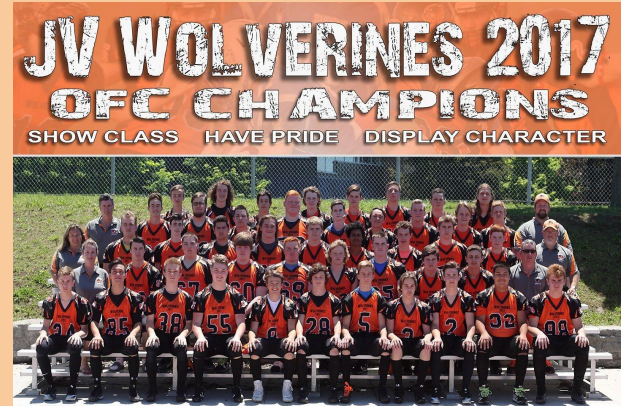


PETERBOROUGH WOLVERINES

PARENT HANDBOOK



Football is Family!

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WELCOME TO THE WOLVERINES

The Peterborough Wolverines are a AA competitive “rep” football Club that was formed in 2010 with one team, and over the years has grown to 5 teams for youth aged 8-18 years. In our short existence, the club has been very successful, capturing several Conference championships and 2 Provincial championships. Achieving these feats, while preparing players for successful journeys in OUA, NCAA, CJFL, and even the CFL, and in 2023 one of our Alumni joined the NFL!



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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



Your player is about to play the ultimate team sport. No other team sport is as inclusive as Football is, with opportunities for all youth to play regardless of size, shape, or speed.

Over the next 5 months, our coaches will teach your athlete the skills needed to be successful at this game... but this game teaches so much more. Your athlete will also walk away with lessons on accountability, teamwork, discipline, initiative, & respect for themselves and others - just to name a few. Some will also form bonds with players & coaches that will last a lifetime. If you have been involved with this sport, you have seen it change young lives.

Ironically, with such inclusivity, Football remains very exclusive, with a very small percentage of the population playing the sport. This sets up for a very tight knit group of people around the sport.

A Community. A family.

Welcome to the Wolverines family!

EXECUTIVE & COACHES

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PARENT/COACH CODE OF CONDUCT



The Peterborough Wolverines is a not-for-profit organization, run strictly by volunteers who work countless hours each year to provide a safe & organized rep team of youth football.

This parent/coach code of conduct is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of rules concerning parent/coach behaviour. Please review our complete Code of Conduct on our website

www.peterboroughwolverines.ca to retain a copy.

Parent/Coach Code of Conduct

- Encourage & support every child's experience and play on the field
- Encourage good sportsmanship & self-discipline of each athlete through example - remembering winning isn't everything, acknowledge good plays/performances of both teams on the field
- Support each coach, manager, player and team staff with no harassment of any kind
- Respect officials & accept their decisions on the field
- Familiarize myself with the rules of the game
- Comply with the rules, policies, & procedures of the team, the club, and the facility
- Not use any wide-spread social media communication channels (Facebook, email, texting, etc) to communicate any offensive, abusive, or insulting remarks towards any other player, official, parents, coaches, team support staff, or executive members
- **Failure to comply will result in a meeting with a disciplinary committee & board review**

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT



The Peterborough Wolverines is a not-for-profit organization, run strictly by volunteers who work countless hours each year to provide a safe & organized rep team of youth football.

