



NAME _____

GRADE IN FALL _____

NEW OR RETURNING

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AMERICAN YOUTH FOOTBALL

Participation, Tracking and ID Card - All-American Division



ASSOCIATION NAME - _____

ASSOCIATION

ASSOCIATION NAME	PLACE PHOTO / DMV / MILITARY ID CARD HERE
DIVISION OF PLAY - TEAM NAME	
PARTICIPANT NAME	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> _____ _____ _____ </div> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;">JERSEY # Grade AGE (7/31)</p>	
PARTICIPANT PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> HOME PHONE WORK PHONE CELL PHONE </div>	

I, Hereby, With My Signature, Do Certify That The Information Below Has Been Collected And Verified By The Means, As A Minimum, As Instructed In The AYF National Rulebook And/Or Operations Manual, Current Version.

Conference Verification Signature/STAMP	OFFICIAL PLAYER CERTIFICATION	Association Verification Signature/STAMP
	LEAGUE USE ONLY	

DATE OF BIRTH:	Age As of 7/31	GRADE / AGE CERTIFICATION	PARTICIPANT CONTRACT	MEDICAL CLEARANCE	WAIVER/ RELEASE	EMERGENCY MEDICAL / CONSENT	SCHOLASTICS
Month / Day / Year							

REGULAR SEASON

POST SEASON

	GAME DATE	PLAYER CHECK	CODE		GAME DATE	PLAYER CHECK	CODE
JAMBOREE				Week 11			
Week 1				Week 12			
Week 2				Week 13			
Week 3				Week 14			
Week 4				Week 15			
Week 5				Week 16			
Week 6				Week 17			
Week 7				Week 18			
Week 8				Week 19			
Week 9				Week 20			
Week 10				Week 21			

INSTRUCTIONS: PLAYER CHECK Will Enter Date, Verify The Identity, Of Each Participant, Initial Each Participant Card,

CODE: OK = Everything Verified, I = Sick/Injured, A = Absent / Dropped

ALL MUST BE CHECKED IN / VERIFIED PLAYING OR NOT / ENTER DETAIL UNDER 'CODE'

Participation Contract, Tracking and ID Card - Page 2

Last Name	First Name	Initial	Preferred (nick) Name		
<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 30%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>		
Street Address	City / Town	State	Zip Code	Home Phone	
<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 30%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 30%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	
Date Of Birth (M/D/YR)	Age as of 7/31	Parent/Guardian First Name		Parent/Guardian Last Name	
<input style="width: 30%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 30%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>		<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	
Grade in Fall	School in Fall	School Phone	Home Email Address		
<input style="width: 30%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 30%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>		
Medical Insurance (circle one)	Name Of Insurance Carrier		Policy #		
<input style="width: 30%;" type="text"/> YES / NO	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>		<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>		
Football: <input type="checkbox"/>	Cheer: <input type="checkbox"/>	--CHECK ONE --		Registration Fee: \$ <input style="width: 30%;" type="text"/>	Check# Cash: <input style="width: 30%;" type="text"/>

GRAY AREAS FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY !!

Association: _____	Division: _____	Team: _____
Jersey Number Assigned: _____	Equipment / Uniform Issued <input type="checkbox"/> Returned <input type="checkbox"/>	

PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE I acknowledge that I am fully aware of the potential dangers of participation in any sport and I fully understand that participation in football, cheerleading, dance and/or step may result in SERIOUS INJURIES, PARALYSIS, PERMANENT DISABILITY AND/OR DEATH. Furthermore, I fully acknowledge and understand that protective equipment does not prevent all participant injuries. I, the parent/guardian of the above-named participant, do hereby give my approval for my child/ward to participate, and further assert that I have verified with my child/wards' physician, and in my opinion, my child/ward is physically fit and can participate without limitation in any and all Local, Regional, National, League/Conference, Association and team/squad activities, including transportation to and from the activities by a licensed driver.

SCHOLASTIC FITNESS

I am of the opinion that my son/daughter/ward is scholastically fit and would benefit by participation in this program. I agree to submit a copy of my son/daughter/ward's last completed grade, end of year/last complete report card or a written statement of scholastic fitness from the school administration.

