



Key Dates for 2017 Season

Registration for Returning Players – April 24 thru May 4, 2017 beginning at 8:00 AM.

NYO expects more players to register than can be accommodated. Parents are encouraged to register promptly. "Returning Players" are those that played football at NYO during the 2016 season. The registration fee is \$375.00. Players who register after these dates will be placed on the waitlist and accepted as space allows.

Registration for Players new to NYO Football – May 8 through May 19, 2017 beginning at 8:00 AM.

Registration for new players, meaning those that did not participate in the NYO Football program in 2016 and any returning players that missed the earlier registration must be completed during these dates.

Registration is done online through www.NYOSports.com. The registration fee is \$375.00. ALL new players are automatically placed on a Waitlist. NYO expects more players to register than can be accommodated; registration & receipt of a tryout # through the on-line system does NOT mean that a player has been accepted in to the program. Acceptance notices will be e-mailed on the following month. Parents are encouraged to register on May 8th. Players who register after these dates will be placed on the wait list and accepted as space allows.

Late Registration

Players that missed the normal registration period in April & May should register online through NYO's website. They will be automatically placed on waitlist. NYO will accept them shortly thereafter subject to capacity in the program.

Acceptance within NYO Football Program – June 9, 2017

By this date NYO will accept as many players as possible from those which have registered. Acceptance will be communicated by email. Parents should be sure that their spam filters do not block emails from emails ending with "@NYOSports.com". Players not accepted in to the program will remain on a waitlist in the event that space later becomes available. If additional spaces become available prior to tryouts, those on the waitlist will be immediately contacted by email.

New Coaches – Preliminary Meeting – June 11, 2017

All new coaches should must this meeting in the Dowis Building at NYO at 6:00.

Dick’s Shopping Day – Date to be determined – July 23, 2017 (Helmets Only), August 5 (Big Day)

NYO families will receive a 15% discount at Dicks this day. To take advantage of the discounts, NYO families should check in with the NYO volunteer who will be in the store on this day. The head coach of each team will get a \$50 coupon at Dicks on this day.

Coaches Meeting – July 27, 2017 5:00

The location of this meeting which has not yet been determined.

Equipment Day – Saturday, July 29, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

NYO sponsors the sale of equipment at Chastain Park as a service to NYO families and a means to raise funds for NYO. For parents this is a good opportunity to purchase quality equipment that is properly. Volunteers from the coaching group will be needed during this day. Please email John Baker if you are available for a two-hour shift.

Heads Up – On-line Certification to be completed – July 31, 2017

All coaches need to complete this online course by this date.

New Coaches Clinic – July 30, 2017 – 4:30 to 7:30

All new coaches must attend this clinic that begins at 4:30 in the NYO Gym. If you or anyone coaching with you has coached less than two years at NYO, attend this.

Training Camp – August 2 – 3, 2017 4:30 – 7:30 PM

The objective of Training Camp is to enhance player safety by providing focused instruction on Heads Up techniques, light conditioning and heat acclimation before tryouts. NYO has partnered with the Kids and Pros organization which is operated by former Atlanta Falcons Buddy Curry and Bobby Butler to oversee this function but Training Camp session will be led by NYO coaches. Players ages 7 & 8 will attend on August 4 & 5; players ages 9 – 12 will attend on August 6 & 7. NYO coaches must attend on the respective days for their league.

(These dates have been confirmed with Kids & Pros)

<u>Player Age</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Arrival Time</u>	<u>Departure Time</u>
2 nd & 3 rd Grades	August 2 & 3	4:30	6:30
4 th & 5 th Grades	August 2 & 3	5:00	7:00
Bigs	August 2 & 3	5:30	7:30

Tryouts – (Monday & Tuesday – August 7th & 8th, 2017 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Specific details for parents about tryouts will appear on the NYO website in early August, 2017. Try-outs will be held on these dates from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Chastain Park. Players & coaches will only attend one day of tryouts, not two. Players will be divided into groups based on tryout #'s as to which day & time they will attend. Players ages 7, 9 & 11 will attend on August 8th; players ages 8, 10 & 12 will attend on August 9th. Parents will receive instructions by email shortly before tryouts about their specific arrival time and this information will also be available through NYO’s website. Players are to wear full

football equipment. They will be weighed, timed and evaluated in full-contact drills. If thunder storms require either or both of these days to be cancelled, the activities from one or both days will be held on Wednesday, August 9th beginning at 5:00.

Player Rankings – August 11, 2017 at noon

By this date, each team must send to the League Director two items:

1. A list of the protected players and the draft round in which each team suggests those players be slotted.
2. A list of those players your team projects being drafted in the first three rounds of the draft

Make up Tryout – August 12, 2017 10:00 AM

This will be only for those players who were unable to attend the tryouts on August 7th & 8th. Players must attend either the Tryout on August 7, 8 or 12 in order to be eligible for the draft and participate in the NYO season.

Parent Meeting - Saturday, August 12, 2017 -- (2:00 – 3:30 in the NYO gym)

All parents are to attend this important meeting which will explain the “Heads Up” player safety program and other important player safety topics. Speakers will include the lead physician from Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta’s sports medicine practice. A question & answer session specific for the parents of new players will follow. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers.

Drafts – Sunday thru Tuesday -- August 13 – 14, 2017

- 2nd Grade League Sunday, August 13 at 12:30
- 3rd Grade League Sunday, August 13 at 2:30
- 4th Grade League Sunday, August 13 at 4:30
- 5th Grade League Sunday, August 13 at 6:45
- Bigs League Monday, August 14 at 6:00

The drafts will be conducted at the Dowis Building at Chastain Park. It is imperative that all coaches be well prepared prior to the draft. In that regard, new coaches are encouraged to take the initiative to reach out to the experienced coach assigned to them from the Committee (and other experienced coaches) for specific guidance. A maximum of two (2) coaches per team will be allowed at the draft.

New Assistant Coaches Meeting – August 27, 2017 at 4:30 in the Dowis Building

This is a mandatory meeting for all new assistant coaches who did not attend coach’s clinic on July 30, 2017.

Season Begins – Games begin the on September 5th or 6th.

Character Speaker Event / Opening Night Celebration - September 10, 2017 / 5:00 PM

- All players and their families from all leagues should attend this popular function. Practices will not be allowed during this event.

- Following the speaker, the Cheerleaders will put on a show before all the Bigs football and cheer leading teams are introduced for a fun Sunday night Bigs game.

Championship Games – Monday, November 13, 2017

The playoffs will conclude with the championship games for all leagues on this date.

Peach Bowl – Thursday, November 16, 2017

All-star games for players in the 8's, 9's, 10's and Bigs.

Red Devil Games - Beginning Friday, November 17, 2017