

<p><b>Foxboro Youth Football &amp; Cheerleading, Inc.</b></p> <p><b>Standard Operating Policy (S.O.P.) FYFC-03</b></p> <p><b><i>Team Placement</i></b></p>	<p>Effective Date 4/8/25</p> <p>Supersedes S.O.P. Dated 6/3/20</p>
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## POLICY

It is the policy of FYFC to abide by the AYF (American Youth Football) rulebook and EMAYFC (Eastern Mass American Youth Football & Cheer) conference rules regarding placement of football players and cheerleaders on teams. The rules are very specific and not subject to alteration by any organization. FYFC will give serious consideration when deciding the number of teams to field, the number of participants per team, how coaches' children or how siblings are placed. These decisions may be based on FYFC's financial means, the availability of fields, practice space, uniforms, equipment, qualified coaches, or the best interest of a family.

### Standard Practices

1. Football/Cheerleading team formation.
  - ◆ Football team playing levels are grade based.
    - A) Grades can be combined if necessary to field a team.
    - B) The playing level will be that of the higher grade.
    - C) Players can move up one grade only.
    - D) Players cannot move down to play at a lower grade level.
  - ◆ Cheerleading squads levels are age based.
2. Football teams must have a minimum of 14 rostered players, but no more than 36. A football team must have no fewer than 14 active players to play a game.
3. Cheerleading squads must have a minimum of 5, but no more than 36 members. Competition squads must have at least 5 members.
4. Flag football may compete as an "In House" program, in the EMAYFC travel league, or both.
  - ◆ Team levels are grade based starting at kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade (if offered).
  - ◆ Multiple grades may be combined for the In-House program.
  - ◆ EMAYFC travel teams will follow league guidelines.
5. There is no guarantee any parent will have the opportunity to coach their own children, or any other family member. Players and cheerleaders must be placed using the age & grade schematic. Children of coaches will be placed on the coach's team where applicable. (Refer to S.O.P. FYFC-04 selection of coaches).
6. Siblings may be placed on teams with the best interest of the family taken into consideration.
  - ◆ If a team roster allows, football siblings may be placed on the same team if they meet the age & grade schematic.
  - ◆ If a team roster allows, cheerleading siblings may be placed on the same team if they meet the age schematic.
  - ◆ At no time can a younger sibling take the place of another participant who is restricted by a team's age or grade schematic.

7. If there are enough football players to form more than one team at any level, the FYFC Board of Directors will decide if that is feasible.
  - ◆ Some benefits of having multiple teams:
    - A) May eliminate waiting lists.
    - B) Help build your program.
    - C) Offers more playing time for players.
    - D) Creates coaching opportunities.
    - E) Creates a broader volunteer base.
  - ◆ Some disadvantages of having multiple teams:
    - A) Lack of field space for practice and games.
    - B) Financial restrictions to purchase more equipment and uniforms.
    - C) Placement in a different division could create longer travel distances.
    - D) Home and away schedules could differ among FYFC's teams.
8. The President and Athletic Director of FYFC will oversee a draft should multiple teams be fielded at the level.
  - ◆ Head coaches will have input as to where players should be picked, but the final decision will rest with the President and Athletic Director.
  - ◆ Coaches should also advise the President of any potential negative situations.

**Policy Modification and Termination Rights:**

FYFC reserves the authority to modify, amend, suspend or discontinue this policy, including its standard practices and administrative procedures, at any time at its sole discretion.

Approved by the Board of Directors