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## **FALCON YOUTH RUGBY CLUB**

INFORMATION PACKET 2023 - 2024



The Falcon Youth Rugby Club (FYRC) is a 501(C)3 non-profit organization based in Klein, TX. We believe Youth Rugby is all about developing youth, building healthy relationships, and leveraging parent, work, and community contacts.



The mission of Falcon Youth Rugby is to promote youth rugby, introducing boys and girls to a controlled and safe environment and experience. We encourage the players to acquire beginner to advanced rugby skills and abilities to compete and advance within the sport while having fun. We strengthen our club by fostering an inspirational, inclusive, safe, and enjoyable atmosphere. This is accomplished through teamwork, respect, discipline, and sportsmanship both on and off the field.

#### Season Schedule

October 1, 2023 - November 30, 2023: Preseason, Free-to-Play

December 1, 2023 - May 6, 2024: 15s Season

May 19, 2024 – July 31, 2024: Summer 7s, JH/HS Tournaments

October 1, 2023 – July 31, 2024: Fundraising, Recruiting, & Rugby Camps

This Information Packet is designed to give each family the information necessary to decide if they are ready for the commitment necessary to participate a Youth Rugby season. Please take the time to thoroughly read the packet, and if you have any questions, please give us a call. Good luck to everyone, and we look forward to another fantastic and successful Falcon Youth Rugby Season!

Cheers,
Coach and Janet



### Why Rugby?

Rugby is arguably the greatest sport to teach camaraderie, sportsmanship, and relentless respect for your team, your opposition, officials, and fans. The vast majority of those who play rugby find a passion that they cannot ignore and a brotherhood that serves them for life. The Rugby culture facilitates and demands all participants to act within the guidelines of this culture. Living and playing in this culture influences one's actions on and off the field and strengthens the character of its participants.

The 2023-2024 Practice Schedule will be posted on the website (www.falconyouthrugby.org) and on SportYou.com.

All athletes must be registered and have dues paid prior to their first practice of the season. Practices begin Sunday, December 3rd.



#### **Games & Practices**

The Farm League Park, 19717 Stuebner Airline Rd, **Spring, TX 77379** 

#### **Tuesdays & Thursdays**

5:30 - 7:30 pm

#### Sundays

3:00 - 5:00 pm

#### **REGISTRATION**

There is an annual Falcon Player Registration Fee of \$50.00. This includes a yard sign, a Falcon car decal, and a Falcon practice jersey for the athlete. Practice jerseys should be worn to each practice. Additional jerseys can be purchased for \$45.00 and car decals for \$10.00 through the Team website. All athletes must be registered with USA Rugby, Rugby Texas, and Falcon Rugby to compete in all tournaments.

All athletes joining the 2023-2024 season will need to follow the registration Steps 1 - 6 located on our website below to register with USA Rugby, Order Uniforms, and our Falcon Youth Rugby Billing System. Please make sure to read over all the Rules & Policies, Waivers, and Terms & Conditions. (Click the link below to complete your 2023-2024 registration).

https://falconyouthrugby.org/

#### 2024 Season Dues

We are excited to announce this season Falcon will have a monthly payment plan as well as a one-time payment option. If you opt for the monthly payment plan, you will have your credit card setup to automatically charge the first of each month, December through April. If your card is declined, your card will be re-attempted on the 6<sup>th</sup> with a \$10 late fee. Dues pay for field time and team equipment. Dues are non-refundable after January 1<sup>st</sup>.

	Single payment	Monthly payment
U6 Dues	\$100.00	\$21.00
U8 Dues	\$200.00	\$42.00
U10 Dues	\$350.00	\$73.50
U12 Dues	\$350.00	\$73.50
JR High	\$350.00	\$73.50
High School	\$350.00	\$73.50

Family discount for multiple athletes is only available for a single payment. The family discount will be 10% off the lower of the athlete(s).

#### **Uniforms (Kit)**

We will be having two uniforms try-on days this year. All players will be required to purchase a new uniform and be sized during one of the two sizing dates. Uniforms will be:

U6 – Only the Jersey is required \$60, any black soccer shorts and black knee length socks (falcon socks may be purchased for \$15).

U8 and above – Full kit is required (Jersey, shorts, and socks) \$130.00.

Uniform fees will be charged to the card on file December 5, 2023, to ensure we are able to receive uniforms in time for the first tournament.

#### **Fundraising**

Falcon Rugby will be having several fundraising events throughout the season. Each athlete will be required to fundraise a minimum of \$50.00. Any spirit night the athlete attends, they will receive credit for the percentage of time they were in attendance (ie: if the event is 2 hours, the total raised was \$500, 10 athletes in total, each hour would give \$25 credit per athlete). Athletes will wear their kit during the spirit night.

Other fundraising activities will include online fundraising that will be shipped directly to the purchaser, so the families do not have to deliver goods and out of town family/friends can participate.

Athletes that have not met the fundraising minimum by May 1 will have the balance billed to the card on file.

#### **Additional Expenses/Information**

Falcon Rugby may be attending some tournaments that are not in the Houston area. All athletes and their families are responsible for their own travel expenses. We will attempt to stay in the same hotel, but this is not required.

All players will be required to wear their kit to all tournaments. Any lost kit will need to be replaced at the cost of \$130.00. Please note we do not keep extra in the inventory and the turnaround time is 3-4 weeks. Athletes will not be able to play in a tournament without their kit (USARugby/RugbyTX Rules).

The Falcon Rugby logo (Copyright) will not be used without the written permission of the Executive Board. Falcon Rugby is in the process of creating family spirit wear that can be ordered through our website.

Each age group will have a team parent to ensure the athletes are at the pitch for each game, stay rested during breaks, and coordinate snacks. Each team parent will work together with the other team's parents for snacks and drinks.

The coaches will use GroupMe and SportYou apps to communicate practice changes, tournament updates etc. There will be a GroupMe for the entire team and coaches, one SportYou for each specific team and team parents.

If you have any questions:

#### **Executive Board (EB)**

Coaching Head Coach Bryan Siltanen 832-244-4475

Administrative, payments, volunteering CFO Janet Siltanen 832-244-6558

#### **Volunteer positions:**

Coaching – contact Bryan (training provided – you do not have to be at all practices)

Fundraising committee (one lead and others to assist)

Networking/communications committee (one lead and others to assist)

Team parent coordinator – communications to Head Coach and CFO

Team parents (one parent for each age group)