Initial: _____

HELMET WAIVER (for football participants)

We acknowledge, AND WE understand the risks involved in my CHILD/WARD, my playing FOOTBALL, which is a collision sport; the NOCSAE committee has adopted the following warning to be read by, and signed by, both the parent/guardian and participant. **DO NOT USE THIS HELMET TO BUTT, RAM OR SPEAR AN OPPOSING PLAYER, THIS IS IN VIOLATION OF FOOTBALL RULES AND CAN RESULT IN SEVERE HEAD, BRAIN OR NECK INJURY, PARALYSIS OR DEATH AND POSSIBLE INJURY TO YOUR OPPONENT, THERE IS A RISK THAT THESE INJURIES MAY ALSO OCCUR AS A RESULT OF AN ACCIDENTAL CONTACT WITHOUT INTENT TO BUTT, RAM OR SPEAR, NO HELMET CAN PREVENT ALL SUCH INJURIES.** "

Initial: _____

EQUIPMENT UNIFORM RESPONSIBILITY

I assume full responsibility for any and all equipment/uniforms loaned to my child/ward and I agree to promptly return, upon request, the uniform and other equipment in as good condition as when received except for normal wear and tear. If I fail to adhere to this policy, I will be responsible for and promptly pay the replacement cost of such equipment.

Parent/Guardian Initial: _____ Player Initial: _____

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Ideology Of Youth Sports Including This Program Is To Promote Good Understanding And Fundamental Knowledge Of The Sport. It Is Also Critical That Good Sportsmanship Including The Ability To Always Conduct Oneself In An Appropriate Manner Of Positive Accord Both On And Off The Field. It Is Understood That Any Incident Considered Detrimental To The Pursuit Of This Ideology Will Not Be Tolerated. It Will Be Addressed In Accordance With The Statutes Of The Association, Conference, Current National Affiliation, State and Local Laws, And May Result In Dismissal From The Program And The Inability To Participate In Any Future Related Activities Of The Association. This Code Of Conduct Applies To All Involved With The Program Including But Not Limited To, The Football Players, Cheerleaders, Spirit Participants, Parents And Guardians.

Initial: _____

PRINT Parents/Guardian Name: _____

Parents/Guardian Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

NOTE: This form as with any and all forms used by your Association should be reviewed by your local counsel for compliance with any state or local statutes. This form should be kept on file for a minimum of 7 years.

Emergency Medical Treatment, Consent and Information

The following information will be used in the event that a parent / legal guardian is not available. The purpose of this information is to provide a quick reference for medical personnel should the need arise. Please fill out this form completely. If a particular question is not applicable write "none", n/a, or other appropriate comment otherwise none will be assumed. If additional space is needed, please use the back of this form or attach additional pages as needed. All information disclosed here will be treated as confidential. It will be the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian to notify the participant's coach and league/event officials if any information needs to be added, deleted, changed, or updated in any way.

ATHLETE INFORMATION				
Athlete's Name:		Nick Name:		Phone: ()
Address:		City:		State: Zip:
PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION				
Father's Name:				
Address:		City:		State: Zip:
Hm Phone: ()	Daytime Phone: ()		Email:	
Employer:				
Mother's Name:				
Address:		City:		State: Zip:
Hm Phone: ()	Daytime Phone: ()		Email:	
Employer:				
Guardian's Name:				
Address:		City:		State: Zip:
Hm Phone: ()	Daytime Phone: ()		Email:	
Employer:				
FAMILY MEDICAL INSURANCE				
Carrier:			Group:	
Policy #:			Group #:	
Policy Holder Name:				
Family Physician's Name:				
Dr's Address:		City:		State: Zip:
Phone: ()	Fax: ()		Email:	
EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION				
Preferred Hospital(s):				
EMERGENCY CONTACT:		Phone: ()		Relationship:
Please list any medical conditions (allergies, asthma, etc.) And medications being taken by the participant named above. Please list any other information you may deem relevant, and helpful to emergency medical personnel: (please note if no information is given and the words "none" or "n/a" is not filled in then, "none" will be assumed.				
Allergies:				
Medical Conditions:				
Other:				

*I as evidenced below hereby grant permission for my child/ward to participate in any and all, _____ (Association name) and, American Youth Football, Inc. program(s) event(s), including but not limited to, athletic, social and/or fundraising activities. I further consent to the administration of any and all medical treatment necessary to stabilize and or treat any medical condition or medical emergency to which my child/ward is afflicted. I understand that this authorization is given prior to the need for medical care, but given in advance to avoid any unnecessary delay in emergency treatment which the attendant and/or medical professional may deem advisable in the exercise of their best judgment.

