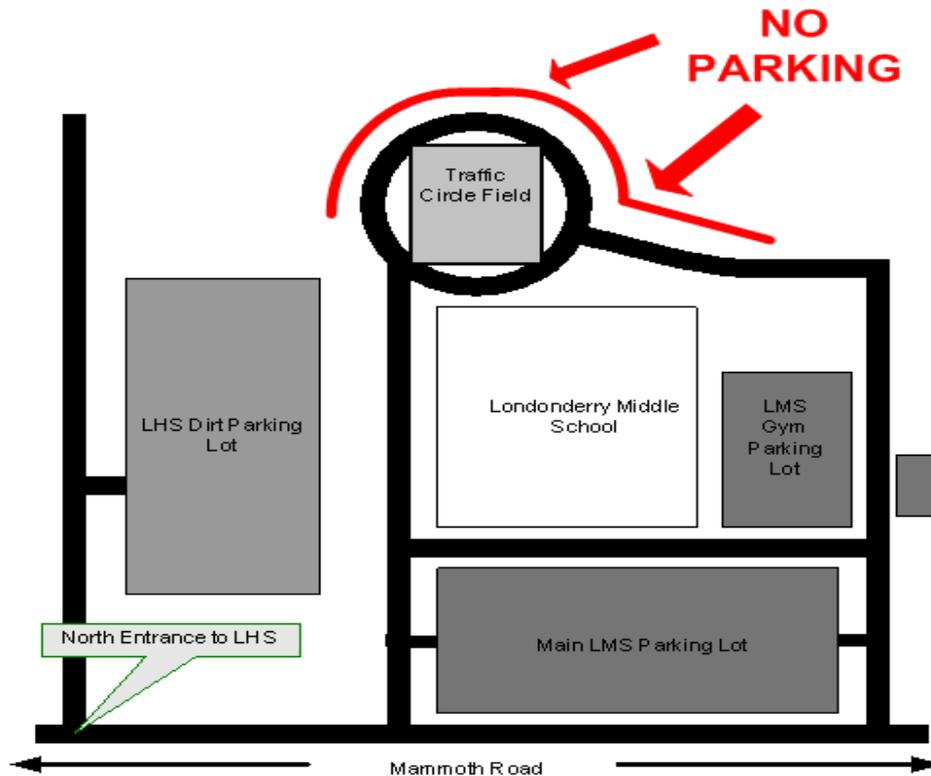


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No Parking !! – No Kidding !!

Jim Loiselle – EndZone Publisher & Chris Cole LYFS President

What if it was your son or daughter ??

We thank everyone that has been able to read and understand the No Parking signs posted around the circle at LMS. We also thank those that have read and understood the multiple postings concerning not parking on the access road that leads behind LMS to the circle.

If a child is hurt and can not be removed from the field we may need to call an ambulance. With cars parked on the access road (where it turns into the circle) and around the outside of the circle (all of which are clearly marked as no parking) the ambulance and town EMS vehicles CAN NOT fit through.

What if it was your son or daughter !!

Starting tonight (8-23-2012) and continuing through the end of the season if we observe cars parked where the town, school district, and the Wildcats have told you not to park your car will be ticketed. We will call the LPD to ticket any car that is parked illegally and if the car parked illegally is blocking the ability of town EMS vehicles to gain access to the fields that car will be towed.

We apologize for the bluntness of this message. We simply ask what if it was your son or daughter ?

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MPR – What’s an MPR ??

Jim Loiselle – EndZone Publisher

Every football player plays in every game. AYF football (WildCat U3 through U6 football teams) at its heart remains an educational and instructional program. Yes, of course scores are kept and wins are tracked but that is not the only thing we keep track of in AYF football.

MPR or minimum play rule is a fundamental method for ensuring that every player gets to play in every game. We do this by counting the plays every football player is involved in until that player meets the minimum play requirement. You may have seen this on the volunteer sign-up sheets this week. For every game (home and away) we need 2 MPR volunteers. One volunteer goes on the opponents side line and with a formatted sheet keeps track of the plays each player gets until that player meets the minimum requirement. They don’t do this alone. An MPR person from the other team is watching and assisting.

On our side of the field its just the opposite. An MPR volunteer from the other team keeps track of the plays for each WildCat player. The WildCat MPR person on our side of the field watches and helps the other teams MPR volunteer.

This trust but verify method keeps it fair and equal as both teams “watch” what each other is doing related to MPRs.

With MPRs in play this requires some additional strategy from coaches. Each coach has their own style of managing to the MPR rule and making sure players get playing time. One old-time coach once told me he preferred to manage MPRs on the offensive side of the ball. As he remarked if the offense makes a mistake they give up the ball. If the defense makes a mistake they give up a touchdown.

So you will see many teams primarily run their first-string defense all the time. But again each coach has their own method and strategy to follow and ways for getting players both playing time and in-game experience.

Most coaches will run their MPR players first. This is critical as all MPRs must be completed by the start of the 4th quarter. The game referees will actually ask the head coaches at the start of the 4th quarter if they have met their MPRs.

