



## Boys Football *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)*

**Q. What grade level(s) is football offered at GA?**

A. Football is offered to boys in grades K-8.

**Q. Does my child need to be experienced in the sport?**

A. No.

**Q. When does the season start and end?**

A. August thru October with practice beginning week of July 24 and league games beginning week of September 1<sup>st</sup>. For the teams that qualify, participation in the CYO playoffs occurs in late October.

**Q. How are teams organized?**

A. Grades 3-8 typically have their own team per grade based on the number of participants. If there are too few players for a particular grade to have a team, we will combine them with the grade above. The Bandit Program combines K-1-2 and will form up to two teams depending on the number of participants.

**Q. How many teams are there per grade?**

A. One

**Q. When are games typically played? Where?**

A. Regular season CYO games for all grades are held on Sunday with one game per week-end. Typically, games are held at the home team's school field

**Q. A typical regular season has how many games per season?**

A. Eight to Ten depending if you make the playoffs.

**Q. How long are the games?**

A. You can plan approximately one hour.

**Q. Do teams participate in tournaments?**

A. Teams that have enough wins in their division will qualify to participate in the CYO tournament.

**Q. How many practices occur in a typical week?**

A. It varies by grade or coach; but, you can expect, on average, two - three practices per week.

**Q. When do practices start? What time? Where? How long?**

A. Practices may be held Monday thru Saturday at the GA Fields. Weekday practices last 1 ½ to 2 hours and may start as early as 5:30 and end at 8:00. Saturday practices may start at 8AM and end around 11AM.

**Q. Does GA expect players to practice?**

A. Yes.

**Q. What else is expected of parents/players?**

A. We expect conduct that represents GA, Catholic and Christian principles as well as appropriate sportsmanship from our coaches, parents and players at all times (practices & games). This includes respect for coaches, parents, players, referees, opponents, uniforms, etc. We also expect timeliness for all practices & games. Parents need to communicate to the coach about attendance & any special considerations.

**Q. What are CYO playing time regulations?**

A. None

[http://www.cyosports.org/boysfootball/documents/boys\\_football\\_rules08\\_000.pdf](http://www.cyosports.org/boysfootball/documents/boys_football_rules08_000.pdf)

**Q. What is GA's playing time regulations?**

A. The GA Booster Handbook has the following playing time requirements for football:

- Bandits K-1-2: 2 quarters
- Grades 3-4 : 2 series
- Grades 5-6 : 2 series
- Grades 7-8 : None

It is expected that the coach will follow the CYO playing time regulations and will follow the recommended GA playing time unless there are extenuating circumstances. Such circumstances may include disciplinary actions due to conduct not representing GA, Catholic, and Christian principles, failure to attend practices, failure to attend practices in a timely fashion, failure to listen to coaches, failure to adhere to team rules, etc.

More information available in GA Athletic Boosters' handbook at GA Athletics' website.

<http://www.gaschool.org/curricular/athletics/handbook/index.asp>

**Q. How are coaches selected?**

A. GA asks for volunteers from our parent community, parish community, alumni community, etc. and we attempt to select the most qualified individual(s).

**Q. How many coaches are on each team?**

A. GA requires two adults to be present at all practices and games. Each team usually has three to four coaches and some additional parent assistant(s)

**Q. Can parents coach?**

A. Yes

**Q. Whom do I contact about volunteering to coach?**

A. Contact any GA Athletic Booster or the Booster member designated as the Booster Director of Football. To find current board member listing and director assignments, go to

<http://www.gaschool.org/curricular/athletics/>

**Q. Can I contribute in other ways?**

A. Yes .... GA athletics is accomplished by volunteers and cannot succeed without volunteerism. There are many other ways to help beyond coaching and it's likely you'll be asked to help with concessions, fundraising events, & even cleaning the gym.

**Q. If I struggle with coach knowledge, style, etc., what's my course of action?**

A. First, we ask any concerns be taken directly to the coach or the head coach. If your concerns are not addressed or you do not agree with the feedback, you may talk to the Director of the sport. If your concerns are not addressed or you do not agree with the feedback from the Director, you may talk to the President of the GA Athletic Boosters. In addition, every parent/guardian is asked to complete a coach evaluation at the end of the season. These evaluations are used to address any issues with a coach, to improve our education to coaches, to improve our coaches, and to assist with coach selection in following years. More information can be found at the GA Athletic Boosters' website in the GA Athletic Boosters' handbook.

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**Q. When is registration?**

A. Typically, registration will be in the late winter for the upcoming football season. However, please refer to GA Athletic Boosters website for latest information.

<http://www.gaschool.org/curricular/athletics/calendar/index.asp>

**Q. How much does it cost to play football?**

A. It will vary by year; so, please find current information on GA website under athletics and sports registration.

<http://www.gaschool.org/curricular/athletics/sportsregistration/index.asp>