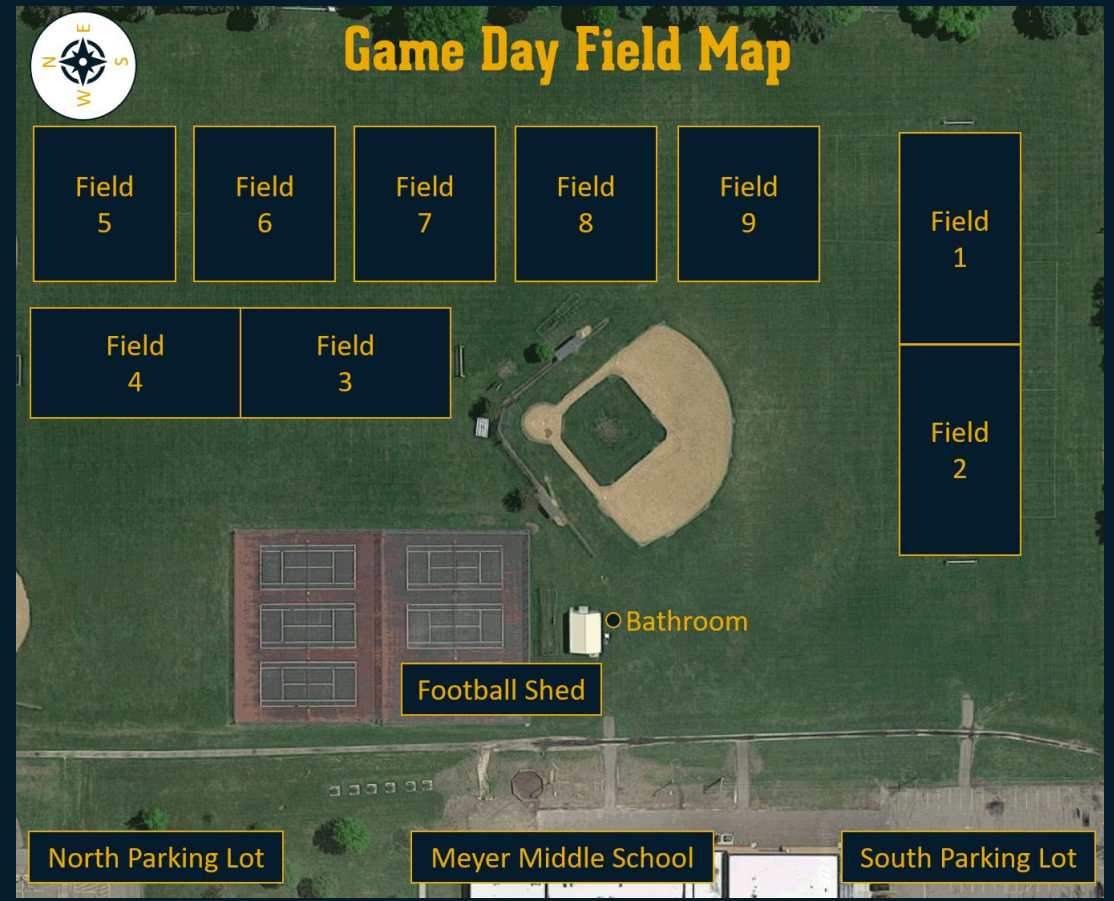
Game Day

- When
 - Saturdays unless noted*
 - 1st/2nd Grade Division – 930a – 1030a
 - 3rd/4th Grade Division – 11a – 12p
 - 5th/6th Grade Division – 930a – 1030a and 11a to 12p

- Location
 - Meyer Middle School Fields
 - [Map](#)

*One Saturday game will be replaced by an Under the Lights Night Game at RFHS.

