

GERMANTOWN YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Welcome players and parents to the 31st season of Germantown Hawks Football. The Germantown Youth Football Club, a non-profit organization, dedicated to the youth of the community and the sport of football, sponsors the program. The GYFC was formed to allow students in grades 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th to play in an organized tackle football league. The GYFC is affiliated with the Wisconsin All American Youth Football League (AAYFL). ***The program is not affiliated with the Germantown School District or the Germantown Recreation Department.***

Purpose

The GYFC will provide an opportunity for youth to participate in the sport of football and bring together youth of the Germantown School District through a common interest in fair play and fellowship, while having fun.

Goal

The goal of our program is to educate youth on the proper techniques of football, stressing teamwork, discipline, commitment, and fair play while providing a learning and caring environment.

Membership

Membership in the program is open to anyone who wishes to participate. There will be no cuts. Students must be residents of the Germantown School District or attend a Germantown School. Chapter 220 students attending school in the Germantown School District are eligible to participate.

Teams

Players will be divided into squads based on age, weight, and ability. "A" Teams will be formed primarily for 8th graders, "B" Teams primarily for 7th graders, and "C" Teams primarily for 6th graders and "D" teams primarily for 5th graders. Roster limits for the teams are as follows...

2 teams could be created at each level if numbers hit 46 per grade.

8th Grade: One team in 2025 based on current numbers.

7th Grade: One or 2 teams in 2025 based on current numbers.

6th Grade: 2 teams in 2025 based on current numbers.

5th Grade: 1 team in 2025 based on current numbers.

The maximum weight of "A" Team ball carriers or offensive backs is 160 lbs., without equipment. The maximum weight of "B" Team ball carriers or offensive backs is 140 lbs., without equipment. The maximum weight of a "C" Team ball carrier or offensive backs is 120 lbs., without equipment. . The maximum weight of a "D" Team ball carrier or offensive backs is 100 lbs, without equipment. These restrictions will be determined prior to league play based on roster weight verification. The official team weigh-in will take place between the first official league practice date and September 1st. While the GYFC has no policy on the minimum weight required to participate, we encourage parents to carefully evaluate the child's physical status before registering.

Playing Time

It is the policy of the Germantown Youth Football Club that all players have the opportunity to play in each league game. Our coaching staffs are dedicated to providing all players with the opportunity to play a meaningful roll with their team through practices, scrimmages, and game action. The Germantown Hawks Youth Football Club has adopted specific playing time requirements for the program. Three factors will be taken into consideration by our coaching staff when determining playing time at all three levels.

- Playing time is based on the player's understanding of their position and the playbook.
- Playing time is based on practice attendance.
- Playing time is based on the player's physical status.

"A" Teams (8th grade)

- Each player will be taught an offensive and defensive position on the team.
- If requirements are met, every player will have the opportunity to play in each league game.
- No reserve inter-squad scrimmages will take place based on the rules of the AAYFL.
- Lack of weight and size may limit playing time in some game conditions.

"B" Teams (7th Grade)

- Each player will be taught an offensive and defensive position on the team.
- Every player must belong to either an offensive or defensive squad.
- Players will receive a minimum of one quarter (6 to 8 plays) of playing time on EITHER offense OR defense.

"C" Teams (6th Grade)

- Each player will be taught an offensive and defensive position on the team.

- Every player must belong to BOTH an offensive squad AND a defensive squad.
- Each player will receive a minimum of one quarter (6-8 plays) on BOTH offense AND defense.

"D" Teams (5th Grade)

- Each player will be taught an offensive and defensive position on the team.
- Every player must belong to BOTH an offensive squad AND a defensive squad.
- Each player will receive a minimum of one quarter (6-8 plays) on BOTH offense AND defense.

Practices / Equipment

Equipment will be distributed in late July/early August. Location-Friedenfeld Park. An email reminder will be sent out in early June 2025. All players will be properly measured and fitted for equipment.

Our football season begins with our first practice on August 1st, 2025 rain or shine (but not lightning). All practices will be held on the practice fields at Friedenfeld Park on Country Aire Dr. Once school begins, practices will be scheduled an average of three times per week for approximately two hours per practice. Practice schedules will be emailed or distributed at the equipment handout, and available on our website.

A league rule states that a player must have 10 hours of conditioning practice (acclimatization standards) time, before participating in any physical contact. We realize there are vacations and other activities still going on in August, but please try to attend all practices. The coaches are more likely to provide additional playing time to those players who participate and are prepared. We encourage each player to start a daily conditioning routine two to four weeks before the first practice.

Practice schedules will have all needed info on what football gear will be worn in the month of August. We now follow WIAA regulations on practice guidelines. For the first few practices, the players should wear comfortable workout clothes (shirt, shorts, cleats, and socks).

The club will provide helmets, shoulder pads, knee pads, belts, pants, and jerseys. Players are responsible for providing their own cleats and 5 pad girdle which can be purchased from a sporting goods store. Upon receipt of your football equipment, you will be required to guarantee that all equipment will be returned in good, clean condition at the end of the season, including jerseys.

Games

A season consists of eight games played on Saturdays from September 6th to October 25th 2025. Each squad plays it's own game. Times may vary, but normally "A" Teams play at 9:00 AM, "B" Teams play at 10:45 AM, "C" Teams play at 12:15 PM and "D" teams at 1:45 PM. Two pre-season scrimmages will be held at other league member facilities in August.

Sign Up Fees - \$425 per player, \$295 each additional player in family.

Scholarships

To help defray the overall costs of operating the GYFC, (i.e., player and team equipment, insurance, officials, new field development), sign up fees are collected. However, the GYFC does not wish to exclude Germantown school district students who are unable to pay these fees due to financial hardships, which may occur. The GYFC board has scholarships available which may cover all or a portion of your child's sign up fees. Those families receiving scholarships will serve the program in one of the areas listed on the volunteer form. Parents should contact board members, Brandon Preiss at 920-412-8846 or Kevin Kletti at 414-828-0223 before registration.

Refund Policy

There will be no refunds after registration, unless the player transfers school districts, or for certain cases that must be approved by the GYFC board of directors.