

Chilliwack Giants Information Bulletin

Welcome to Chilliwack Minor Football. The association is known as "The Chilliwack Giants". We are a charitable volunteer organization registered under the Societies Act. We endeavor to provide the opportunity for children to play football from ages six to eighteen. The majority of our money is raised through parent and children participation in fund raising events. The club has an annual operating budget of \$125,000.00 of which approximately 1/3 is raised through registration fees. Unlike other sports, such as hockey, parents **are not responsible** for buying football equipment for their child. The equipment is worth \$600.00- 800.00 per child, and is supplied by the club. Registration fees go towards paying for new equipment and uniforms, field rental, referee fees, insurance for players and club members, insurance for club assets, league fees and the daily running of the club.

To insure against loss of equipment, parents will be required to provide to the club at the time of issuance of the equipment, a post dated cheque for December 1st in the amount of \$250.00. This cheque will be returned to you upon the return of all the loaned football equipment. Failure to return the equipment to the club will result in the

club cashing your cheque to cover the cost of the missing or damaged equipment.

Volunteers

The club relies on volunteers to operate. Without the volunteers, the club would have to charge another \$300.00 - 350.00 per player. This would mean putting the game of football out of reach of many parents, especially those with two or three children playing. In order to distribute the work load between parents, our team managers along with our volunteer coordinator will contact you to see where you fit into our volunteer program. We are looking for parents to contribute no less than 10 hours volunteer time during the season. This may range from working in the concession, to holding the down and yard markers for a game, or helping set up the game field or picking up the garbage at the end of home games, selling 50/50 tickets at home games or raffle tickets at a special fundraiser. Parents who are already working as coaches, trainers, managers or executive members are not required to volunteer additional time. We also recognize that there are parents who, because of work commitments and other family priorities are unable to

volunteer. Upon registration, you will be requested to provide a post dated cheque for \$100.00 for **December 1**. Provided you have completed your minimum 10 hours of volunteer work, you will have your cheque returned to you. If your family is unable to volunteer during the season, then your cheque will be cashed and the monies will go towards the operating costs of the club. These two policies were agreed to and voted on at the Annual General Meeting in January 1999.

Fundraising

Most of the club's income, comes from fundraising, usually by ticket raffles held during home games and special functions. The club seeks the assistance of parents who either own businesses or work for a company, to donate monies or prizes for the raffles. These prizes will be raffled off at home games and special fund raising events throughout the year. A letter from the club to your business or employer can be obtained from the club president. Those organizations that contribute early in the season will have their names advertised at all of our home games.

Policy on Registration and Refunds

There is a 35 player limit for each team (43 for Midget level). Registration is based on first come first serve, allowing returning players to register first. Once we have reached the limit for registrations for a team, anyone registering after will be placed on the waitlist and will be called if someone drops from the roster. If we have enough players on the waitlist, we will split the roster and form two teams. All registration fees must be paid at the time of registration. We recognize that some parents may have difficulty paying the registration fee all at once, especially those of you who may have more than one child joining the club. If you are unable to pay the registration fee all at once we require a postdated cheque for the outstanding amount at the time of registration. All registration fees must be fully paid by June 1st. However, if your team coach issues football gear before this date, the registration fee must be paid in full before your child may receive their football gear.

Chilliwack Minor Football encourages children of all ages to try playing football. However, some children after attending some of the practices, will decide that football is not for them. The club policy for refunds is as follows:

The date the equipment is returned is considered the quit date. Quit before August 1 - 50% refund; quit after August 1 and before first regular season game – 25% refund. Play one season game - no refund.

Practices & Games

Depending on the coaching staff, practices may begin around May/June. The VCFL requires that teams begin practicing no more than 12 weeks before the start of the regular play season, which usually begins Labour Day weekend. We play Friday night games, and Saturday games. We play approximately 10 weeks, longer if there are exhibition games scheduled, or if your team makes it to the semi finals and finals. The Provincial games are usually played the first week in December at BC Place.

The coaches will contact you as to practice and game information. They also ask that you bring your child to practices on time and pick them up on time.

Please check the website regularly for updated information.

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