



## **ARBUTUS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION**

### **1. What league does Arbutus Athletic Association play in?**

Arbutus football & cheer is a part of the Carroll County Youth Football & Cheer League. This league is comprised of approximately 10 teams throughout the Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford and Montgomery counties along with Baltimore City. For more information about the league please click the link! [www.ccyfcl.org](http://www.ccyfcl.org)

### **2. Who can sign up?**

Anyone! Football players ages 5-13 on or before August 1st, are eligible to play and Cheerleaders ages 4-14 regardless of sex, race, ethnicity or nationality. Each participant must be registered and turn in a valid Identification Card. (Please refer to question #5 regarding ID cards).

### **3. What are the fees for football & cheerleading and what equipment is provided? REGISTRATION FEES FOR 2025 ARE AS FOLLOWS: (CASH, CREDIT OR MONEY ORDER ONLY)**

Football age is as of Aug 1<sup>st</sup> / Cheer is based off of birth year for team placement

**FOOTBALL Non-competitive Ages 5-6yrs: \$185.00**

**FOOTBALL Ages 7 & older: \$200.00**

**Football provides:** Helmet, shoulder pads, practice jersey & pants, game jersey & pants, mouthpiece, and game socks.

***Football players must provide:*** Protective cup & cleats.

**CHEERLEADING PERFORMANCE (INCLUDES FUTURES) AGES 4-5: \$185.00 & AGES 6-14: \$200.00**

Includes: Summer game day uniform (dress/bow) and winter game day uniform (long sleeve/outerwear/bow). Please see the 2025 season must have flier on the website for what items parents are responsible for.

**CHEERLEADING COMPETITIVE - Ages 7 & older: \$200.00** additional fee will be charged upon making a competitive team.

**Cheerleading provides:** Summer Uniform skirt, competition uniform, bows, competition fees. Please see the 2025 season must have flier on the website for what items parents are responsible for.

### **4. Can I get a refund if my child decides not to play?**

A request for refund must be made in writing to our organization. No exceptions. This can be a simple note with child's name, requesters name, address for refund, and a phone number where you can be reached, a short reason why. No refunds will be issued unless there is a request in writing and it includes all of the above information. Refunds will be issued by check only and can take up to 2-3 weeks to be issued.

**Mail request to:**

Arbutus AA, PO Box 7343, Arbutus, Md. 21227, Attn: Refunds or email [arbutusfootballcheer@gmail.com](mailto:arbutusfootballcheer@gmail.com)

### **PRO-RATED REFUND SCHEDULE:**

Prior to the first day of practice 100% refunded

After 1st practice 100% refunded

After 2nd practice 0% refunded

We recognize that you may wish to withdraw for a variety of reasons, but our policy encourages early decisions so as to not affect other players and our ability to efficiently run the program. The Board of Directors may take into consideration a significant change in a player or cheerleader's medical condition or other extenuating circumstances.



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### 5. Why does my child need an ID card and where do I get one?

All football players and cheerleaders regardless of age are required to have one of the following: MD State ID or a CCFL League ID in-order to participate in the league activities. All IDs will be turned into the head coach by a designated date. Any athlete who fails to provide their ID by the date will not be able to participate until one is received. Cheerleaders will not be issued a uniform until the card is received and may not compete without one.

CCYFCL is now requiring football players from 5-6 to 12U to have CCYFCL ID's. They will be able to obtain them on the August weigh-in day. Price is \$10 for 1 year or \$20 for 2 years. The ID form will be giving out closer to the August date from your team rep.

More details are provided on our website [www.arbutusgoldeneagles.com](http://www.arbutusgoldeneagles.com).

### 6. Where will practices take place and how often?

Practices will be held at Arbutus Middle School. Due to limited practice space teams may practice on different days of the week. Football will practice on the upper, lower and Shelbourne Road field. Cheerleading will practice on the grass area in front of the school and nearby courts. During the summer months (before Baltimore County Schools begin) teams are allowed unlimited practice. A schedule will be determined by each Head Coach and the Athletic Director. Once school is in session, practices will be reduced to the league maximum six hours per week and will be determined by your child's coach based on field availability. Cheerleaders may move to local schools to provide indoor facilities for colder months.

### 7. Where will games be played and does everyone travel?



Yes, Football players and Cheerleaders of ALL ages are required to travel to all away games, scrimmage, regular season and/or play-off. All travel is estimated to be up to 1 hour. Once established, league information, schedules and directions to fields will be listed on the CCYFCL league website. Coaches will also be sharing the information as the schedule becomes available.

### 8. How do I know what age group my son or daughter will participate in?

The league has strict guidelines as to where athletes are placed and it is up to the Athletic Directors as to where each athlete is placed, not the coach. It is the job of the Football Athletic Director to ensure every player is placed on the proper team according to age, weight, and experience to the best of his/her ability. It is the job of the Cheerleading Director to ensure every cheerleader is placed on the proper team according to age, and experience to the best of his/her ability.

