



## ARBUTUS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

### **1. What league does Arbutus Athletic Association play in?**

Arbutus has returned to the new CCYFCL (Carroll County Youth Football and Cheerleading League). Currently there are 10 programs that represent the CCYFCL. Representatives from each program meet monthly to establish administrative and game-play rules. The football league has two divisions and Arbutus plans to have teams for both divisions. For more information on the CCYFCL and its former history please visit [www.ccyfcl.org](http://www.ccyfcl.org)

### **2. Who can sign up?**

Anyone! Football players ages 5-14 on or before August 1st, are eligible to play and Cheerleaders ages 4-14 regardless of sex, race, ethnicity or nationality. Each participant must be registered and turn in a valid Maryland Identification Card. (Please refer to question #5 regarding ID cards).

### **3. What are the fees for football & cheerleading and what equipment is provided?**

#### **REGISTRATION FEES FOR 2017 ARE AS FOLLOWS: (CASH, CREDIT OR MONEY ORDER ONLY)**

##### **AGE AS OF AUGUST 1, 2017**

##### **FOOTBALL Ages 5-6yrs:**

\$150.00, (2nd child discount does not apply)

##### **FOOTBALL Ages 7 & older:**

\$175.00 - 1st child; \$165.00 -2nd child; \$150.00 -3rd child. For 4 or more children please contact the registration coordinators.

**Football provides:** Helmet, shoulder pads, practice jersey & pants, away game jersey & pant, girdle with pads, thigh and knee pads, mouthpiece, and game socks.

*Football players must provide: Protective cup & cleats.*

##### **CHEERLEADING Ages 4**

\$150.00 (2nd child discount does not apply)

##### **CHEERLEADING Ages 5 & older:**

\$175.00 - 1st child; \$165.00 -2nd child; \$150.00 -3rd child. For 4 or more children please contact the registration coordinators.

**Cheerleading provides:** Game shell and skirt, hair ribbon and 1 practice t-shirt and shorts.

*Cheerleaders must provide: Red bodysuit, red bloomers, and cheerleading shoes. Cheerleader may also purchase extra practice t-shirts and warm ups for a nominal fee. If you do not wish to purchase the warm up please be sure to provide a red sweatshirt and sweatpants.*

### **4. Can I get a refund if my child decides not to play?**

A request for fee refund must be made in writing to our President. No exceptions. This can be a simple note with child's name, requester's name, and a phone number where you can be reached, a short reason why. No refunds will be issued unless there is a request in writing and it includes all of the above information. Refunds will be issued by check only.

#### **Mail request to:**

Arbutus AA, PO Box 7343, Arbutus, Md. 21227, Attn: Refunds

#### **Or email request to:**

[arbutusfootballcheer@gmail.com](mailto:arbutusfootballcheer@gmail.com)



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### **PRO-RATED REFUND SCHEDULE:**

Prior to the first day of practice (Aug 1st) 100%

After 1st practice 100%

After 2nd practice 0%

We recognize that you may wish to withdraw for a variety of reasons, but our policy encourages early decisions so as to not affect other players and our ability to efficiently run the program. The Board of Directors may take into consideration a significant change in a player or cheerleader's medical condition or other extenuating circumstances.

### **5. Why does my child need an ID card and where do I get one?**

Every player and cheerleader that participates in the CCYFCL is required to have a valid (not expired) Maryland Identification Card issued by the Motor Vehicle Administration for the sole purpose to identify each child during weigh-ins and league competitions. School ID's are not acceptable. This requirement is a mandatory rule established by the Carroll County Youth Football and Cheerleading League (CCYFCL). Arbutus AA collects and keeps the cards in a binder according to age group and will remain in their possession until the end of the season. ID cards need to be turned into your team administrator/coach by August 1st. You are advised to get this card at your earliest convenience. Your football player will not be able to participate in any league games without it. Cheerleaders will not be issued a uniform until the card is received.

