

NEW FOUND LIFE YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Home of the MILTON STEELERS

Welcome to New Found Life Youth Football League **HOME** of the **MILTON STEELERS**. We seek to develop well-rounded young people, who will also learn lifetime values such as: self-discipline, teamwork, concentration, friendship, acceptance of others and sportsmanship. We want to instill the importance of giving back to one's community; along with having some fun!

We are a non-profit organization run totally by dedicated volunteers. The Board of Directors, coaches, team moms and all the other people who work behind the scenes giving their time freely. When a child registers to join our organization, each family also becomes members of our FAMILY. As part of **THE MILTON STEELERS** families become our Parent Auxiliary Team. Our success is LARGELY dependent upon the support from our families. ***The saying "it takes a village..." is not just true in parenting. It also applies to youth sports;*** Keeping a team running smoothly is not just the responsibility of the coach, but rather, it requires help at all levels.

Free Football has allowed us the opportunity to bring more families to football without the burden of high registration costs, and has allowed more kids to participate and get active. Having this free programming means we NEED EVERYONE TO PITCH IN AND VOLUNTEER. Here are positions that are needed for every game:

- Practice Squad Help (Circuit Time Keeper)
- Home Games Duties (Chain Crew, Score Keeper)
- Equipment Manager
- Videographer
- Photographer

If you are interested in any of these positions (except for COACHING), please email Kristen Owens at: kristenowens2001@yahoo.com. Please state team/age group you are interested in helping and your players name.

As a league, we will commit to working with your child and teaching them at every practice. It is **imperative** that your child make every effort to attend practice. Practices are important to ensure that the players understand the proper techniques and their individual role when they are on the field. Our focus is on team and individual development, which can only be accomplished through practice. **Your attendance at practices and games is expected. It is mandatory for all players 9U and younger.**

All of our coaches are parents, like you, and all volunteer their time for free. We ask that questions and concerns be addressed in a respectful manner outside of practice time. All parents, players and spectators will be required to adhere to the Milton Steelers Code of Conduct, which can be found on timlester.org. Here is a link to USA football's parent guide: <https://assets.usafootball.com/guides/parent/>

A few things that we want to make parents aware:

1. There will be Fundraising.
2. Parents/ guardians will need to make sure they are on the team **Groupme** and receiving all Steelers emails.
3. Your player must have a physical before they can practice.
4. We will need a copy of your players birth certificate for the league.
5. We will need a copy of your players most recent report card.

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Equipment Policy

Football players will be issued a helmet, shoulder pad, practice and game jersey. Parents are responsible for black cleats and black practice pants which can also be worn as game pants. We will have a vendor come and fit players for game pants. Ordering can be done at that time. All players will need to wear black socks during games.

Upon equipment distribution, a \$260.00 deposit must be given so players can sign out their equipment. **This Check WILL NOT BE CASHED OR DEPOSITED.** When equipment is returned, you will get your SAME check back. If equipment is damaged, we reserve the right to keep 50% of deposit. If you do not sign out a piece of equipment, the fee will be deducted from the total deposit. For example, if you have your own helmet you will not be required to pay a deposit of \$125.00 you will only pay a deposit of \$135.00.

*All rented equipment, including game and practice jerseys, **MUST BE** turned in to the League at the end of the season.

Any equipment not returned will be invoiced to you at the following price schedule:

- HELMET W/ MASK: \$125.00
- SHOULDER PADS: \$45.00
- GAME JERSEYS: \$70.00 per jersey
- PRACTICE JERSEY: \$20.00

TOTAL COST PER PLAYER \$260.00

Practice

Conditioning begins July 17th at Bell Memorial Park Monday-Thursday 6:00-8:00 pm. The official season begins the third week of August and concludes around Mid-November (except for Bowl games and Play-offs).

Any person interested in coaching must complete a coaching application form (found on timlester.org under coaches). Complete a background check with the National Center for Safety Initiatives, LLC (NCSI), and become USA Football Tackle or Flag certified.

If you are interested, please send your completed application to drivingthebus34@gmail.com

Important Dates to Remember: Please mark your calendars!