***Print Parent/Legal Guardian Name**

***Signature Parent/Legal Guardian**

***Date**

The original Emergency Medical Treatment, Consent and Information form should travel with the coach and a copy should be kept at the administrative office of the sports organization. Due to privacy concerns, completed forms should be stored in a secure location with access restricted to those on a need to know basis for the purpose of medical care.



AMERICAN YOUTH FOOTBALL

Medical Clearance Form



ASSOCIATION NAME - _____

Medical Clearance Form - Must be dated after January 1st of the Current Season

I, as evidenced by my name and signature below, do certify that I am a State Licensed Medical Examiner in the state of _____ and am qualified in determining that:

(Childs Name:) _____ is physically fit and I have found no medical or observable conditions which would contra-indicate his/her from participating in youth flag football, tackle football, cheer, dance, step or athletic activities.

I am therefore clearing this individual for athletic participation.

Please Print - or - Use Office Stamp Here:

<p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Date: / /</p> <p>(Must be dated after January 1st, of the Current Season)</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Print Name Clearly: _____</p> <p>Office Address: _____</p>
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PLEASE NOTE: If this Medical Clearance is voided by injury, accident, or illness, it will be the responsibility of the Parent/Legal Guardian to notify the participants Coach and League Officials. It will also be the responsibility of the Parent / Legal Guardian to obtain WRITTEN permission from his/her State Licensed Medical Examiner to resume participation. A "Doctors Resume Participation Medical Clearance Form" is available from the league or you may have the doctor supply his/her own WRITTEN Clearance as long as it is on the doctor's official stationary and includes the following statement: "(Participants Name) is physically fit and I have found no medical or observable conditions which would contra-indicate him/her from participating in youth flag football, tackle football, cheer, dance, step or athletic activities. I am therefore clearing this individual for athletic participation.

This statement must be supplied by the physician attending to the injury, accident, or illness.

This form can be modified or substituted ONLY to comply with local and/or state laws or due to medical practitioner regulations.

NOTE: This form as with any and all forms used by your Association should be reviewed by your local counsel for compliance with any state or local statutes. This form should be kept on file for a minimum of 7 years, longer in the event of an injury. Please confer with your local attorney for advice as to the appropriate maintenance and storage term for this and all such forms.



AMERICAN YOUTH FOOTBALL

Image Release - Minor

ASSOCIATION NAME - _____

READ BEFORE SIGNING



In consideration of (insert child's name) _____, my minor child/ward being allowed to participate in any way, in the American Youth Football, Inc. ("AYF") (dba American Youth Football and American Youth Cheer,) national championships and any other official AYF events and activities, the undersigned agrees that American Youth Football Inc., is hereby granted the unrestricted right and permission, free from approval or review, to copyright and/or use my child's/ward's likeness in all media now or hereafter known, including but not limited to, pictures and videos of my child which he/she may be included intact or in part for promotion or other commercial use.

Print Name of Parent/Guardian:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:



AMERICAN YOUTH FOOTBALL

Waiver and Release of Liability - Minor



ASSOCIATION NAME - _____

READ BEFORE SIGNING

IN CONSIDERATION OF _____, my child/ward, being allowed to participate in the American Youth Football American Youth Cheer Regional/National Championships, and or the football and or cheer programs of _____, the Local Organization, which is a legally distinct and organization not operated or controlled by American Youth Football, despite its membership with American Youth Football, Inc. the undersigned acknowledges and agrees that:

The risks of injury and illness (ex: communicable diseases such as MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19) to my child from the activities involved in these programs are significant, including the potential for permanent disability and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce these risks, the risks of serious injury and illness do exist; and,

1. FOR MYSELF, SPOUSE, AND CHILD, I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my child's participation; and,
2. I willingly agree to comply with the program's stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If I observe any unusual significant concern in my child's readiness for participation and/or in the program itself, I will remove my child from the participation and bring such attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
3. I myself, my spouse, my child, and on behalf of my/our heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS American Youth Football, Inc.; its directors, officers, officials, agents, employees, volunteers, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("Releasees"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property incident to my child's involvement or participation in these programs, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
4. I, for myself, my spouse, my child, and on behalf of my/our heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS all the above Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my involvement or participation in these programs, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
5. I, the parent/guardian, assert that I have explained to my child/ward: the risks of the activity, his/her responsibilities for adhering to the rules and regulations, and that my child/ward understands this agreement.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Print Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____

UNDERSTANDING OF RISK

I understand the seriousness of the risks involved in participating in this program, my personal responsibilities for adhering to rules and regulation, and accept them as a participant.

