

April/May, 2009



Dear Parents/Guardians of Marengo Union Jr. Tackle Football Club players and/or cheerleaders:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Officers and Committee Chairs we would like to welcome you to the 2009 football season. We are anticipating a very exciting year. For those of you who are not aware, Marengo Union Jr. Tackle is a non-for-profit club that is run by a volunteer Board of Directors, Officers, and Committee Chairs. We expect each and every parent to enthusiastically serve their participation commitments – a minimal effort that produces a significant impact on “our” club. By volunteering and supporting our fundraising efforts, you directly effect what our club is able to provide. With the continued generous support from our sponsors and volunteers, we have been able to:

- Keep our fees at a league low – ensuring ability for all families to participate.
- Provide for an increasing number of participants each and every year. We look forward to and promote increased participation – instead of having “tryouts” and cutting from the league.
- Purchase new uniforms and therefore promote MUJTFC pride and team spirit.
- Provide Spirit Wear for purchase at a minimal mark-up. Although this is part of our fundraising efforts, we also benefit from promoting MUJTFC Team pride and unity.
- Replace worn, broken, and outdated equipment as needed. Resizing and cleaning our newly purchased equipment annually.
- Provide camps for the education and fundamental instruction for our players at a significant discount. GO BEARS!
- Purchase equipment for teaching, training & practicing for the game of football.
- Provide awards and recognition for our participants.
- Provide NIU football tickets to our participants as a Season End Celebration. GO HUSKIES!!

Your registration fee is not an excuse to not volunteer. This fee only contributes towards but does not completely pay for:

- IYFL League Fees
- Insurance
- Administrative costs
- Concession costs and Official’s Compensation
- Website

Practice Schedule:

First 2 weeks of practice starting Monday, July 20th: Monday – Friday 6- 8 pm

After that practices are reduced to: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 6-8 pm.

**Please note – This is just a guideline. Practice schedules are subject to change at the discretion of your coaches which include potential Saturday practices.

We will practice in the rain, **BUT**; if there is lightning or thunder practice will be called off by your coach or ended early. That means, you as parents must watch the weather and be available to immediately pick up your child from practice.

All Players and Cheerleaders MUST HAVE 12 complete practices in BEFORE THEY CAN PARTICIPATE IN THEIR 1ST GAME. This is a league rule and no exceptions will be made. Attendance will be taken throughout the course of the season and will effect your playing time.

*For the 1st Week of practice (or at the discretion of your coaches) players do not need to bring or wear their equipment except for their cleats. They may also wear shorts during this time and must bring their own **LARGE** water/bottle with their name clearly marked. Cheerleaders: tennis shoes and appropriate clothing for your practices & also water/bottle! Don't forget the sunscreen.*

After this time, the coaches will let the players know when **equipment** practices will begin. When this occurs the following equipment is **mandatory** for each practice:

- Helmet, Shoulder pads and mouth guard (We will provide (1) mouth guard for each player – additional ones are \$1.00). Chewed and worn mouth guards must be replaced. Mouth guards are to be colored and attached to helmet for visibility to the Officials & Coaches. No Clear Mouth guards are permitted.
- **UNIFORM PANTS AND JERSEY ARE FOR GAMES ONLY – you must provide your own practice pants and practice jersey/t-shirt.**
- Athletic supporter (provided by you) this is a League Rule. If you are not wearing one, you will be marked absent from the practice attendance and if a game you will be unable to participate. This is for your protection & IYFL League rule – no exceptions!
- Football Cleats and **LARGE** water/bottle with your name on it.

Please check our website: www.muftfc.com often for league information and updates/changes. This will be our main source of distributing information. If you do not have access to the internet, it is your responsibility to check with your parent representative or fellow team mate to keep yourself informed.

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If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact Kris Stewart (815) 690-9588 or email: pkstew4@yahoo.com ~or~ Jodi Wightman (815) 568-5623 or email: missyoukita@sbcglobal.net

If it is a coaching/player issue **which can not be resolved** with the player's head coach, please contact our League Head Coach: Doug Rondorf (224) 629-0115 and speak to him directly. All coaching/player issues must be addressed off the fields, away from the kids, and not during games or practices.

Thank you for your support and making Marengo Union Jr. Tackle Football Club all that it can be.
Sincerely,

MARENGO UNION JR. TACKLE FOOTBALL CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

