

Frequently Asked Questions – Football

Why did Mansfield leave Hockomock Pop Warner?

Pop Warner is an age and weight based football league that has an older-lighter weight range that allows an older player to play down a level. In Hockomock Pop Warner, Mansfield had been playing in a reduced older-lighter weight range and recently that range increased dramatically to the National Weight Schematic. This change translates to an increase of 16lbs at the D/C levels, and 26lbs at the B-level which we believe is too big of a range for the older-lighters.

How can a football grade-based, unlimited weight scheme be safer?

Generally, we believe that age, and not weight, is the most significant factor in youth football development and moving to a league without an older-lighter category increases the safety of the majority of our players.

If my child was held back in school, what grade level would he play at?

Each grade level has an associated age protection range which generally allows for this. Please refer to the grade/age schematic for details.

What if there are not enough kids to form a team at a certain grade level?

In AYF, there is no playing down a grade level, but a child can play up a grade level.

What teams will we play?

A total of 9 Hockomock teams have also left Pop Warner and joined Baystate AYF. Additionally, Milford, a Hockomock town, has joined Baystate AYF. We will mostly be playing the same teams we have always played with a few new Baystate teams mixed in to round out schedules as necessary. Check out Baystate Conference here: <http://www.bsyfcc.com>