



**Football Coaches F.A.Q.**  
**(Coach Application, Combine, Protected Players, Draft)**  
**Applying to Coach**

**Question:** How do I sign up to be a coach?

**Answer:** Complete a coach's application online at [www.cyfleague.org](http://www.cyfleague.org). Each coach must then complete an interview with members of the CYFL Board. Upon approval the applicant coach must then pass a background check and complete the USA football certification process as well as participate in the CYFL Coach's Orientation and meeting in April.

**Question:** I coached last year and plan on returning, do I have to register again as a coach?

**Answer:** Yes, each coach must re-register every year. This includes Head Coach and all assistant coaches. No unapproved coaches will be allowed to work with the CYFL participants.

**Combine**

**Question:** What is a combine?

**Answer:** A combine is a skills evaluation of the participants. All players must attend one of the two combines CYFL hosts to be fitted for their uniforms, verify that registration is complete, and complete skill evaluating drills. Drills and fittings will only be done during the players scheduled division times and a CYFL football field or City of Carrollton Recreation Center. Details will be announced at the CYFL Coaches Orientation.

**Question:** My player is out of town on the dates for the combine. Is there another date he can complete this?

**Answer:** No. They can still register, but they will be a hat pick at the draft.

**Protected Players**

**Question:** How many players can I protect and how do I submit this information to Carrollton Youth Football?

**Answer:** Flag football division coaches can protect 13 players. Freshman and Junior Varsity division coaches can protect 14 players. Varsity division coaches can protect 16 players. Protected player lists are early May. Protected Player Lists must be submitted to the Board of Directors by the designated deadline via email to [cyfleague@gmail.com](mailto:cyfleague@gmail.com). Deadlines will be announced at the CYFL Coaches Orientation.

**Draft**

**Question:** I am the Head Coach and I will be out of town during Draft, can I send someone else in my place?

**Answer:** Yes, you may send one of your designated Assistant Coaches to the Draft in your place. The maximum number of coaches at the draft for each team is two (2), The Head Coach and 1 assistant. However, if no one appears for your team at the draft, a board member or division director will draft for your team.



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**Question:** I have a player that played on my team 2 years ago. He did not play in the CYFL last year. Can he return to my team?

**Answer:** All players who did not participate in the CYFL the previous year and wish to register for the current year can be protected. Players who played last year and wish to switch teams and are not moving up a division MUST go into the draft.

**Question:** Will I know prior to the last registration date which of my team members have elected to return to my team and if they completed skills evaluation?

**Answer:** CYFL does not provide this information until after all of registration is completed. It is up to each coach individually to be in contact with his team to ensure they complete registration. However, please note that if returning players have not registered and paid in full by the due date, that player will be a hat pick at the draft or pool party.

**Question:** As a coach, if my team is short on players due to injuries or players leaving the program, can I solicit new players from my neighborhood, school, etc., etc.?

**Answer:** No. All participants who register late must register through the league and will be placed on a waiting list. The waiting list is first come first serve and will be closed prior to the completion of the 1st game of the season. A late registration fee may apply.

**Question:** As a coach, do I have to accept all returning participants or can I put them on another team/squad?

**Answer:** No child can be denied by a coach if the child wants to return back to their previous team.

## **Financials**

**Question:** Are there any team fees? What are the team fees?

**Answer:** Yes, each team has a sponsorship fee due. The fee for flag football teams is \$250. The fee for tackle teams is \$350. Sponsorship fees are due the first week of September and it is the Head coach's responsibility to make sure team fees are paid. Failure to pay team fees will qualify in championship disqualification.

**Question:** What do the team fees fund? Why are they necessary?

**Answer:** In order to keep registration participants census up, we must keep registration fees at a minimum. Unfortunately, parent paid registration fees only cover uniforms and minimal field/referee costs. Therefore, team sponsorship fees help fund the remainder of referee fees, league insurance, championship game trophies, participant trophies, and championship game field rentals.

**Question:** Do my players have to participate in the league fundraiser?

**Answer:** Yes, each participant is responsible for participating in the league fundraiser or paying the buy-out fee. It is mandatory that they participate and parents have signed a waiver disclosing their commitment to participating.

**Question:** I want to host a fundraiser for my teams extra costs? Do I need to notify anyone?

**Answer:** Yes, the Board of Directors must be notified of each fundraiser for each team. The team must be able to disclose financial statements and receipts at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The CYFL Board of Directors will supply coaches with contact information for league approved fundraisers.