

Laurel Wildcats



Welcome Package

Important Information:

Registration Fee: \$100.00

MVA ID needed by July 2, 2019

Commissioner: Lonnie Moore / email: lbgcfootball@gmail.com

701 Montgomery Street, Laurel, MD, 20707
www.laurelboysandgirlsclub.org/football

Registration:

The registration fee must be **paid in full** at time of registration. Payment of registration and player participation in the LBGC tackle football serves as agreement that you understand and will abide by the guidelines noted in this welcome package.

League:

The Laurel Boys and Girls Club (LBGC) tackle football program is a member of the Greater Metropolitan Youth Football League (**GMFL**). LBGC will compete against other sanctioned teams in the DMV area. Players will be placed in divisions based on their age. **Please note: The age cut-off date is July 31, 2019.**

Identification Cards:

Each player must obtain his or her own ID card. Players residing in Maryland will have to obtain their state issued ID from the Maryland Department of Motor Vehicle (MVA) for a minimal fee. MVA cards are good for 5 years. ***Please note: If you have a MVA card for your child that expires prior to the end of the current football season, you must obtain a new card. **PLEASE DO NOT WAIT, GET THIS DONE ASAP*****

Other form of ID that will be accepted under the following conditions:

- Official Military Identification (Active Duty)

Military ID cards are issued by various branches of the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Card must display photograph, date of birth, date issued, expiration date, players' printed first and last names, and signature of parents for those players 10 years old and younger. The ID must be valid (not expired) as of August 1st of the current GMFL fall season.

Equipment Distribution:

Each player is responsible for obtaining the following:

- Football cleats
- Practice pants and practice jersey
- Hip, thigh, tail & knee pads (it's cheaper to go with the integrated pants)
- Colored mouthpiece (Royal Blue, Silver or White)
- Athletic protective cup
- Padded Chin strap

LBGC will distribute each 'registered' player a helmet, shoulder pads, and game uniforms (game pants and jersey).

Equipment will be distributed at the Laurel Boys & Girls Club in the equipment room. The parent/guardian of each participant **MUST** be present in order to complete/sign the equipment contracts. **No Exceptions!**

Equipment must be returned complete as issued – unaltered (minus normal wear and tear). LBGC also reserves the right to seek compensation for all equipment not returned by filing for payment in small claims court.

****There's a \$150 deposit due on the day of distribution in the form of a personal check. Please make the check out to the Laurel Boys & Girls Club (post-dated 12/2/2019). We will return the deposit check once the equipment is returned (last game).**

Practice:

Pre-Season practice begins **Monday, July 22, 2019** and will be held Monday through Friday until the first day of school (PG County school schedule used). When PG County re-opens, practice will be limited to the maximum of three days per week. Players must practice with the team they are assigned. *Players should only wear helmets, shorts and t-shirts during the first three (3) days of practice (NO OTHER EQUIPMENT IS ALLOWED).* It is highly recommended that all players participate during the first week, as this is the primary period to determine actual team placement.

Practice Temperatures/Practice Cancellations:

During the summer, temperatures could potentially rise to uncomfortable levels. In some instances we may modify the intensity of our practice sessions start/stop times and/or practice without equipment.

If Lightning is seen, we will postpone practice for thirty minutes. We will remove ALL from the field and take cover (cars, facility, etc.). We will determine after the thirty minutes if we will resume or cancel entirely. In case of rain without lightning, each team's head coach will make the decision whether to have or cancel practice.

To stay up to date with current / unexpected changes regarding practice or games, please be sure that the team manager and head coach has a good phone number to contact you.

Season Length / Game Schedules & Locations:

LBGC will be competing in the Greater Metropolitan Youth Football League (GMYFL) and we'll have both home and away games. Each team will participate in "pre-season" games starting in August and the regular season is scheduled to run from September to November (Tentative first game – September 9th). Furthermore, teams advancing to the post season will see their season extended.

