



WELCOME TO ANOTHER SEASON OF  
BROOKLYN SKYHAWK FOOTBALL (S.Y.S.C.)

Website: [Skyhawks \(brooklynskyhawks.org\)](http://brooklynskyhawks.org)

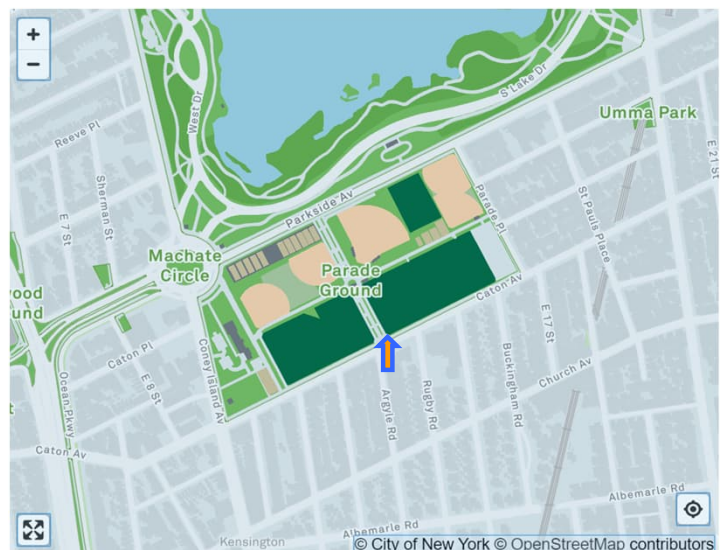
This is our 47th season sponsoring a tackle football program. We are a charter member of the New York City Youth Football Conference (NYCYFL).

The SKYHAWKS are a very competitive organization and we teach how to play the game at a high level of intensity. However, for the sake of safety, each child is taught the game of football and allowed to develop at his own pace.

As a teaching organization, it is our policy to retain any player who is willing to work hard and take instruction; providing them the opportunity to become part of the "Skyhawk family" regardless of their ability to participate in the actual game.

*Therefore, understand that play time in actual games is not guaranteed but it is based on their performance through the summer/pre-season practice sessions.*

The Brooklyn Skyhawks Home Field is located at the Prospect Park Parade Grounds – Field 9 Located at the corner of Caton Avenue and Argyle Road (across the street from Caton Park Nursing Home).





The Brooklyn Skyhawks Football program was founded by James Harris in 1977.

The Skyhawks began with two teams in 1977 and expanded to three teams in 1978. By 1981 the Skyhawks had five separate divisions with approximately 150 players. Many former players have come back to support the Club's goal of helping today's young men excel on and off the football field.

Today, the Skyhawks is one of the top youth football programs in the New York Tri-State area with an annual roster of approximately 130 players ranging from ages 7-14. The Brooklyn Skyhawks are known for their winning tradition. Our organization consistently sends teams to their divisional Playoffs and Championship games.

As of 2018, Brooklyn Skyhawks Football operates under Skyhawk Youth Sports Corp. (S.Y.S.C.) a registered, non-profit 501(c) 3 organization.



## • OUR MISSION

Brooklyn Skyhawks Football was founded in 1977 with the following objectives:

- ⇒ To inspire participants regardless of their race, creed or national origin, to impart the principles of sportsmanship, scholarship and physical fitness;
- ⇒ To familiarize all participants with the fundamentals of tackle football and to play the game in a safe manner;
- ⇒ To teach discipline, respect and instill values that can be applied for a lifetime.

## • OUR VISION

It is our belief that youth should have the opportunity to participate in any activity and that physical activities also stimulates the mind.

Since 1977, our tackle football program is a highly competitive program where our primary goal is to teach each child the fundamentals of football, to demonstrate the values of teamwork through discipline and to instill a sense of good sportsmanship together with quality competition.



# REGISTRATION

Registration for 2024 season opens on April 20<sup>th</sup>. The forms are located on the Website. Please print the PDF forms, complete them and bring them to the field to register.

The following should be completed and signed when you bring the child to the field:

- Player information form
- Waiver of liability
- COVID-19 Waiver
- Code of Conduct
- Media Release Waiver

The following form should be submitted by no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>:

- Medical (*must be Skyhawk form*)
- Proof of Age Notary
- Copy of Proof of Age (Birth Certificate, State/City Picture ID, Passport)

# TRAINING

Training with our program is divided into three (3) sessions. These sessions are held at Prospect Park Parade Grounds – Field 9.

- Spring session runs through June on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 AM to 12 PM. These sessions consist of conditioning; wear comfortable clothing (sweats, shorts, t-shirts) according to the weather.
- Summer session begins July 13<sup>th</sup> through Labor Day. Players who have been issued equipment should be in full gear (shoulder pads, helmet, practice pants with pads and jersey) for summer practices.
- The last session begins when September arrives, the actual games begin. This session runs through November/early December depending on the final schedule posted by NYCYFL.