Print Name of Participant: _____

Participant's Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____

NOTE: This form as with any and all forms used by your Association should be reviewed by your local counsel for compliance with any state or local statutes. This form should be kept on file for a minimum of 7 years, longer in the event of an injury. Please confer with your local attorney for advice as to the appropriate maintenance and storage term for this and all such forms.



AMERICAN YOUTH FOOTBALL

Mild Traumatic Brain Injury (MTBI) / Concussion Statement and Acknowledgement Form



I, _____ (athlete), have chosen to participate in an a sport where injuries may occur and I do understand that it is my responsibility to report all of my injuries and illnesses or suspected injuries and illnesses to the organization’s staff, including but not limited to: coaches, team physicians, and athletic training staff. I further understand and recognize that my health and safety is the most important thing and without disclosing all injuries and or illnesses, it can not be properly determined if you are in the physical condition necessary to participate. I understand that I must provide a full and accurate medical history including any symptoms, health complaints and any prior injuries and/or disabilities I have experienced before, during or after athletic activities.

By signing below, I acknowledge:

- My organization has provided me with specific educational materials including the CDC Concussion fact sheet (<http://www.cdc.gov/concussion>) on what a concussion is and has given me an opportunity to ask questions.
- I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ THE FACT SHEET on the CDC website for Parents and Players.
- I have fully disclosed to the staff any prior medical conditions and will also disclose any future conditions.
- There is a possibility that participation in my sport may result in a head injury and/or concussion. In rare cases, these concussions can cause permanent brain damage, and even death.
- A concussion is a brain injury, which I am responsible for reporting to the team physician, athletic trainer, coach, parent volunteer, or official.
- A concussion can affect my ability to perform everyday activities, and affect my reaction time, balance, sleep, and classroom performance.
- Some of the symptoms of concussion may be noticed right away while other symptoms can show up hours or days after the injury.
- If I suspect a teammate has a concussion, I am responsible for reporting the injury to the staff.
- I will not return to play in a game or practice if I have received a blow to the head or body that results in concussion related symptoms.
- I will not return to play in a game or practice until my symptoms have resolved AND I have written clearance to do so by a qualified healthcare professional.
- Following concussion the brain needs time to heal and you are much more likely to have a repeat concussion or further damage if you return to play before your symptoms resolve.

Based on the incidence of concussion as published by the CDC football and cheer, among other sports, have been identified as high risk for concussion.

I represent and certify that I and my parent/guardian have read the entirety of this document and fully understand the contents, consequences and implications of signing this document and agree to be bound by this document.

Student Athlete’s Name:

Student Athlete’s Signature:	Date:
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Parent/Legal Guardian Name:

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature:	Date:
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2024 - AYF Code of Conduct Form

Newtown Youth Football & Cheer will not tolerate verbal abuse of its volunteer coaches from any Fan, Parent or Spectator.

This is American Youth Football, not the pros. Fans, as well as the players and coaches, are expected to abide by a code of conduct at all American Youth Football Events. While 99% of the adults in the program will abide by this code without being told, this code is being published to protect the children and volunteers (which includes all coaches and board members) from the 1%.

FANS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Fans will abide by a Code of Conduct which includes the provisions which follow. If any of these rules are broken, **Newtown Youth Football & Cheer** shall have the authority to impose a penalty.

Fans shall:

1. Not criticize the players/cheerleaders or coaches in front of the other spectators in the stands, but reserve constructive criticism for later, in private.
2. Accept decisions of the game officials (including referees and coaches) on the field as being fair and called to the best ability of said officials.
3. Not criticize an opposing team, its players, coaches, or fans by work of mouth or by gesture.
4. Refrain from using physical or verbal abuse or profane language at any time at the game, practice field, or other AYF functions.
5. Abstain from being under the influence of or in possession of and/or drinking alcoholic beverages and the possession or use of any illegal substance on both the game and practice fields.
6. Not be allowed on the sidelines during a game.
7. Not interfere/interrupt the coaching staff before, during or after games or at practice.
8. Not express complaints about coaches in stands or to coaches in front of or around the children (i.e. right after a game or practice).

