

## Slinger Gridiron Club Information

*This information may be subject to change and if so, will be communicated via the web site and e-mail to all families. It is your responsibility to notify the club of any e-mail or contact changes by sending to [slinger.gridiron@gmail.com](mailto:slinger.gridiron@gmail.com).*

### RESIDENCY

Athletes do not need to reside within the Slinger School District boundaries to be eligible to play for the Slinger Gridiron Club. Athletes must attend a school within the Slinger School District for a minimum of two years to be eligible to play for the football organization.

### AGE

No athletes can participate on or after their 15th birth date. 7th and 8th grade players must be younger than 15 years of age. 6th grade players must be 12 years of age or younger.

### 2021 FOOTBALL REGISTRATION & FEES

Register [Here](#)

- Registration fee: \$200 for each child
- Participation fee: \$250 per family. The fee is retained and then returned at the end of youth football club participation if a minimum of six hours of club participation per year is completed by the family. You pay the fee one time IF you complete the required hours each year. If you do not complete the hours, then you forfeit the fee and pay an additional \$250 when you register for another year of play and each year after if the hours are not completed
- If you are unable to pay the full fees at the time of registration, check the option to pay in increments or check the option to mail payment and complete the fee waiver form found [here](#).
- \$25 late fee for registrations made after the equipment hand-out in early June.

### 2021 CHERLEADING REGISTRATION & FEES

Register [Here](#)

- Registration fee: \$0 for each child
- Participation fee: \$150 per family. The fee is retained and then returned at the end of youth football club participation if a minimum of six hours of club participation per year is completed by the family. You pay the fee one time IF you complete the required hours each year. If you do not complete the hours, then you forfeit the fee and pay an additional \$150 when you register for another year of play and each year after if the hours are not completed
- Uniforms: Cheerleaders are required to purchase uniforms (yours to keep) which will be updated every other year. Female cheerleaders will also need poms (\$20/pair - yours to keep); returning cheerleaders may use their poms from last year.
- Other fees: Cheerleaders may be asked to help defray any costs associated with necessary safety considerations, training and/or certifications

### FOOTBALL PRACTICE SCHEDULE (subject to change)

**First practice:** First Saturday in **August** from 8:00am -12:00pm at Slinger Middle School.

**Schedule immediately following first Saturday:** Monday – Friday from 5:30-7:30pm at Slinger Middle School.

**Schedule until school starts:** Monday – Thursday from 5:30-7:30pm at Slinger Middle School.

**Once school starts:** Tuesday – Thursday from 5:00-7:00pm at Slinger Middle School. As sunset becomes earlier, practices will end earlier (at times set by the Coaching Director).

## **CHEERLEADING PRACTICE SCHEDULE (subject to change)**

**First practice:** First Saturday in **August** from at Slinger Middle School. (Time TBD)

**Schedule immediately following first Saturday through remainder of the season:** Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5:30-7:00pm at Slinger Middle School. As sunset becomes earlier, practices will be held in the Rueckl Pavilion at the middle school.

## **SCRIMMAGES (subject to change)**

Third Saturday in August at Slinger Middle School and Slinger High School – Approx. 8am - noon

Possible second scrimmage on the fourth Saturday in August.

## **YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP**

Usually held on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the second or third week of July at Slinger High School. Costs, schedule and registration is administered by the Slinger Parks and Recreation Department. Slinger High School coaches and players run the clinic, providing instruction on technique, skills and offensive/defensive material specific to our football program. All youth players are highly encouraged to attend.

## **GAME SCHEDULE**

Games are played on Saturdays beginning either the Saturday before or the Saturday after ***Labor Day Weekend***. Last game is end of October (unless an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade team plays a championship game). Although subject to the final league schedule, most 8<sup>th</sup> Grade games start at 9:00 a.m., 7<sup>th</sup> Grade at 11:00am, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade at 1:00pm and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade at 3:00pm. Official schedules for the first six games will be posted on our website when established by the AAYFL and are subject to change by the league. Games 7 and 8 are determined during the week prior to that Saturday. NOTE: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade is only scheduled for seven games; however, we often request an eighth game to provide players with additional playing time.

## **WITHDRAWAL FROM PROGRAM MIDSEASON**

If you need to withdraw from the program after registering and before the season has ended, there is a Fee Withdrawal form found [here](#) with instructions on how to return your equipment and potentially receive a refund. The refund policy is explained on the form.

## **OTHER IMPORTANT DATES (subject to change)**

**First Monday in June: Equipment handout at Slinger High School (times TBD each season)**

Slinger Gridiron provides the following equipment at no additional charge and are required for practices, games or both:

- Helmet (both)
- Shoulder pads (both)
- Practice jersey (practices)
- Game jerseys, pants and belt (games)
- Knee pads (for game pants only)
- One mouthguard (both)

The following equipment will be purchased by the player's family and are required for all practices:

- Football cleats – NO metal spikes (for practices and games)
- Slip-on knee pads – “volleyball” or “wrestling” style
- Five-pad integrated football girdle
- Athletic shorts
- Shirts to wear under shoulder pads

**Mid-July and early August (exact dates TBD):** Online summer apparel sales

**Mid-August (exact dates TBD)**

- Game Jersey handout
- Player weigh-in (required by league rule)
- Team and individual pictures/"Meet the Owls" (usually the same night; held at the high school)

**Friday afternoon Homecoming Parade** – Youth players and cheerleaders are invited to walk in the Homecoming parade immediately after school.

**Youth Night**– Usually the first Varsity home game of the season. Youth players and cheerleaders are allowed into the game free of charge if they're wearing their game jersey / cheer T-shirt. They're also announced/recognized prior to the game and create a tunnel for the Varsity players to enter the field.

**First Friday & Saturday in November: Equipment hand-in at Sno-Bird Storage** (just south of Hwy 60 & just east of Hwy 41).

Please be prepared to make arrangements to send your equipment with someone else if you are unable to attend either hand-in session. All equipment must be returned on one of these dates. Any equipment not returned on time will be considered "missing," and the family will be required to pay the full replacement cost for the missing item(s).

**SLINGER GRIDIRON CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*Contact info can be found on the club website*

**President** Bill Brewer

**Treasurer** Courtney Muska

**Secretary** Jason Ford

**Participation Director** Gwen Benz

**Youth Football Director** Becky Fisher

**Marketing Director** VACANT elections 2021

**Coaching Director** Bob Boden

**High School Liaison & Varsity Coach** Bill Jacklin

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