### 9. What are these weights referred to and how will I know where my son/daughter is eligible to play football?

This is a sample of the weight chart we follow

## CCYFCL Weight Limits

	Pitbulls**			7U			8U			9U		
	Standard	Red Stripe***	OBL (8 YO)	Standard	Red Stripe***	OBL (8 YO)	Standard	Red Stripe***	OBL (9 YO)	Standard	OBL (10 YO)	
Initial	75	85	110	60	90	115	65	105	130	70		
Variance	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	
Total	75.9	85.9	110.9	60.9	90.9	115.9	65.9	105.9	130.9	70.9		
Playoff	75.0	93.0	118.0	68.0	98.0	123.0	73.0	113.0	138.0	78.0		
Equipment	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0		
Variance	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9		
Total	80.9	98.9	123.9	73.9	103.9	128.9	78.9	118.9	143.9	83.9		

	10U			11U			12U			13U		
	Standard	Red Stripe***	OBL (11 YO)	Standard	Red Stripe***	OBL (12 YO)	Standard	Red Stripe***	OBL (13 YO)	Standard	Red Stripe***	OBL (14 YO/9G)
Initial	115	Unlimited	80	130	Unlimited	95	145	Unlimited	110	185	Unlimited	135
Variance	0.9		0.9	0.9		0.9	0.9		0.9	0.9		0.9
Total	115.9		80.9	130.9		95.9	145.9		110.9	185.9		135.9
Playoff	123.0	Unlimited	88.0	138.0	Unlimited	103.0	153.0	Unlimited	118.0	193.0	Unlimited	143.0
Equipment	5.0		5.0	5.0		5.0	5.0		5.0	5.0		5.0
Variance	0.9		0.9	0.9		0.9	0.9		0.9	0.9		0.9
Total	128.9		93.9	143.9		108.9	158.9		123.9	198.9		148.9

\* - Mid-Season Red Stripe weigh-ins will use Initial weight limits  
 \*\*\* - Refer to Red Stripe rules within the SOPs



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### **10. Do the cheerleaders participate in competitions and how often?**

Yes! Along with cheering for all home and away football games, our competitive cheerleaders compete in three competitions each season. All cheerleader entry fees are included in your registration fee except Ocean City. There will be a parent meeting to discuss in detail our Ocean City Competition.

### **11. Who do I call for inclement weather?**

You will receive a notification ASAP from your coach when the weather is bad. Football is played in all weather except LIGHTNING. So if it rains expect to play unless otherwise communicated. Cheerleaders are expected to cheer as long as the game is on. However, Cheerleading will move indoors if it is raining before or during practice if possible.

### **12. Who can I contact or call should I have further questions about the program or registration?**

Questions regarding Football email at [arbutusfootballcheer@gmail.com](mailto:arbutusfootballcheer@gmail.com) and Cheerleading questions to our Cheerleading A.D at [arbutuscheerad@gmail.com](mailto:arbutuscheerad@gmail.com). General emails and refund requests should be sent to [arbutusfootballcheer@gmail.com](mailto:arbutusfootballcheer@gmail.com). Up to date information is always available on our website: [www.arbutusgoldeneagles.com](http://www.arbutusgoldeneagles.com) and Facebook on Arbutus Golden Eagles past/present/future.

### **13. I would like to help coach or volunteer in some way – how do I do this?**

To run a successful program, we must have dedicated people behind it. As we start our 99<sup>th</sup> year of tradition we have continued to provide excellence and success because of our dedicated coaches, coaching staffs, parents, and members of our organization. We are always looking for dedicated, enthusiastic volunteers to help us carry on the Arbutus A.A. tradition. If you are interested in helping out, please see a coach or your team mom to find out just how you can help. For coaching applications email: [arbutusfootballcheer@gmail.com](mailto:arbutusfootballcheer@gmail.com).

### **14. As a parent am I expected to participate in a program fundraiser?**

It costs \$70,000+ annually to run a successful fall season. Our fundraiser is the Association's largest source of income. It is **strongly encouraged** that parents support each football/cheerleader in our annual fundraiser. Each football player and cheerleader are eligible to receive prizes for reaching their goal in our fundraiser. More details about our fundraiser will be distributed as it become available.

### **15. As a parent how often am I expected to volunteer and what will I be doing?**

We ask that as a parent/guardian of an Arbutus football player or cheerleader you volunteer in our snack shack at least 2 times throughout the season. Cheerleading and Football asks that you work with your Coach and staff to assist in providing snacks for the teams on game days. Our concession stand helps to fund the season expenses so your assistance in manning it is vital to meeting our financial goal.

**We also need volunteers for numerous committees. If you are interested in joining a committee, please email [arbutusfootballcheer@gmail.com](mailto:arbutusfootballcheer@gmail.com)**

*Current committees that we are looking for volunteers for are:*

Photos  
Yearbook  
Field Crew  
Events

Homecoming Festivities  
Fundraising  
Website  
Apparel

Registration  
Concessions  
Football Equipment  
Donations/Sponsorship



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If you have any concerns or are interested in becoming a member of the organization, please check our website or Facebook page for upcoming meeting dates.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION [www.arbutusgoldeneagles.com](http://www.arbutusgoldeneagles.com)

AND

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FACEBOOK: Arbutus Golden Eagles past/present/future

INSTAGRAM: arbutusgoldeneagles