**TOOLON Tigers Youth Football & Cheer**

**What to Know Pre-Season**

**Below are details to help you plan for the 2018 season. Contact information is provided on the back if you have any questions!**

**Practice Information:**

**First practice for all teams is Wednesday Aug 1 @ 6PM at TOOLON’s home field (corner of Rt20 & Tully Farms Rd). Players not yet registered should arrive by 5:30 to complete paperwork.**

**For football,** the first week of practice players should be dressed in shorts, t-shirts, and cleats. Once pads & helmets are handed out, players should come to practice in their full gear, including a mouth guard. ALWAYS HAVE A WATER BOTTLE.

Parents must supply their child with a practice jersey & pants, cleats, and mouth guard. Players may not practice in their game uniforms. TOOLON has a limited supply of gently worn pants that can be purchased as practice gear for $5 each.

**For cheer,** participants need supportive sneakers, well-fitting shorts & a t-shirt (not too baggy). Hair must be up for every practice. ALWAYS HAVE A WATER BOTTLE.

TOOLON provides a uniform for each cheer participant. Parents will be responsible for personal apparel items (white cheer sneakers, briefs). Additional details on these items will be provided at the start of practices.

Practices are Mondays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays throughout August. Once school starts, younger teams drop to 2 practices per week.

**Game Schedule:**

Games usually start Labor Day weekend. We will know the regular game days (Saturdays vs Sundays) & times for each team once the season starts. Full schedules typically are not available until the week prior to opening games.

**Physicals:**

**Each child must have a physical dated in 2018. If you are unable to schedule a physical with your child’s physician before the start of practice, there will be an opportunity to have one at the field in early August (date to be announced). There is an approximate cost of $15.**

*Continued -->*

**Parent Participation**

Parents are expected to be present at the start and end of practices, and are encouraged to talk to your team mom, coaches, or board members for any questions throughout the season.

Parents are required to work in concession twice per participant during practices and 2 halves during home games. In addition, we ask that at least 1 family member do a 3 hour shift in TOOLON’s booth at the Lafayette Apple Fest (Columbus Day weekend in October).

Finally, you will be asked to contribute $5 to your team mom for a team raffle basket sometime during the season.

**Uniforms & Equipment – Deposits:**

Uniforms & equipment will be handed out in early August. On that day, a $50 deposit is required for football and a $25 deposit for cheer. Deposits are returned at the end of the season following turn in and inspection of all equipment and uniforms. (Checks are preferred; we do not deposit them unless equipment is not returned.)

**Take Advantage of our Bring-a-Buddy Program!**

Players who bring a new friend or family member to the program can earn money back: $20 for bringing 1 buddy, $40 for 2! (Money is paid following the first game.)

**Fundraising**

Don’t forget to pick up your raffle tickets the first week of practice!

**Sponsorships:**

**We are seeking sponsors! For info contact Jamie Hantke at 315-200-2906 /** [hank74315@yahoo.com](mailto:hank74315@yahoo.com) **or Bridget Hantke at 315-450-3109 /** [bfishy77@yahoo.com](mailto:bfishy77@yahoo.com)**.**

**Contacts:**

**If you have any questions prior to or during the season, contact any of these board members:**

**Amber Thousand, President –** [amberthousand@hotmail.com](mailto:amberthousand@hotmail.com)**, 315-530-8991**

**Dave Pierce, Football Coordinator & VP –** [dapierce12000@yahoo.com](mailto:dapierce12000@yahoo.com)**, 315-430-5902**

**Amy Fowler, Cheer Coordinator** [–alf596@yahoo.com](mailto:–alf596@yahoo.com)**, 315-416-7151**

***It’s going to be a great season -- we look forward to seeing you August 1st!***