



Welcome to the City of San Clemente Friday Night Football youth league. This a recreation league and the philosophy of the program is "Everyone Plays!" The primary goals of the program are: 1) encourage fun, 2) model sportsmanship, 3) encourage skill development, 4) and promote teamwork. We ask all parents to help us promote and support this philosophy on and off the field.

Below are important dates and information that will assist you throughout the season:

### **SKILLS ASSESSMENT**

**Thursday, August 15th AND Friday, August 16th, 2024 for Divisions A, B, & C only.**

Vista Hermosa Sports Park Football Field

### **THURSDAY August 15th**

**DIVISION C:** 3rd and 4th grade, last names A-Mc: 5 p.m.

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### **FRIDAY August 16th**

**DIVISION B:** 5th and 6th grade, 5:00 p.m.

**DIVISION A:** 7th and 8th grade, 5:45 p.m.

- Skills Assessments are for players in Divisions A, B, and C only.
  - **No skills assessment is required for Division D.**
- Players will be evaluated on a scale of 1 to 5 by City Recreation staff.
- These are not tryouts; it is a skills assessment. Everyone who registers will play.
- The skills assessment could take up to 45 minutes. Each division is scheduled for a time slot. Please arrive 10-15 minutes before the appropriate time listed above for check-in.

### **TEAM PLACEMENT**

- All teams will consist of 8-10 players
- Siblings are automatically placed on the same team if they are in the same division, unless requested otherwise.
- Players will **not** be assigned to teams based on individual player practice day requests.
- Any coaching requests will need to be placed with that specific Coach.
- Requests may **not** be guaranteed.

Players in Divisions A, B, & C that attend the skills assessment will receive a skill level rating and be entered into the Player Skill Level Process. Recreation staff will use this to build balanced teams based on a player's skill level rating. Players who do not participate in the skills assessment will be placed on a team after all other players have been assigned to a team. Coaches and Assistant Coaches' children will be placed on the same team using the player skill level process.

**All Division A, B, & C** Coaches must submit their Asst. Coach's names, player list request by 5 p.m. on Thursday August 15, 2024 to Alex Magallanes ([magallanesa@san-clemente.org](mailto:magallanesa@san-clemente.org)). Any late submissions may not be considered.

**Division D** teams will be created randomly by the recreation staff or Head Coach. Carpool, Coach, and same-team requests are permitted. All requests must be submitted in writing to Alex Magallanes ([magallanesa@san-clemente.org](mailto:magallanesa@san-clemente.org)) by 5 p.m. on Thursday, August 15, 2024.

**PRACTICES:** Practices begin the week of September 2, 2024, for all divisions. Each team is limited to one (1) practice per week. The practice site and time will be chosen by the Coach. It is the sole responsibility of the parent to provide transportation for their child to and from practices and games. Practices may be held between the hours of 4-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

### **CAN I REQUEST THAT MY CHILD PRACTICE, OR NOT PRACTICE, ON CERTAIN DAYS?**

No. Practices are scheduled by the Coach to fit their schedule.

### **WHAT SIZE BALL DOES EACH DIVISION USE**

The ball sizes are as follows:

Division A: Youth Size

Division B & C: Junior Size

Division D: Pee-Wee Size

**GAMES:** Games will begin on Friday, September 13, 2024. Each team will play at least one game per week, for a total of (8) games, including a playoff and/or consolation game. Games are played on Fridays between 4 – 9 p.m. Times will vary depending on age group and the number of teams. The season will conclude with playoffs (single elimination) and consolation games on November 8<sup>th</sup> and championship games on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Games canceled due to inclement weather will be rescheduled.

**UNIFORMS:** Uniforms will be provided by the league – jersey & shorts. Mouth guards can be worn, but not required and will need to be purchased by parents separately. To ensure that all teams receive their uniforms promptly, uniforms will be ordered based on average sizing. Uniforms will be distributed to the players before the first game. Metal cleats are prohibited.

**REFUNDS:** Before first league games, refunds/credits will be issued minus an \$8 administration fee. After the first league game, no refunds or credits will be issued.

Additional league information, including the rules and guidelines, are available on the City of San Clemente website on the youth sports page at [san-clemente.org/sports](http://san-clemente.org/sports).