

Cottonwood Heights Youth Flag Football

Since the league's inception in 2015, the purpose has been pretty simple – play football and have fun doing it. Over the years, and as different coordinators have come and gone, their good intentions aside, rules and guidelines have slowly deviated from the leagues' original objectives and purpose.

Based on the evaluation of previous seasons, feedback from parents/coaches (via surveys, email, etc.), unprecedented roster and game situations, tied to the analysis of other leagues (specifically Jr. Jazz and AYSO soccer), moving forward, you'll see the following (but not limited to) starting in the fall of 2019:

- Emphasis on the playing experience and skill development and a continued effort to avoid dwelling on wins and losses. (i.e., players will have equal playing time and get equal opportunity to play desired positions).
- Volunteers who would like to coach must be the parent or legal guardian of a player on the same team.
- Coaches will agree to an enforced code of conduct and will be expected to help parents abide by the same expectations.
- Rosters will be determined at the sole discretion of CHRC, based on the specific questions asked in registration.
 - o Each participant may make only ONE friend request. Friend requests must be reciprocal and even so, are not guaranteed.
 - o Coach requests for specific players on their team will not be honored.
 - o Requests to play for a specific coach or on a specific team will not be honored.
- Hired referees will not officiate games in which siblings/relatives are playing.
- Referees additionally will receive training to better help them control games, start and end them on time.
- Rule book will be thoroughly evaluated and revised accordingly, be more readily accessible, and in the future, will only be revised by the department manager.
- Fields will have additional lines painted to help enforce neutral and no-running zones.

Registration, by the way, will be **ONLINE ONLY** due to added parameters and questions.

I understand that the changes may cause some players and/or teams to play elsewhere, and if that is the case, I'll genuinely be happy to refer you to a league which provides the competitive aspects we avoid. Note that we do not frown on competition (*and I fully recognize it is an inherit part of any sporting experience*), but with the various negative aspects plaguing youth sports today, we'll stick to our simple goal of providing an introductory, fun-focused football experience to our community's younger players.

Thank you for your support over these past several seasons, we'll continue to evaluate and improve as we go. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

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