

What's Next for Football Parents?

- **All players must have their age and address verified in their record.**
 - Please check in the parent portal under parent account details next to Birth Certificate Status and Address Verification Status. If verified your player is good. If unverified you can upload a picture of your athlete's **birth certificate** by clicking upload birth certificate and follow the steps.
- **Address verification will work online using PNM or NM Gas Bill.**
 - To verify the address click upload address certificate, you will have to type in the address exactly how it looks on your bill AND upload a picture or pdf of your PNM or NM Gas bill. You will be asked to type in and select the correct address on the map. Once you do so you should get a green check mark if that is the correct address on your player's record. If not, you will get an "X" stating it was not able to verify.
 - If you're having trouble uploading either the birth certificate or proof of address, please bring a copy of your athlete's birth certificate and proof of address within 10 days to the YAFL office at 5300 Ponderosa Ave NE 87110 (see website for hours).
- All Head Coaches are required to hold a team meeting prior to each of our seasons. The coach will contact you a few weeks before the start of the season with details about practice days, times and location.
- Find your player's Head Coach by logging into the website and click on Parent Portal – Parent Account Details – Scroll down and under your players name you will see coaches' info once a coach is assigned.
- If you registered with a partial payment, Balance must be paid in full prior to your player receiving equipment. **Stay on track towards a complete registration by paying \$30 towards your balance weekly!**
- If you registered for both Spring and Fall Tackle and your player is 9-14U, your account balance must be \$230 or less by March 10th, players ages 7-8U your account balance must be \$180 by March 10th.
- **Flag players do not need to come to get equipment,** the coach will provide the flags during practice.
- **If you are a NEW player or returned your 2024 equipment after December 6th you will be required to pay a refundable equipment deposit fee of \$75 prior to getting equipment for the 2025 seasons.** If you return your equipment before December 6th of the current year, you will NOT be required to pay a deposit the next year.
- **All Varsity players are required to pay a refundable equipment deposit fee of \$75 prior to getting equipment for the 2025 seasons.**
- You will receive your \$75 refund by mail 3-4 weeks after returning the equipment to the NMYAFL office.

Spring Season

- Spring account balances must be paid in full by March 10th.
- The first practice is March 24th, and the first games are on April 5th.
- Spring Tackle Players: be sure that you bring your child to get their picture taken and to pick up equipment on any of the following dates:

- 1 Mar 2025 from 9am-2pm
- 8 Mar 2025 from 9am-2pm
- 22 Mar 2025 from 9am-2pm
- If you have your own equipment, please bring in your player w/equipment on one of the dates above to get checked and to get their picture taken.
- If you need your player to weigh in due to moving down an age group. Be sure to communicate with NMYAFL staff/volunteers during equipment issue.
- If you are waiving up your player to play up by one age, a Waiver form must be filled out by parent in the YAFL office.
- The last regular season Spring games are on May 10th, the **Spring Semi-Finals** will be on May 17th and **Championships** on May 18th.
- Your child must return the helmet and shoulder pads immediately to the NMYAFL office following his last spring game unless he is already registered for our Fall season in which case you may keep the equipment for the Fall season.

Fall Season

- Fall account balances must be paid in full by June 1st.
- The first practice is on July 21st and the first games are on Aug. 9th. If your child played in Spring, he may have retained his equipment from the Spring Season.
- Fall Tackle Players: be sure that you bring your child to pick up equipment on any of the following dates:
 - 28 June 2025 from 9am-2pm
 - 12 July 2025 from 9am-2pm
 - 19 July 2025 from 9am-2pm
- If you have your own equipment, please bring in your player w/equipment on one of the dates above to get checked and to get their picture taken if they did not do this for the spring season.
- If you need your player to weigh in due to moving down an age group. Be sure to communicate with NMYAFL staff/volunteers during equipment issue.
- If you are waiving up your player to play up by one age, a Waiver form must be filled out by parent and signed by coach by June 30th.
- This year we will have August 30th, Labor Day weekend off with NO GAMES scheduled! Coaches may schedule practice the week before and the week after.
- The last regular season Fall games are on Oct. 4th, the **Fall Playoffs** will be on Oct. 11, Oct. 18/19, Oct. 25/26, and **Championships** on Nov. 2nd.
- Your child must return the helmet and shoulder pads immediately to the NMYAFL office following his last Fall game.
- Equipment is due by Dec. 1st to avoid having to pay an equipment deposit fee for the next year.