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Player Code of Conduct

- Remember that all coaches & officials are there to help me, & I will show them respect, play by the rules & in the spirit of the game
- Not use any wide-spread social media (Snapchat, email, texting, etc) to communicate any offensive, abusive, or insulting remarks towards any other player, official, parents, coaches, team support staff, or executive members
- Respect all equipment & facilities provided for my use
- Show good sportsmanship, remembering winning isn't everything, and I will acknowledge all good plays/performances - those of both my team and my opponents
- Act in a respectful manner with no harassment of any kind towards all coaches, officials, & players on both teams (ZERO tolerance)
- **Failure to comply will result in a meeting with a disciplinary committee & board review**

EQUIPMENT



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- All equipment (helmet, shoulder pads, pants & belt) are on **loan** to each athlete for the season
- No equipment is to be altered & must be **returned** at the end of the season in a **CLEAN** & unaltered state. If there is an issue with your equipment, please speak to your team manager or coach
- **Helmet visors:** Helmet visors are only permitted if required for a specific medical condition, with accompanying documentation from a physician. IF a visor is needed to be worn, **ONLY CLEAR** visors are permitted as athlete's eyes need to be clearly visible.
- We **MUST** treat all field equipment with care during practices (eg. no sitting on the tackle bags, etc). We also need to ensure that it is stored properly in the bunker, in such a way that we can access it easily (eg. piled in an orderly fashion and not a disorganized heap; and none of it left on the field after the last teams has finished for the night)
- We **MUST** treat our personal equipment with respect - no sitting on helmets, no leaving it on the field after a practice or game. This is the responsibility of each athlete, not parents/coaches/team support staff
- We **MUST** treat ALL dressing rooms with respect - **DO NOT** leave any personal belongings behind, **DO NOT** leave any trash laying around

SAFETY



SAFE CONTACT

Every child playing tackle football in Canada must go through Football Canada's **Safe Contact** programming before they are allowed to be put into a drill or game where they will be making contact with another player.

Our Wolverines coaches are all certified in **Safe Contact** programming, and **Recognizing Signs & Symptoms of Concussions**. They will spend time teaching players how to tackle safely from many angles. The programming focuses on keeping the head & neck safe while performing various types of tackles.

NO Wolverines player will be allowed to participate in contact drills until the Coaches have successfully completed the programming with that player.

We ask **ALL** parents to appreciate the importance of this programming & do all they can to make sure their athlete makes all scheduled practices. Also, we ask **ALL** parents to inform us of any changes in their athletes medical condition.

It is important that your athlete stay hydrated, especially during the hot summer months, please ensure they drink lots of water during the day every day. We are on the hot turf for long hours, with little to no shade.

GAME DAY RESPONSIBILITIES

As the home team, we are responsible for setting up the field for the first game of the day, and putting everything away after the last game of the day.



- Yard markers need to be placed on both sides of the field - yellow on bench side & orange on bleacher side
- Sponsor boards need to be placed along the track in front of the bleachers
- The pole protector pads needs to be attached to both uprights
- The "sticks" need to be placed on the field (1 down marker, 2 yard markers on a chain)
- Cones need to be placed at the large field entrance from the parking lot at the bottom of the hill to indicate no parking, in case of emergency
- We need volunteers during each game to collect entry fees \$5 pp/\$25 per family at both the "accessible gate" at the north end of the parking lot, and the "pedestrian gate" at the bottom of the hill. We use the larger gate at the bottom of the hill, and block off the pass through entrance
- We need 3 volunteers to hold the "sticks" during each game - on the side of the field, move as per referee direction
- Someone to place garbage pails by both benches with clear bags inside for each game, and remove the full bags afterwards

CONCESSIONS



As per OSFL guidelines, each home team is responsible for offering concessions during game day. The Wolverines organization has been commended by many over the years, including the OSFL executive, for our game day experience. It is all thanks to our many volunteers that make it happen!!

As a result, we need several volunteers to run the food concession and swag shop during each game (we also give community service hours to students):

- Someone to BBQ burgers and hot dogs & a bun wrangler
- Someone to collect beverages from the coolers & someone to help with swag
- Someone to collect money (must be over 19 yrs)

COMMUNICATION

The Wolverines use an app called Teamlinkt as the primary communication tool between team staff & parents.

As players are assigned to teams, the team managers will send out a link to the app via email. Parents can download the app to their phone, or on a laptop/computer.



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