VIOLATION

Any parent or fan who violates the code of conduct risks the further participation of the child in the program. The procedure is as follows:

1. Any fan who violates the code of conduct or becomes a nuisance will be asked to leave by the head coach and can be suspended from all team activities.
2. If the fan fails to leave upon request, the child may be suspended from further participation in team activities by the head coach.
3. The head coach along with the executive board will decide if the duration of the suspension is to be longer than one to four weeks or if the child will be dropped from the program. That decision will depend on the attitude of the parents.
4. Any parent or fan who violates the code of conduct risks the future participation of his/her children in the program. Depending on the severity of the incident the board of directors may decide to ban future participation in the program for up to three years.

CONDUCT OF ALL PLAYERS - PARENTS

All players are guaranteed 6 plays in each Jamboree, Regular Season or Playoff game. Everything beyond that must be earned in the opinion of the coaching staff whose decisions are final.

Athlete's Code

I will: emphasis the ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play. Show courtesy to my opponents and officials. Recognize athletic contests are serious educational endeavors. Give complete allegiance to my coaches who are the instructional authority for my team. Discourage fans, fellow players and parents from undercutting my coach's authority.

I will not: Use profanity or talk "trash" before, during or after any game. Use drugs, alcohol, or tobacco. Criticize my teammates. Act in any way that may incite spectators.

Parent's Code

I will: Support my child's team/squad and teach the value of commitment to the team/squad - emphasis the ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play. Help my child and American Youth Football make athletic contests a positive educational experiences. Show courtesy to opponents and officials. Direct constructive criticism of my child's athletic program to the athletic director or association officials and work toward a positive result for all concerned.

I will not: Criticize officials, direct abuse or profane language toward them, or otherwise subvert their authority. Undermine, in work or deed, the authority of the coach or administration. Intrude onto the field, stand on the sideline, or yell from the bleachers at or to the coaches, referees or administration.

Please cut along this line, sign and return to the head coach

I have read the **FAN'S CODE OF CONDUCT** and understand what is expected.

Child's Name (PRINT)

Team Name

Date

Parents Name (PRINT)

Parents Signature

Anti-Bullying & Social Media Policy

NYF&C is committed to providing a physically and emotionally safe environment for all our participants so they can play football and cheer in a secure atmosphere. Bullying/teasing of any kind is unacceptable on or off the field. This includes behavior during team related activities (e.g. practices and games) as well as interactions outside these activities. It also includes mean-spirited comments through texts and posts on social media. All players will be held accountable for their actions on and off the field and are responsible for reporting bullying to their coach.

What is teasing and bullying?

Teasing and bullying are deliberately hurtful behaviors, where it is difficult for those being bullied to defend themselves. The three main types are physical (e.g. hitting, kicking, theft), verbal (e.g. name calling, intimidating, racist remarks) or indirect (e.g. spreading rumors, ignoring, excluding). Additionally, taunts or insults on social media are considered bullying.

NYF&C Teasing/Bullying Procedures

This policy will be communicated to participants and parents at the beginning of each season. NYF&C will take all reports and concerns seriously and attempt to stop the behavior.

If teasing or bullying behavior occurs, it will be:

- Investigated by a member of the team’s coaching staff.
- Addressed by the head coach with the participant.
- Communicated to the parent.
- Depending on severity, it may be reported to the VP of Football/Cheer and the NYF&C Board.
- **Disciplinary actions will vary depending on the severity and frequency of the bullying incident(s). With approval of the NYF&C Board, it may include removal from the league.**

Social Media Policy

Athletes, parents and coaches are expected to follow the same rules for good behavior and respectful conduct online as offline. Athletes and coaches are representing NYF&C at all times. They should use good judgement when posting comments and images online. They should be particularly mindful with images that include NYF&C apparel or uniforms. Misuse of social media can result in disciplinary action.

Player: I accept responsibility for my words, actions, texts and social media posts including images. I acknowledge that all forms of bullying must be reported to my coach.

Player’s Name (PRINT)

Player’s Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian: I have read the NYF&C Bullying & Social Media Policy. I understand that my child may be subject to disciplinary actions by the coaches and the league if they or myself are involved in bullying or the misuse of social media

Parent/Guardian Name (PRINT)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



Newtown Youth Cheer

2024 Cheer Team Selection Policy

Due to a change in New England AYC Policy for the 2023 Season, NYF&C will be offering 3 options for Cheerleaders wishing to participate in our program. Please see attached grid for details on each team's requirements.

The Options are:

1. Sidelines ONLY Team (Grades 2-8)
2. Nationals Track Competition Team (Grades 2-8)

Sidelines Only Team and Nationals Track Competition Teams will ALL be required to cheer on the Sidelines for Football games.