Games are scheduled by the GMYFL. Game times and dates will be provided to each parent by the team manager of each team. Games are usually scheduled on Saturdays. If makeup games are necessary, some games may be scheduled on Sunday's (this is rare). Game locations will vary predicated on our opponent.

Players may be required to arrive at the game locations anytime between the hours of 7am and 7pm. Games are usually a hour in length but players are required to arrive one hour prior to the game start time (may vary from coach to coach).

Game Playing Time:

The GMYFL has a "**mandatory**" play rule. Each player must participate in the game. There will be game spotters at each game to ensure each player receives the minimum amount of playing time designated for their team.

Additionally, for safety purposes, players missing multiple practices in any given week could impact their eligibility to play.

- 1 unexcused absence from practice could result in not starting
- 2 unexcused absences from practice could result in not playing until the second half of the game.
- 3 unexcused absences from practice, they may not play at all.

An excused absence includes but is not limited to: An illness, family vacations and family emergencies. Whenever possible, parents must notify their child's head coach when their child will miss practice. This will keep the team informed and allows the coach to adjust accordingly.

Team Splits:

Please be aware that in the case that there are too many children on one team, the head coach will split the team into two teams (Blue & Silver). The Head Coach and staff will discuss and determine how to split each team....The Head Coach is responsible to ensure this is a seamless transition. Any parent questions or concerns regarding a player's placement should be directed to the Head coach ONLY.

Fundraising & Volunteering:

We need 100% participation from everyone. Successful organizations rely on fundraising assistance and corporate sponsorships. The registration fee covers a small portion of the cost of running the program. As a result, we depend upon the fundraising efforts of our players and their families.

In an effort to keep our registration fees low, parents are asked to participate in each fundraiser or you can make a donation to the program. All monies will go directly to our football program.

If you would like to become a sponsor or have leads on potential sponsors, please have them contact our commissioner, **Lonnie Moore at lbgcfootball@gmail.com**.

Additionally, volunteers are crucial to our success! We need volunteers to assist with field equipment maintenance, set-up, concession operation, game spotters, chain attendants, and to act as team managers to assist the coaches. Please contact your child's head coach to volunteer.

Game Snacks:

Team managers are responsible for arranging the snacks for players after each game. Depending on your team manager, you may be required to provide a snack fee or you may be assigned a day to bring snacks to the game. The team manager will alert you at the beginning of the season with which method will be used. Please adhere to their request.

Field Clean-Up:

Everyone is responsible for keeping our field clean. All teams will be provided plastic bags to clean the field at the conclusion of each game. As you can imagine, there are hundreds of people at our home games and the task of keeping the field clean is tremendous. Team managers will provide directions for field clean up and trash bags can be acquired at the concession stand. Your assistance is deeply appreciated!

Thank you for selecting the Laurel Boys and Girls club. We are grateful that you chose to join our Wildcat Family! **ONE TEAM, ONE GOAL!!!**

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PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

Player's Full Name: _____

Team: _____

Participants in the Laurel Boys and Girls Club program must familiarize themselves with the following regulations regarding conduct and strictly follow them while participating in our football program. These regulations will ensure a safe, positive and respectful environment for each of our players. Violations of these regulations will result in imposed penalties.

Parents:

- I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this code of ethics.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every practice, scrimmages and games.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will provide support for coaches and officials working with my child to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all.
- I will resist providing parental persuasion as it relates to "second guessing" coaches.
- I will not use abusive language during practice or games when addressing my child or any LBGC coach or staff.
- I will address any questions or concerns with my child's coach in private.
- NO alcohol beverages or illegal drugs at any time on the field.

Penalties:

1. First Offense – Verbal Warning
2. Second Offense – Written notification to parent or legal guardian
3. Third Offense – Suspension/Removal from the Laurel Boys and Girls club program

I have read the preceding regulations and agree to abide by them. My signature verifies my acceptance to the above rules and regulations.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date