

# WBYF 6th-8th Grade Evaluation Week

## Process Document - Board Members, Coaches, & Varsity Staff/Players



WBYF 6th, 7th and 8th grade teams are created through an evaluation process. Board members, designated 6th/7th/8th grade head coaches, and H.S. varsity football players and staff assist in putting on a 2-night practice format for each grade level where each athlete is evaluated on their speed, agility, physicality and overall football skill and knowledge. After two nights of evaluation, WBYF head coaches, WBYF Coaching Directors, and WBL varsity coaches evaluate the data collected and utilize it to conduct a player draft. The below information will help guide all involved through this process.

### ● 2025 Evaluation Location, Dates, and Times per Grade Level (6th-8th)

- **Location** - Price Field (Turf) at WBL Central Middle School for all grade levels.
- **Dates & Times** -
  - **6th Grade** - July 16-17 (Wed./Thurs.) from 6:00pm-7:30pm
  - **7th Grade** - July 14-15 (Mon./Tues.) from 6:00pm-7:30pm
  - **8th Grade** - July 14-15 (Mon./Tues.) from 7:30pm-9:00pm
- **Important Notes** -
  - **Check-In/Weigh-Ins** - ALL GRADES need to be there a minimum 20 minutes early for check-in/weigh-ins.
  - **Quarterback Position** - If your child is pursuing the position of Quarterback, plan to pick them up 15-20 minutes later than the above mentioned closing times for each grade level.

### ● Nightly Evaluation Format (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)

1. **Equipment Needs** - Helmet, shoulder pads, **2024 WBYF GAME JERSEY** (If this is your first year with WBYF, we will give your child a jersey at check-in), football cleats, shorts, water bottle and **MOUTH GUARD**. **If your child does not have a mouth guard they will not be allowed to participate in any contact activities.** If for whatever reason your child is waiting to receive the above equipment, we will accommodate them the best we can. However, if they don't have helmet and shoulder pads they may miss out on a few of the evaluation drills.
2. **Check-In Process** - Each child will be checked in for attendance, weighed in for league protocols, and designated a jersey number.
3. **Dynamic Warm-Up** - Each grade level will participate in a warm-up to get their minds and bodies prepared for participation.
4. **Athlete Groupings** - All athletes will be placed in groups of 8-12 (depending on grade size). They will be grouped with other athletes of similar weight. Each group will rotate through 5-6 football drill stations. At each station WBL varsity football players will be putting them through competitive, football specific activities that will provide evaluators with observation data that will measure their football IQ and physical ability. Official evaluators of each group of athletes will be WBYF association board members, WBYF head coaches, and WBL varsity coaches.
5. **Evaluation Data** - Evaluators following each group of athletes will collect observational data over two nights of evaluations. At the conclusion of each 2-night evaluation period, WBYF head coaches and association board members will reference the observational data and utilize it to create balanced teams for each grade level. This will be conducted through a formal draft player selection process where board members and head coaches are working collaboratively. There will not be an A and B team format for any grade level. This process does not align with league rules.
6. **Parent and Adult Observers** - This entire evaluation process is open to the public. However, all observers need to stay outside the track/fence. ***No adults pursuing an assistant coach role for the upcoming season will be allowed on the field at any time. No assistant coaches will be designated to a team until this process is completed and an appointed WBYF head coach chooses to reach out.***
7. **Team Announcements** - All athletes and families will find out who their head coach and teammates will be for the upcoming season the Sunday night following evaluation week.
8. **Player Absences** - If for whatever reason your child is unable to attend their evaluation period, there will not be makeup evaluations. Please email coaching director Randy Spring below if your child will be absent. Your child will be placed on a team that WBYF Coaching Coordinators and Head Coaches feel is the best fit.
9. **Questions?** - Any questions or concerns regarding this process can be emailed to WBYF Coaching Director Randy Spring at [randyspring@wbyouthfootball.org](mailto:randyspring@wbyouthfootball.org).