



## 2011 Frequently Asked Questions (F.A.Q.s)

- **NEW QUESTION! 3/16/11** Why do the Jr. Hornets hold tryouts [*held 3/16/11*] so early when football doesn't start until July? 1) We order a lot of equipment every year. Football equipment is notorious for the slow turn around and it takes up to 3 months for everything to arrive, especially custom jerseys. So in order to start practicing by the end of July, we need to place our order by the end of April, or the beginning of May. 2) Football is expensive. We like to give families (especially new ones) time to pay off and budget the cost. 3) It takes a lot of time and preparation to be ready for the football season. The earlier our rosters are done, the more prepared we are come July 25 when our Mini-Camp begins. 4) If we are unable to place a child on a team, for whatever reason, we want them to have time to sign up for other teams/sports.
- **NEW QUESTION! 3/16/11** What is the limit for players on a Jr. Hornets team? According to our league's bylaws, each team's player limit is 30. It is at each coach's discretion if he wants to have less than 30 kids on his team.
- **NEW QUESTION 3/16/11** If my son is a returning player from last year, is he guaranteed a spot on the team? On the contrary. Each year represents a separate and unique tryout opportunity for all returning players and new players.
- **NEW QUESTION! 3/2/11** If I have two children who play for Jr. Hornets Football teams, is there a discount? Yes. You'd pay \$125 registration fee for the first child, and receive a \$25 discount for the second = \$100.
- **How much is registration?** Registration is \$125. This includes the registration and the July mini-camp. (Mini-camp also includes a special edition T-shirt and a final-day bbq for the entire Jr. Hornet Family.)
- **What is mini-camp?** Mini-camp is a four-day football skills and conditioning camp (daytime only) here in Enumclaw which allows an opportunity for each player to receive workouts that build up to full gear and contact before practices officially begin.
- **What if my family wants to take a vacation during the summer practice period?** Although we would like to have every team member present every day of practice, we know that is not always possible. Our hopes would be that you would try to take your mid-week vacations before July 25. If that's not possible, inform your son's coach of your plans so he can prepare for your child's absence from the team.

- **How much will I spend on gear if my son is a brand new Jr. Hornets player?** Because players buy/own football gear, this enables returning-player savings for multiple seasons. New players can expect to spend approx. \$375 including registration. Returning players need only pay the registration fee and purchase whatever new gear they need.
- **How do I order football gear for my son?** After teams are formed, the Jr. Hornets hold an “Equipment Day” in the spring. Experts will be present for fitting your son for a helmet and pads. Coaches will also be available. Different sizes of pads, pants and helmets will be on hand for try-ons. Registration fees, equipment and apparel orders must be paid for at this time.
- **What if I can’t afford the entire amount due?** Contact Linzy Scott to make payment arrangements prior to Equipment Day. Her email address is [linzy.scott@comcast.net](mailto:linzy.scott@comcast.net)
- **How do I buy a Jr. Hornets sweatshirt, T-shirt or other team accessories?** Jr. Hornets apparel will be available for ordering on Equipment Day, and at least one other time during the season.
- **How many players are on each team?** Teams are formed with a low target number. Each coach tries to keep his team number at an amount that allows for efficient coaching; fewer players per team = more instruction/playing time.
- **How many games will each team participate in?** Jr. Hornets play in a jamboree and 9 regular season games; they also participate in cross-county scrimmages as well as postseason league playoffs.
- **What league do the Jr. Hornets compete in?** The Greater Puget Sound Youth Football League ([www.gpsyfl.org](http://www.gpsyfl.org)), which has 14 teams located throughout Pierce County.
- **How are the Jr. Hornets different from other local teams?** A maximum number of players per team is enforced by Jr. Hornets & the GPSYFL, commanding more instruction and playing time for players. Teams are formed by grade, not weight and age. Players pick out and purchase their own Riddell equipment during their first season, enabling future season’s cost savings as well as top of the line equipment. Jr. Hornets are primarily Enumclaw residents maintaining a “feeder” system to the local middles schools and Enumclaw High School.
- **Do high school football players help with Jr. Hornets teams?** Jr. Hornets have a mentor partnership with the EHS Football program, in which high school players instruct and motivate our young players all season. The camaraderie and respect between Jr. Hornets players and Hornets players is often reciprocated with the Jr. Hornets’ attendance at Enumclaw High School Football home games.
- **We are Enumclaw?** Yes, we are.
- **Have other questions?** Submit them to [lisainserenity@q.com](mailto:lisainserenity@q.com), and we’ll post the answers right here on this site.