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Q: What is SMART spring 7on7 football?

A: SMART Spring 7on7 provides competitive spring 7on7 passing leagues and tournaments. The goal of the SMART Spring 7on7 is to provide an experience that prepares athletes to succeed playing middle school, high school and college football.

Q: What ages play in the league?

A: The SMART Spring 7on7 league has three middle school divisions; 5th,6th, 7th, and 8th grades.

Q: Who can organize/coach a team in the league?

A: Any non-high school related coach may bring a team to compete.

Q: How do I put together a team to compete in the league?

A: Teams normally consist of players who played together in middle school or on a youth football team. Most players want to continue honing their football skills in the spring. Some teams will have a tryout well before the season starts to help select their players.

Q: When does the spring season begin and end?

A: The spring season will begin on the second week of March and end by first week in May

Q: Is there a minimum or maximum team size?

A: Minimum team size is 7 players on the roster. There is a maximum limit of 14 players a team may carry on their roster.

Q: What are the league registration fees and what do they cover?

A: Each TEAM must pay a team fee of \$500 for the season. These fees will cover the expenses the league incurs for games and organizational costs. These costs include field rentals, officiating crews, and equipment. Additionally, the league will provide medals or trophies to the winners and runners up of the league.

Q: What other expenses can a team expect to incur?

A: In addition to the league fee, each team is responsible for its uniforms, equipment and other operational expenses.

Q: How much do most teams charge their players?

A: Based on a total league fee of \$500, most teams divide that number by the number of players on their roster. Most teams also include an additional player fee to cover any additional practice time (outdoors or indoors), skills training and uniforms. Naturally, all clubs are encouraged to use fundraising methods in order to minimize the cost to the players.

Q: Where will the league games be played?

A: In 2019, the SMART Spring 7 on7 league locations are to be determined.

Q: Where will my team practice?

A: It is up to each individual club to secure their own practice facility.

Q: When will player registration be and what will the players have to provide?

A: Player registration will begin on January 2nd at a time and location to be determined. All forms required by SMART Spring 7 on7 (registration form & waiver) must be completed and returned to the league at registration.

Q: Can we add players to our team at any time?

A: A team may only add players until April 1st. After that date, NO PLAYERS may be added to the team.

Q: I understand that the league is grade based, but are there any other age restrictions?

A: A player is eligible to participate in the age division for the grade in which they are currently enrolled in school.

Q: Can a player play up with an older age group?

A: Yes. A player may "play up" if it is viewed as appropriate by the coach and parents of the player.

Q: Will participation in Middle school 7on7 jeopardize a player's eligibility in his school?

A: Absolutely not. Off-season participation in football is completely allowed by GHSA in the state of Georgia. Just like athletes are able to participate in other sports (basketball, baseball, soccer, volleyball, etc.) outside of their school, they are allowed to do so in football as well. The same rules apply to football as they do to the other sports. A full description of the GHSA regulations may be accessed from the downloads page of the GHSA website.

Each TEAM must pay a non-refundable team fee of \$500 for the season.

SMART Spring 7ON7 FOOTBALL LEAGUE