

Redmond Jr. Mustangs: Volunteer Information

Redmond Jr. Mustangs Families,

Welcome to the 2011 fall football season and thank you for your interest in volunteering. We are a purely volunteer driven organization and our success as a program and as individual teams is largely determined by the time put in by those of us in the small Redmond football community.

There are many ways to help the program. Please look over the opportunities listed below. If you have questions or have another way you'd like to help please talk with your coach or a board member.

Regards,
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Officials:

We need officials! Each system is required to provide officials and we are looking for volunteers who are willing to work the equivalent of at least one half of a game day (at least 3-4 games). Grab a friend and sign up together. It is a blast and the Greater Eastside Junior Football Association (GEJFA) has made it easy to get involved:

- GEJFA offers multiple opportunities for training
- Officials are paid (or they can donate their time to the program)
- You can choose the crew you work with
- You can choose the games, times and locations you wish to work
- High school kids can be officials (meets volunteer requirements) but we'd need to pair them with at least one adult from our system

For more information please see http://www.gejfa.org/pdfs/FAQS_for_Game_Officials.pdf.

Team Volunteers:

Everyone is expected to help out their team.

The big one for each team is the Team Parent. They will help the head coach communicate with the team for games and practice changes, coordinate team events (pictures, etc.), and coordinate game day volunteers. Contact your coach if you are interested in being the Team Parent.

Game day volunteers will be required for all games and will include announcers, scoreboard operators, chain crews, etc. These will be coordinated by the Team Parent.

Assistant Coaches:

Teaching kids to work together as a team and helping them meet the physical and mental demands of the game of football is an immensely rewarding experience. If you have specific football experience that you can offer or would just like to assist in general please contact your head coach to discuss opportunities.

General points regarding assistant coaches:

- The head coach will determine how many assistants they need, who those assistants are, and what each will do. It is possible that there will be more volunteers than assistant coaching positions available.

- Assistant coaches will be put in a position where they are not coaching their player.
- Assistant coaches are expected to obtain basic training (available online).
- All volunteers that work directly with players are required to pass a background check managed by our parent organization, the Bellevue Boys and Girls Club.

When talking to the head coach about assistant opportunities, I recommend discussing several specific points:

- Know what the expected time commitment is. In addition to practices, many coaches have a coaches meeting once per week and require assistant coaches to scout.
- Understand the head coach's philosophy and approach to teaching the game. There is one head coach and they are the voice of the team. Make sure you can work within their system without conflict.
- Explain what your experience is and be clear about where you are willing to help. Don't be offended if you don't have the opportunity to do exactly what you want to do.

Board Members:

Each year we have openings on the Board and we always need help. If you are interested in becoming involved with the board please talk with a current board member or attend the next meeting. All board meetings are open to the general membership.