



RAYNHAM GIANTS



Youth Football Organization

2019
Program Information Packet

www.raynhamgiants.com

The “A-B-C’s” of Raynham Giants Youth Football

The Raynham Giants football organization was established in 1971. Our program competes in the Old Colony Youth Football League (OCYFL) along with over 26 other towns across southeastern Massachusetts.

The Giants field three teams in the competitive age groups:

| <u>Team</u> | <u>Grade</u> | <u>Birth Date</u> | <u>Wt Limit *</u> |
|---------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| • Midgets (A) | 7 th -8 th | 15 no earlier than 11/15/04 | 171 lbs |
| • Peewee (B) | 5 th -6 th | 12 no earlier than 06/01/07 | 136 lbs |
| • Mites (C) | 3 rd -4 th | 10 no earlier than 06/01/09 | 111 lbs |

** At initial league weigh-in. Increased 1 lb/week per league rule.*

In addition, we offer a **Mighty Mite** program for 2nd graders as an instructional environment, to include controlled scrimmages against other OCYFL teams. No weight limit restriction for the Mighty Mites. Ages 7 & 8 (6/30/11 – 9/1/12)

The Giants are recognized across the OCYFL as one of the most successful and highly-respected programs. We take pride first-and-foremost on our approach to teaching proper techniques, safety precautions and instilling team-building concepts. Our dedicated coaching and support staff are committed to providing a fun and safe learning environment focused on developing the skills and personal character of our youth. Our ‘varsity’ and ‘junior varsity’ schedule ensures that all participants are afforded the opportunity to compete in an environment commensurate with their age and skill level.

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FAQs

1. How do I register my child to play?

Step 1: Click on the "Register" link on the top right side on the screen. Follow the Q & A.

Step 2: Create a "New Customer Primary Contact"

Step 3: Under "my Account", Click on "Register" tab.

Step 4: Click on "Add Participant". If you are registering more than one child, click on "Add Another Participant".

Step 5: Click on the program(s) you wish to register for.

Step 6: Follow payment instructions. You will receive a confirmation email stating you what program you have paid for.

2. How much playing time will my child be afforded?

The OCYFL does not have a 'minimum play' rule. However, unlike other Pop Warner programs, the OCYFL offers a 'Junior Varsity' program, which allows us to guarantee real game playing time to all of our players each weekend. Often, younger or less experienced players will experience the majority of their playing time during our Saturday JV games. This does NOT prevent them from also playing during 'Varsity' games as well if the situation allows.

3. Can my child play if he/she overweight for the age group?

Yes. At a minimum, players are able to practice with the team even if they are ineligible for game-day participation. League weight limits are increased slightly each week, so often times players become eligible for game play as the season progresses.

4. Can my child choose the position he/she wants to play?

No. Our coaching staff will assess each players skills and team needs to determine each player's position(s). As the season and/or years progress, it is very likely that players will experience multiple positions as their size, skill, interests and team needs change.

5. How can I get involved with the program?

Simply reach out to any member of our board or coaching staff to learn about opportunities to support the Giants. Contact information is located on our website.

Raynham Giants Football Staff Directory

2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
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2019 HEAD COACHES

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| Midgets "A Team" Head Coach | ALEX TAVARES | 508-623-2650 | universalglass04@comcast.net |
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| Mites "C Team" Head Coach | KEN BOLLIN | 508-400-8991 | ken@yukonlandscaping.com |
| Mighty Mites Head Coach | RYAN BRADY | 508-345-0737 | lucky132003@yahoo.com |

Raynham Giants -- A Long History of Success



Since 2000, Giants teams have won a total of 32 OCYFL Super bowls across the three competitive age groups. Our Midget team has twice been crowned NYFC National Champs -- most recently in 2014!

The success of our program is largely attributable to our knowledgeable and dedicated coaching staff. We are committed to teaching proper techniques and strategies to provide players with the tools required to compete both during their youth playing days as well as to prepare them for high school football and beyond, if they choose to participate.

2019 Giants Schedule

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| JOCKS Camp | Aug. 5 th - 9 th |
| Fundraising Weekend | Aug. 10 th & 11 th |
| Weigh-in Day (Rockland) | Sept. 8 th |

Scrimmages

TBD

TBD

Game Schedule (VARSITY)

| | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Marshfield | Away | Sept. 8 th |
| Silver Lake | HOME | Sept. 15 th |
| Scituate/Cohasset | Away | Sept. 22 nd |
| Barnstable | HOME | Sept. 29 th |
| Hingham | Away | Oct. 6 th |
| Plymouth | HOME | Oct. 13 th |
| Bridgewater (Sat night) | HOME | Oct. 19 th |
| Hanover | Away | Oct. 27 th |

Game Schedule (JUNIOR VARSITY)