- **Equipment and Uniform Fitting: June 14th and June 15th 6:00-8:00 pm**
- **Team Meet and Greet: TBA** by each individual team
- **Tackle Tube Clinic USA: June 25th 2:00 -3:30 p.m.** Bell Memorial Park. Hosted by Steve Sloan, USA Football Certified Trainer and Coach. **This Clinic is for Parents and Players. Parents come learn and participate in the skills your players will be learning first hand.**
- **Special Needs Camp: June 28th** (Volunteers from Grades 5th-7th)
- **Drop in Skills and Drills: July 9th Sunday 6:00-8:00 p.m.**
- **Physicals: July 13th 6:00 p.m.** Bell Memorial Park (RSVP at timlester.org by July 1st) **REMINDER: Players cannot condition without a physical; For questions please call 404-838-6722.**
- **Conditioning: July 17th** at Bell Memorial Park 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- **Equipment Distribution: July 20th, 21st and July 24th 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**
- **Coaches Clinic: TBA**
- **Old Soldiers Day Parade: August 5th**

Drop in Sundays Football Skills and Drills- TBA

Inclement Weather Policy:

If you see Lightning, clear the field immediately!!!

If you are on the field and you see Lightning, parents should make their player's coach aware in case he/she did not see it.

Bell Memorial Park Lightning Protocol:

1. One long blast – **LIGHTNING IS DETECTED** – get off the field, dugouts and stands and get to safety. (Under the Pavilion)
Yellow light stays on if lightning is detected.
2. Three short blasts – **ALL CLEAR**, resume activities
3. Two short blasts – System malfunction - repair needed league will inform Parks and Rec Department
4. We will typically wait **5-10 minutes** after the last lightning to see if the **ALL Clear Blast Sounds**. At that point we will determine if practice will continue for the evening.
5. We are **COMMITTED** to providing our players with a safe environment. There is no reasonable justification for jeopardizing the safety of our kids. When a Thunderstorm is brewing and Lightning has been spotted, it is imperative that our coaches take it upon themselves to play it safe and clear the field right away. We realize weather related situations can cause a great deal of inconvenience but this is a temporary scenario.

If there is a chance for inclement weather, DO NOT go home and leave your child at the field. Coaches cannot leave the field until all children are picked up.

Parents Code of Ethics:

As adults we set an example for our children participating in the program will follow.

The following code of ethics is to be adhered to by all adults:

1. Refrain from “sideline coaching”. It is inappropriate for parents to coach players from the sideline. Not only does it de-value the coaching staff but it also confuses the player. Let the coaching staff, that has been approved by the board of directors, do their job. Offer encouragement and positive reinforcement. A sure way to dampen a child’s enthusiasm is with constant criticism. Parents should not embarrass their child by calling attention to them through loud, obnoxious, or rude behavior.
2. Do not criticize coaches or players on our own or opposing teams by word of mouth or gesture. Remember that your child learns more from your actions than your words. Practice good sportsmanship by being respectful to other players, parents, and coaches on both teams. Cheer for our team rather than against our opponents. Parents should respect the officials and their calls. It’s okay to disagree but inappropriate to disparage.
3. Accept the decisions of game officials as being fair and being called to the best of their ability.
4. Non-certified adults may not enter the playing field for any reason.
5. Occasionally, you may disagree with the way the organization is managed or the way your child’s team is coached. As a Family of the Milton Steelers, your opinion is important. If you have suggestions for improvements, let them be known to a Board Member, your coach and at the end of year survey. Sideline gossip does nothing constructive for the children in the program. If you disagree with the way your child’s coach is handling the team or your child, you should take the following steps:
 - Speak to the coach privately. This step resolves most disagreements.
 - If you are not satisfied with the coach’s response or would not feel comfortable speaking with the coaches, speak with the President of the Board of Directors: Alan Brock or the Commissioner of Football: Tim Lester.
 - If the dispute remains unresolved, bring your issues to the next regularly scheduled board of directors meeting.
 - These steps have been implemented into the New-Found Life Youth Football League protocol.

Fundraising

All Milton Steelers players will be required to do two fundraisers during the season.

Fundraising Benefits:

There are several benefits to participating in youth football fundraising. First and foremost, it will allow us to raise money for the program. Beyond that, it teaches the players many skills they will need off the field, including how to properly approach people, how to sell and what it takes to earn money for a cause they support.

We will have two fundraisers this season:

Fancloth: July 17th

We will be selling Steelers apparel.

Laundry Detergent: September 4th

Laundry Mama Inc. offers the actual laundry and cleaning products you would go buy at a store like Wal-Mart or Kroger. Their products are not watered down and they are not homemade. All items come directly to Laundry Mama's warehouse directly from the manufacturer, such as Tide, Gain and Dawn. Our goal is for every player to sell 4 tubs of detergent

You can also support the Milton Steelers through AmazonSmile when you shop on Amazon as so many of us do.

What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support.

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked “Eligible for AmazonSmile donation” on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

As you will see, we are committed to playing hard and having fun. We look forward to working with you and your child to have another great season!