Sidelines Only Team (Grades 2-8)

- The Sidelines only cheerleaders will cheer every weekend of the Football season at a minimum of one Football game and attend one practice per week.
- They will not compete at any of the 4 Cheer competitions.
- If an athlete is unable to commit to a National Track Team they will be rostered on the Sidelines only team.

National Track Competition Teams (Grades 2-8)

- ***New for 2024 Season*** athletes in grades 2 & 3 will now compete on a Nationals track competition team.
- Cheerleaders committing to a Nationals Track Competition Team in grades 2nd- 8th will be rostered in an AYC age appropriate category depending on registration of D8, D10, D12 or D14.
- NYF&C will decide the level 1,2,3,4 that a team will compete at based on the skills of the team and the number of girls rostered to that team (large/small). While some divisions will typically have more teams than others, this will vary year to year. NYF&C does not have prior knowledge of other teams competing in the same category/ division, NYF&C must declare at the start of each season their teams divisions based solely on the team's age, skill level and size. We can not control nor do we have prior knowledge of what other competitive teams are declaring. Nor can we guarantee a competitive landscape at any competition.
- Cheerleaders in grades 4-8 will be required to purchase a Competition Uniform that costs \$250. This uniform is theirs to keep and can be used for multiple years. Cheerleaders who participated

in our program in grades 4-8 during the 2022/2023 Season already own the uniform and do not need to order a new one unless they wish to.

- All athletes are expected to attend and participate in ALL competitions.
- Waivers to not attend a competition will only be granted for extenuating circumstances approved by the NYF&C Board. If a cheerleader does not attend a competition and they have not been granted a waiver they will be subject to suspension from the program for up to 1 year.

We compete in up to 4 competitions per season. (Locals, States, Regionals, and Nationals)

The 2024 Cheerleading Competition Dates are currently schedule for:

- Shoreline Locals - Saturday/Sunday October 19/20- - location TBD
- CT States - date and location TBD approximately November 2 or 3
- New England Regionals - Date and location TBD will be in Central Massachusetts
- December 4-7 - Nationals (Kissimmee, FL)

***Dates are subject to change

All Nationals Track Competition Teams will compete at the Local and State Cheer Competitions. Teams who place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in their Division at States will advance to Regionals. New England Regionals will take place in Central Massachusetts.

Teams who place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd at Regionals are required to advance to the AYC Nationals Cheer Competition. AYC Nationals Cheer Competition is held in Mid-December the exact date is still pending but estimated to be Dec 4-7 or the weekend after in Kissimmee, FL. Teams who do not comply with the AYC requirements to advance after Regionals are subject to fines and will be ineligible to compete the following season. If failure to appear at AYC Nationals the fines will be dispersed evenly among the team.

Nationals Competition

- **There is a \$150 per athlete Nationals Registration Fee for teams advancing to Nationals, in addition to the cost of travel (approx \$1,200-\$1,600). This fee is still collected even if the team forfeits their invitation to attend Nationals. Failure to pay this fee could result in a cheerleader's suspension from the program for up to 1 year. This fee will be collected at the start of the 2024 cheer season paid by check dated 12/1/2024 payable to NYF&C and will only be cashed if that team advances to Nationals. If a team does not advance the check will be destroyed.**
- Cheerleaders are required to stay in AYC approved lodging and purchase any required packages at the Regional and National levels set by the American Youth Cheerleading program.
- Regional and National competitions may require athletes to miss days of school. A letter will be provided for your school's principal and teachers.
- Cheerleaders/parents will be responsible for costs associated with travel.
- Fundraising will take place and is mandatory for every cheerleader advancing to Nationals.
- Proceeds from fundraising will be distributed to cheerleaders in a timely fashion. If a cheerleader has not participated in fundraising or if they have failed to pay their \$150 Nationals Registration fee their share of proceeds from fundraising could be withheld.



Newtown Youth Cheer

Team Declaration Statement

I have read the attached Newtown Youth Football & Cheer **2024 Cheer Team Selection Policy**. I understand the rules and regulations pertaining to the team options available for my cheerleader. I understand that there has been a change to the policy of Newtown Youth Football & Cheer Board in response to the AYC National Policy Changes for National Track Teams.

My Child will be a committed and active participant of the program described in the text above of the following NYF&C Program: (please select only 1 option)

- Sidelines Only Team (2nd - 8th Grades)**
- National Track Competition Teams (2nd- 8th Grades)**

Cheerleaders Name

Grade

Parent's Name

Parent's Signature

Date