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|-----|-----|------------------------|
| TBA | TBA | Sept. 14 th |
| TBA | TBA | Sept. 21 st |
| TBA | TBA | Sept. 28 th |
| TBA | TBA | Oct. 5 th |
| TBA | TBA | Oct. 12 th |
| TBA | TBA | Oct. 19 th |
| TBA | TBA | Oct. 26 th |

Varsity Post Season

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| Playoffs | TBD | Nov. 2 nd & 3 rd |
| Super Bowl | TBD | Nov. 10 th |

Participation Costs

Cost: \$200 per player (Mites, Peewees, Midgets)

\$125 per player (Mighty Mites)

\$450 family maximum

Discounts prices for each additional player per household

Jocks Camp: \$40 additional per player

Tag Day 'Opt-out' Fee: Tag day weekend is our key fundraising event, allowing us to keep our registration costs among the lowest in the OCYFL. If you choose to or are unable to attend, you will be assessed a \$50 opt-out fee.

Giants provide:

- Helmet & Mouthpiece
- Shoulder Pads
- Home & Away Game Uniforms
(shirts, pants, belt, socks)
- Practice Shirt

Parents must supply football cleats, practice pants and thigh, knee & hip pads.

OCYFL Participants

The OCYFL is comprised of five (6) primary Divisions based primarily on town program participation.

Division 1 = Largest number of participants

Division 5 = Smallest number of participants

As a Division 2 team, we play a schedule mixed of games between fellow Division 2 teams and Division 1 teams.

Currently, the OCYFL division alignment is as follows:

Division 1

- Bridgewater
- Duxbury
- Hingham
- Marshfield
- Scituate/Cohasset

Division 2

- **Raynham Giants**
- Barnstable
- Hanover
- Plymouth North
- Silver Lake

Division 3

- East Bridgewater
- Middleboro
- Norwell
- Pembroke
- Plymouth South
- Rockland

Division 4

- Abington
- Apponequet
- Dennis Yarmouth
- Hanson
- Wareham
- Whitman

Division 5

- Carver
- Hull
- Falmouth
- Lower Cape
- Sandwich
- West Bridgewater

Division 6

- Bridgewater
- Duxbury
- Hingham
- Marshfield
- Scituate/Cohasset

A Season in the Life of a Raynham Giant

What to Expect...

Part of what makes football such a great and unique sport is its dependence on team cooperation and commitment. Producing a safe and successful culture demands a high level of commitment from our coaching staff, players and parents.

Prior to the beginning of school:

- Practices are held Monday-Friday for ~2 hours each.

When school is in session:

- Practices are held three days per week for ~2 hours each (unless shortened by daylight or public safety restrictions (EEE)).

Mighty Mite, Mite and Peewee practices are held at the Merrill school complex. Midget practices are held at the Mill St. field adjacent to the VFW hall.

- All players are expected to attend each practice unless they have an acceptable reason for absence, e.g. illness, family commitment, school demands, etc.
- Players and/or parents are requested to inform their head coach of any absence prior to practice.
- Players are required to bring their own fluids (water, Gatorade, etc.) to practice in a labeled container, and should not be shared with other players for health concerns.
- Players should be dressed according to the weather and have bug spray applied if desired.
- Parents are not allowed on the playing field during practices or games.

Game weekends:

- **JV games** are conducted on Saturdays, typically on the following schedule: Mite 8:30, Midget 9:30, Peewee 10:30
- **Varsity games** are conducted on Sundays, typically on the following schedule: Mite 11:30, Midget 1:00, Peewee 2:30

Player Safety Practices and Policies

The Raynham Giants are committed to player safety as Priority #1. Several policies, practices and provisions are in place in effort to ensure a safe playing environment. Principal among these are:

- ✓ Proper tackling (“Heads-Up”) technique taught and reinforced at every level
- ✓ All coaches are required to be Heads-Up certified
- ✓ All coaches are asked to be CPR / AED certified
- ✓ All coaches are compliant with Protecting Youth Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017
- ✓ All coaches are required to have National CORI background checks
- ✓ All helmets are routinely evaluated by the manufacturer for safety disposition. Helmets are either reconditioned or discarded if certification period has expired.
- ✓ Limited full contact activity during practices
- ✓ Frequent fluid breaks scheduled into each practice
- ✓ Dedicated Player Safety Coach to assess player injuries and facilitate treatment and/or clearance for resumed activity
- ✓ Strict adherence to concussion evaluation and return-to-play protocol, e.g. *“When in doubt, sit them out”*.
- ✓ Certified EMT presence at all home and away games
- ✓ Certified Referees at all games, who are experienced in recognizing & preventing unsafe play
- ✓ Defibrillation-trained staff
- ✓ Published player safety policy