**You will need to take with you:** Your child's birth certificate, social security card and your child, to get his/her picture taken. The most convenient location to obtain an ID card is MVA Express 6940 Dobbin Road Columbia, Md. 21046. Please verify requirements before going: [www.mva.maryland.gov](http://www.mva.maryland.gov).

### **6. Where will practices take place and how often?**

Practices will be held at Arbutus Middle School. Due to limited practice space teams may practice on different days of the week. Football will practice on the upper, lower and Shelbourne Road field. Cheerleading will practice on the grass area in front of the school and nearby courts. During the summer months (before Baltimore County Schools begin) teams are allowed unlimited practice. A schedule will be determined by each Head Coach and the Athletic Director. Once school is in session, practices will be reduced to the league maximum six hours per week and will be determined by your child's coach based on field availability. Cheerleaders may move to local schools to provide indoor facilities for colder months.

### **7. Where will games be played and does everyone travel?**

Yes, Football players and Cheerleaders of ALL ages are required to travel to all away games, scrimmage, regular season and/or play-off. Once established, league information, schedules and directions to fields will be listed on the CCYFCL league website.



### **8. How do I know what age group my son or daughter will participate in?**

The league has strict guide lines as to where players are placed and it is up to the Athletic and Cheerleading Director as to where each player is placed, not the coach. (For example: If a player is 9 years old and is 89 lbs. he is eligible for 9U, but let's say that same player is 102 lbs., then they will move up according to weight to 10U because the weight limit for 9U is 95 lbs.) It is the job of the Athletic Director to ensure every player is placed on the proper team according to age, weight, and experience to the best of his/her ability. It is the job of the Cheerleading Director to ensure every cheerleader is placed on the proper team according to age, and experience to the best of his/her ability.



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### 9. What are these weights referred to and how will I know where my son/daughter is eligible to play football?

								<b>2017 CCYFCL Weight Limits</b>											
Freedom & United Divisions	Pitbulls**	8U			9U			10U			11U			12U			13U		
		Red Stripe	Standard	Red Stripe***	Standard	Red Stripe***	OBL (10 YO)	Standard	Red Stripe***	OBL (11 YO)	Standard	Red Stripe***	OBL (12 YO)	Standard	Red Stripe***	OBL (13 YO)	Standard	Red Stripe***	OBL (14 YO/9G)
<b>Initial</b>	75	90	115	105	130	70	115	145	80	130	160	95	145	180	110	165	Unlimited	135	
<b>Variance</b>	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	
<b>Total</b>	<b>75.9</b>	<b>90.9</b>	<b>115.9</b>	<b>105.9</b>	<b>130.9</b>	<b>70.9</b>	<b>115.9</b>	<b>145.9</b>	<b>80.9</b>	<b>130.9</b>	<b>160.9</b>	<b>95.9</b>	<b>145.9</b>	<b>180.9</b>	<b>110.9</b>	<b>165.9</b>		<b>135.9</b>	
<b>Playoff</b>	75.0	98.0	123.0	113.0	138.0	78.0	123.0	153.0	88.0	138.0	168.0	103.0	153.0	188.0	118.0	173.0	Unlimited	143.0	
<b>Equipment</b>	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	
<b>Variance</b>	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	
<b>Total</b>	<b>80.9</b>	<b>103.9</b>	<b>128.9</b>	<b>118.9</b>	<b>143.9</b>	<b>83.9</b>	<b>128.9</b>	<b>158.9</b>	<b>93.9</b>	<b>143.9</b>	<b>173.9</b>	<b>108.9</b>	<b>158.9</b>	<b>193.9</b>	<b>123.9</b>	<b>178.9</b>		<b>148.9</b>	

\* - Mid-Season Red Stripe weigh-ins will use Initial weight limits

\*\* - Players over 75.9 lbs may not run the ball or advance the ball on a fumble but are allowed to play any other position

\*\*\* - Players exceeding the standard age group weight but meeting the Red Stripe weight and age guidelines shall be designated by a piece of red tape on the crown of their helmet or around the thigh, in addition they must play between the tackles for the entire game.

