

OTRD Gridiron Football Club

Mission Statement

The mission of the Oregon Trail Recreation District Youth Gridiron Football Club is to provide a safe, fun learning environment for the youth of our community. We strive to create an opportunity for kids to work together as a team toward common goals. We emphasize sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect for authority figures (Directors, Coaches, and Game Officials). While we are not a farm system for high school football programs, we recognize the impact we may have on those programs. Our focus is on developing good life skills through the sport of football.

OTRD will not tolerate verbal or physical abuse of its volunteer coaches, referees, or players from any Parent, Player or Spectator. Spectators, as well as the players and coaches are expected to abide by the programs code of conduct at all OTRD practices and events. While most of the adults and children in the program will abide by this code without being instructed, it is being published to protect the children, the integrity of our program, and emphasize the values of OTRD.

Consequences of Behavior

At any OTRD Youth Gridiron Football Club event, practice, or competition, any adult who verbally abuses, attempts to intimidate, is flagrantly rude to, or does not control their language or actions with a player, official, coach, spectator, or OTRD director will be asked to leave the event. If the spectator fails to leave upon request, law enforcement authorities may be called to remove the spectator.

Any adult that commits a second similar offense will be banned from OTRD events for the remainder of the season.

Any adult who physically assaults an official, coach, or OTRD director will be banned from OTRD for one year from the date of the offense. After one year, the parent may apply for reinstatement. If the adult commits a second offense, he or she will be permanently banned from OTRD.

The term physical assault includes, but is not limited to: hitting, slapping, pushing, spitting, kicking or striking in anyway with any part of the body or any physical implement.

Any coach of OTRD Youth Gridiron Football Club who gets removed from a game will be suspended to coach the following game. If a coach gets removed from a game the second time, he/she will not be able to coach the remainder of the season and will have to meet with OTRD supervisor and board of director to petition to coach again for the Oregon Trail Rec District.



Goals

1. Have FUN!! Make sure our players are having fun playing and learning the GAME of Football.
2. Development is top priority.
3. Teaching these kids, the **techniques**, and **basics** of the game.
4. Giving these young athletes a great experience that will make them WANT to come back next year. **End every practice, event, or game on a positive note.**

Preliminary/Registration –

1. The OTRD's Gridiron Football Club will be open to any all-boys and girls from school years 3rd grade to 6th, while we will openly accept 3rd graders, we want parents to recognize the youth will be placed on a fourth grade team and will compete with children typically one year older in age.
2. Age groups will be divided by grade, with the exclusion of 3rd and 4th grades being combined.
3. Prior to contact participation, the youth must have a signed liability waiver on file with OTRD's records.
4. All players will be required to have a physical valid within a two-year time period. For example, all new players will be required to obtain a physical and any athlete involved with the club for more than two years.

Participation

1. The GFC will encourage teams to convene/practice at a minimum of 3 times per week with a maximum of 4 occurrences per week including games.
2. It is up to the discretion of the GFC leadership board to organize and assemble teams. Typically, it is desirable to have team capacities from 24-28 players. If the reception is such that the number of athletes wanting to play is greater than the team limit, then the teams will be split based on geographical areas, meaning Burley East will be composed of athletes from White Pines and Dworshak elementary schools and Burley West will be composed of athletes from Mt. View and John Evans elementary schools.
3. If the number of athletes from other areas is great enough, they will be placed on a team representing the area in which they live, e.g. If enough Oakley athletes sign up with the GFC, then Oakley will have a team, the same applies for Declo and Minidoka County collectively. If the numbers from the previously mentioned areas are not enough to constitute a full team, then the athletes from those areas will be dispersed to teams on an as needed basis.

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- IF YOU ARE SICK PLEASE STAY HOME
- Please avoid players from sharing snacks.