* Some games times will be adjusted for 3/4 on Saturdays when 1/2 are not playing



Under the Lights Night (Games)

- When
 - 1st/2nd Grade Division
 - Wed Sept 18th from 6p – 8p
 - 3rd/4th Grade Division
 - Wed Sept 25th from 6p – 8p
 - 5th/6th Grade Division
 - Wed Oct 2nd from 6p – 9p
- Location
 - River Falls High School Football Field
 - [Map](#)
- This will replace the Saturday game of that same week.



Practice w/UWRF Falcons

- What
 - Youth Players participate in a practice with Coaches and Players from the UWRF Falcons Football Team.
- When
 - Tues Sept 10th
 - 1/2 division - 6p – 7p
 - 3/4 & 5/6 divisions 715p – 815p
 - Autographs to follow each session
- Location
 - Ramer Field
 - [Map](#)
- This will take place of a normal practice.



<https://riverfallsfootball.com/locations/>



Player Apparel

You should have your players apparel already ordered! If not, order ASAP!

<https://rivercitystitch.com/collections/river-falls-youth-football>

- Minimum Requirement
 - Jersey Set
 - Flags (if you have a set from the last two years still in good shape, you can use those).
- Jerseys and flags from this season can now be used in subsequent seasons if they are in good shape/working condition.



Coaching

- We always need more Coaches! Please Register.
 - 1st/2nd Division
 - 3rd/4th Division
 - Interested? Come down after meeting and chat with us
- Assistance is provided for new and all coaches. We'll pair you up with an experienced coach if possible.
- Coach Swag (\$75 towards RFYFA clothing)
- Background Checks, Concussion and Abuse training are required.
 - Background checks will be conducted week of August 13th



Tournament

- When
 - Saturday Oct 12th
 - Times TBD.
 - Single Elimination
- Location
 - MMS Football Fields
- The goal is having a great experience for the players and families.
- Looking into possibility of food trucks, etc. to be on-site during event. Coffee and hot chocolate truck will be on site.

Safety

- Players
 - Are expected to wear mouth guards during all practices and games!
 - If not, they will be asked to sit out.
 - No metal cleats
 - Pocketless shorts/pants recommended, otherwise tape pockets closed.



Player/Parent Conduct

- We are grateful that the RFHS Wildcat Football Players are there each Saturday morning supporting our RYFA program with reffing our games.
- **Under no circumstance** should players, coaches, parents or fans argue with the referees.
- As an RYFA supporter, always remember:
 - No one is earning a scholarship or going pro from our games
 - Our program is meant to build the River Falls football community and grow a love for the game in our players.
 - Your children and others are watching your behavior
 - The refs at our games are the same children that played the night before representing River Falls at the high school level.

If you see something on game day that you want to address please discuss with your coach or email the board members at rfyouthfootball@gmail.com.



TeamSnap & Website

- Sports Management & Website Platform
- Website and Mobile App
 - Download the Mobile App
 - Use the website teamsnap.com
- Any feedback on website is appreciated!
 - What works? What doesn't? What's hard to find? What can't you find?
 - Email rfyouthfootball@gmail.com or use the "Contact Us" form on the website.



TeamSnap

- Both website and mobile app will show practice and game schedules (*once teams are formed after combine nights*).
- Report your availability for practices/games. This helps the coach plan/know which players/coaches will be there.
- Communicate with the team and coaches via the built-in email, chat, or message posts.
- Media – Upload photos/videos to share with the entire team. Also tag/post them to @rfyouthfootball on Twitter and Facebook!



Communications / Contact Information

- Communication in-season will primarily be done within the TeamSnap website/mobile app for messaging between Coaches and Parents/Team, Coaches and Grade Directors, Coaches and Coaches
 - This is only available for registered players (parents) and coaches
- Mailing List – Found on our “Contact Us” page on the website. General communications on league activities such as registration notices, off-season and pre-season activities, and special events will be communicated using our mailing list.
- Social Media – Follow Us on:
 - Twitter - <https://twitter.com/rfyouthfootball>
 - Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/rfyouthfootball>
 - Tag us in photos/video! Use hashtags #RFYouthFootball and #RFYFA!



Thank you

This slide deck will be posted to parent's resource section on website