Effective: 5.1.17

10lbs was added per new weight guidelines

### 10. Do the cheerleaders participate in competitions and how often?

Yes! Along with cheering for all home and away football games, our cheerleaders compete in four competitions each season. All cheerleader entry fees are included in your registration fee except Ocean City. There will be a parent meeting to discuss in detail our Ocean City Competition.

### 11. Who do I call for inclement weather?

You will receive a notification ASAP from your coach when the weather is bad. Football is played in all weather except LIGHTNING. So if it rains expect to play unless otherwise communicated. Cheerleaders are expected to cheer as long as the game is on. However, Cheerleading will move indoors if it is raining before or during practice.

### 12. Who can I contact or call should I have further questions about the program or registration?

Questions regarding Football email our Football A.D Tommy Arnold [thomasbigred75@aol.com](mailto:thomasbigred75@aol.com) and Cheerleading questions to our Cheerleading A.D Laura Spisak at [arbutuscheer@gmail.com](mailto:arbutuscheer@gmail.com). General emails and refund requests should be sent to [arbutusfootballcheer@gmail.com](mailto:arbutusfootballcheer@gmail.com). Up to date information is always available on our website: [www.arbutusgoldeneagles.com](http://www.arbutusgoldeneagles.com) and Facebook on Arbutus Golden Eagles past/present/future.

### 13. I would like to help coach or volunteer in some way – how do I do this?

To run a successful program, we must have dedicated people behind it. Our 91 year tradition of pride and excellence has been successful because of our dedicated coaches, coaching staffs, parents and members of our organization. We are always looking for dedicated, enthusiastic volunteers to help us carry on the Arbutus A.A. tradition. If you are interested in helping out, please see a coach or your team mom to find out just how you can help. For coaching applications email: [arbutusfootballcheer@gmail.com](mailto:arbutusfootballcheer@gmail.com).



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### **14. As a parent am I expected to participate in a program fundraiser?**

It costs approximately \$60,000 annually to run a successful fall season. Our fundraiser is the Association's largest source of income. It is **strongly encouraged** that parents support each football/cheerleader in our annual Crab Raffle fundraiser. Each player, cheerleader and parent is eligible to receive an AMAZING custom Arbutus apparel package for simply selling your tickets. Tickets and more information about prizes and dates will be distributed during our parent orientation. Your assistance in selling tickets is vital to meeting our financial goal.

### **15. As a parent how often am I expected to volunteer and what will I be doing?**

We ask that as a parent/guardian of an Arbutus A.A. player or cheerleader you volunteer in our snack shack at least 2 times throughout the season. Cheerleading and Football asks that you provide a team snack or drink for at least 1 game throughout the season. A schedule will be kept by each team mom/administrator so you know when it is your turn. Our concession stand is our biggest fundraiser for the year. Your assistance in manning it is vital to meeting our financial goal.

**We also need volunteers for numerous committees. If you are interested in joining a committee, please email [arbutusfootballcheer@gmail.com](mailto:arbutusfootballcheer@gmail.com)**

*Current committees that we are looking for volunteers for are:*

Photos	Homecoming Festivities	Registration
Yearbook	Fundraising	Concessions
Field Crew	Website	Football Equipment
Events	Apparel	Donations/Sponsorship

**If you have any concerns or are interested in becoming a member of the organization, please attend our monthly meetings at Depaola's Restaurant on Sulphur Spring Road the 2nd Monday of every month. The meetings begin at 8:30 p.m. during the football and cheer season and at 8 p.m. off season. Meetings are open to the public; you DO NOT have to be a member to attend. Parents, friends, or interested volunteers are encouraged to join us!**

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION [www.arbutusgoldeneagles.com](http://www.arbutusgoldeneagles.com)**

**AND**

**REMEMBER TO FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK: Arbutus Golden Eagles past/present/future**