# FEES

Registration fees must be paid in full by 6/30/24 and all forms including the Skyhawk medical form must be submitted in order for the player to be issued equipment. Equipment will be issued in mid-July as a group to all players who are fully paid through June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Fees (non-refundable) can be paid in full, or using the suggested payment schedule:

Suggested Payment Schedule	HAWKS (Peanuts) Ages 7 – 8	JR PW Ages 9 - 10	PEE WEE Ages 11 - 12	BANTAM Ages 13 - 14
1 <sup>st</sup> Payment due 5/26/24	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment due 6/2/24	\$150.00	\$165.00	\$165.00	\$175.00
Final Payment due 6/30/24	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$105.00
TOTAL FEE	\$505.00	\$520.00	\$520.00	\$530.00

Accepting cash, money orders, or personal checks until 6/30/24. *For convenience, you may pay directly into the S.Y.S.C. account using Zelle (carmen4hawks@aol.com) or CashApp (\$BrooklynSkyhawks). Please be sure to include the player's name and reason for payment (registration, merchandise, helmet, etc.).*

# EQUIPMENT

The registration fee covers the loan of the following:

- Shoulder pads, thigh and knee pads (*if necessary*)
- Practice jersey (*players to keep*)
- Game uniform (home/away jerseys and game pants – *issued after League Certification*)
- Away Jersey (*players to keep*)

Players are responsible for the following:

- Molded football cleats
- Approved white football helmet with protective cage and mouth piece
- Athletic supporter with cup
- Practice pants (*including hip and butt pads*)

*Player's should have the purchased equipment as soon as possible but by no later than June 30th*

# HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

HOLIDAY	PRACTICE DAY	<u>NO PRACTICE</u>
Mother's Day	Saturday, May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday, May 12 <sup>th</sup>
Memorial Day	Saturday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday, May 26 <sup>th</sup>
Father's Day	Saturday, June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday, June 16 <sup>th</sup>
Independence Day	NO PRACTICE SATURDAY and SUNDAY (July 6 <sup>th</sup> and July 7 <sup>th</sup> )	
Labor Day	Saturday, August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday, September 1 <sup>st</sup>

## FAQs

### How are the division ages determined?

- Player's ages are determined as of December 31. If your child is born on 11/29/2016, the player will be 8 years old as of December 31 and he would be in the Hawk (Peanut) division.

### Are there any other restrictions within the divisions?

- There are weight restrictions for all divisions except the Bantam division. Overweight players requires a discussion with the Head Coach

Hawks (Peanuts) – 125 lbs.; Jr PW – 148 lbs.; PW – 175 lbs.; Bantams - *Unlimited*

### Can I receive a refund if my child does not play?

- All fees are non-refundable. If a player has a medical condition that restricts their participation in football, a refund can be made (*less the first scheduled payment*), only if the condition is discovered before League Certification Day. A signed doctor's note indicating the reason must be provided to either Carmen Moore or Brad Harris prior to League Certification.

### What if I am registering more than one child?

- A fee discount is available for siblings from same family, registering during the same season. The discounted fee will apply only to the fee of the younger sibling.
- Sibling fee is as follows: Hawks \$400; JPW/PW \$415; Bantam \$425

### What is the Skyhawk season?

- The Skyhawk season begins mid-April and ends around Thanksgiving, depending on the number of games, Playoffs and Championship. During Spring (April, May and June) practices consist of training and conditioning. In the Summer (July and August) practices become more intense with full equipment. Games begin in September.

## FAQs (con't)

### Is there an adjustment in the fee if I have my own shoulder pads?

There is no adjustment in fees for using your own shoulder pads. However, any equipment you own and will be using must be approved for contact. We will not be liable for injuries when using your own equipment.

### What if my child has asthma, will he be allowed to join the team?

- Asthma does not prevent your child from participating in our program. We will monitor your child if we are aware of the situation. If your child uses an inhaler, please make sure that there is an inhaler with your child at all times at the field.

### What do I need to bring to practice?

- All players should carry a bag to practice to store their personal items. You should also include an extra T-shirt, socks, shorts; any medications you may need. You should minimize the items you allow your child to bring to practice (no jewelry, iPad, video games, etc.). The Skyhawks are NOT responsible for any personal items that are lost or stolen.
- Water and or/Gatorade for hydration.

### How should I dress for practice?

Players should dress in layers according to the weather. Wearing layers allows participants to remove the layers as the day warms up during practice. Remember that turf fields get much hotter than grass fields during the day.

### Does every child get to play in a game?

For the most part coaches will try to play as many people as possible in a given game, however there are factors involved:

- Coaches must be confident that the player has progressed properly and can handle himself on the field of play.
- Football is a FULL COLLISION sport. It takes time to get over the fear of hitting or being hit. Some players take to it very quickly while others take a bit longer. Playing time should increase once the coaching staff is assured that your child is ready for the competitive atmosphere of league games.
- Allow players to develop at their own pace. Our goal is to teach each player the fundamentals of the game and make them better than they were at the beginning of the season. Experience, practice time, consistency, etc., all play a major role in the player's development.

## FAQS (con't)

### My child is sick or will miss a game/practice

- All players are to communicate with their head coach. Attendance is taken at all practices and games.

### We are not sure of the time or location of the game

- Check our website or contact your child's head coach for location and game details. Travel to opponent's fields for away games are provided by the Skyhawks.

### We changed our address or home phone number

- Forward the new information to your head coach or Ms. Carmen Moore. Send an email (Skyhawkyouthsportscorp@gmail.com) or report your changes at the registration table.