

ROCKET FOOTBALL INFORMATION FOR 2008
PLEASE KEEP THIS INFORMATION UNTIL THE SEASON ENDS
PARENTS YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS INFORMATION PLEASE READ COMPLETELY.

Please note: if your child is involved in other activities (catechism or school activities) it will be difficult and maybe impossible to satisfy your schedule. **You must** be flexible.

League age is your child's age on November 1 of current year.

8 and 9 year old division weight limit	125
10 and 11 year old division weight limit	145
12 to 14 year old division weight limit	170

Weight limits are strictly enforced! If your child is over weight s/he will NOT be allowed to play in the games. Weight is checked before each game!

We are members of The Northern Rocket Football League, which is a **travel league**. We play Greenville, Sparta, East Grand Rapids, Northview, Lowell, Comstock Park, Rockford, Cedar Springs and North Park, Kentwood and Caledonia. There is a possibility of traveling farther. The schedule is set by the league on a strength basis. Each week we are notified as to when and where the teams will play the following Saturday. There is NO LOCAL CONTROL OF THE SCHEDULE! **Games may be played at 8:30 AM or as late as 8:30 PM. The season consists of 7 games.**

There is a possibility that one of our teams will receive a bye if there are an odd number of teams in an age group. Byes are drawn out of a hat. If games are cancelled for any reason they will NOT be made up. No refunds will be given.

Our home games are played on the Varsity field. We may be asked to move to the practice field **at any time**. If Coopersville's first playoff game is home ALL of our games will be away.

The NRFL conducts a team draft. We have no control over the make up of teams. **Requests can not be granted.**

Each team will have more away games than home games.

Players are responsible for their own equipment. Which includes helmet, shoulder pads, pants with pads, shoes (NO METAL CLEATS no screw-in cleats) and mouth guard. We provide the jerseys, **which MUST be returned after the last game!!**

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If you are interested in coaching there is a mandatory meeting you MUST attend. Call or e-mail for details. NO ONE MAY BE ON THE SIDELINES WITHOUT THE NRFL ID CARD.

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday August 16 Football Clinic with Varsity Coach Jim Meerman and team! The Clinic will be held from 12:00 until 2:00. Meet at the varsity football field. Kids should wear shorts, tee shirt and cleats. Helmet and shoulder pads are not required. Coach Meerman **would like to meet with all of our coaches from 11:00 until 12:00 at the same location.**

Wednesday August 20: NRFL officials set team rosters. Players should be contacted by their coach shortly after the 15th.

Monday August 25: first day teams will be allowed to practice (non-contact). Your child's coach will contact you with a day, time, and location.

Tuesday September 2: first day contact practice will be allowed! Your coach will contact you with your team's date, time and place!

Saturday September 13 Season opener
Saturday October 25 Season Ends

QUESTIONS, CALL THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT 997-9731

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You may check the weekly schedule and download maps at www.cityofcoopersville.com

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