If teams have not met their MPR requirement by the 4th quarter they MUST play kids on every down until they have completed their MPRs.

Do all plays count for MPRs. No, all kicking plays and point after TD runs do not count as MPR plays. Also plays that end with a penalty assessed are not counted as MPR plays. Basically the only plays that count for MPR counting are offensive and defensive plays from scrimmage.

What happens if a team does not meet their MPR requirement ? Well first that should never happen. It is the responsibility of the head coaches to make sure the

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rules are followed. If at the end of the day a team has not met the MPR rule, this is forwarded to the state governing board for disciplinary action that includes fines and game-suspensions for coaches.

So what are the minimum number of plays required. Well that depends on the teams size, as in the number of players on the day of the game.

31 to 36 players – 8 plays
25 to 30 players – 10 plays
19 to 24 players – 12 plays
13 to 18 players – 16 plays

So there you have the rule and some points around how coaches manage to this important element of AYF football. Any questions at all should be brought to the attention of your head coach.

See you at the game !!

Old Home Day – THANK YOU !!!

[Kelley Wilcox – WildCat Concession Director](#)

What a great week we had. First there are just TOO many people to thank. It started with Coach Gary Richard taking the concession trailer to the commons on Wednesday night. From then on it was constant motion !



WildCats at OHD August 2012

A group of people from 11am to 5pm Thursday pulled out the equipment and set up the stand for Thursday night movie night. Then from 8pm to midnight another group of people staffed the concession stand for movie night. Thanks to the “muffin man” and real special thanks go out about pop corn. Yes pop corn.

It seems our pop corn machine that was donated to the WildCats by Bensons Hardware – kept blowing

the circuit breaker the town set us up on. How could we have movie night with no pop corn ?

Teamwork is how we got pop corn !

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A couple of team moms remembered the owners of Apple Tree Cinema Kelly and Tim are WildCat parents. A few phone calls and a quick drive over to the theatre got us a BIG bag of pop corn. Movie Night saved !!

The good deeds continued all day Saturday when volunteers arrived at 5am and several worked all the way through until 4pm when we packed it all away for Coach Gary to drive back to my yard where we store the concession stand.

In between we sold countless burgers, fries, soda and everything else !! We had runners going to Sams Club, Mr. Steer, Market Basket and the Home Depot and a few who lugged jugs of water from the church across the street.

Setting up the concession for the first event of the year with a lot of perishable goods is a last minute rush. I hope you all enjoyed the parade and a BIG-BIG THANKS to everyone that made the week a great success.

Are You Ready for Some Football & Cheerleading !!

Jim Loiselle – EndZone Publisher

You don't need me to tell you as you all already know and we can feel the excitement in the air. It's football season. Some of the teams the U3, U4- and U-5 have already had some scrimmages.



U3's vs. Derry Demons Scrimmage

Game time reminders below.....your coaches will tell you what time you need to arrive by for warm-ups prior to game start times.

It's going to be a beautiful day, lets show Nashua our WildCat pride and pack the stands full of fans. Nothing is more fun than a WildCat home game.

8:00 am - U3 vs Nashua Elks
10:00 am - U4 vs Nashua Elks
Noon - U6 vs Nashua Elks
2:00 pm - U5 vs Nashua Elks

Volunteer Reminder.....

Please check the volunteer schedules for what and when you signed up for. Remember to show up on time. Some volunteer slots are still open so check the schedule on the back of the WildCat Wares Store at practice.

Any questions about volunteering check with your Team Mom for help.

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With our first football games this weekend, there will be many a “little hero” having dreams of their team scoring their first touch down. Originally published in 2005 here in the EndZone we gladly present this again for your enjoyment. Pleasant dreams !

Our Little Hero

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The crowd in the stands stood quiet.
The rain had begun to fall.
As much as they wanted to deny it
their team had just fumbled the ball.

He waited in the heat of summer,
and now in the cold of fall
the coach finally called his number,
but his little hands could not hold on to the ball.

If the ball had gone to Johnny or Roy,
maybe even better yet to Blake,
but to give the ball to that little boy
was clearly, they thought, a big mistake.

A few in the crowd had grimaced.
A few more even let out a moan.
The stern look from the coach they just witnessed
told them to leave the boy alone.

The crowd began to thin now
as parents returned to their cars.
To get a win they didn't know how.
A victory was not in the stars.

But wait...the heavy rain and the mud
caused their opponent to stumble.
On the very next play a crash, a thud,
and the other team too did fumble

Hurry, Hurry , everyone began to shout
when the offense took to the field.
Quickly, time was running out.
With a touchdown the victory would be sealed.

The quarterback fell deep.
Her pass, it took to flight.
The defense was caught asleep.
Our little boy was split wide right.

The ball was thrown low
and then it was tipped
But this time the little boy
would not loosen his grip.

The cheerleaders began to yell.
He was well on his way.
He could feel his mom's pride swell.
This was to be his big day.

He ran so fast he could be dreaming.
No No No - not today.
All he could hear was the announcer screaming
HE COULD (and did) **GO ALL THE WAY!!**

