

August 6, 2020

Greetings Football and Cheerleading Families!

Gainesville Parks & Recreation is preparing to start football and cheerleading practices.

Dates of particular importance are as follows:

- August 10 – Football and Cheerleading Practices Start.
- September 12 – North Georgia Youth Football Association Games Start.

With the Coronavirus pandemic, Gainesville Parks & Recreation is making every effort to follow social distancing guidelines and appropriate reduced capacities in its facilities. We have also increased our sanitization and safety protocols to protect our staff and participants. However, we cannot guarantee safety from exposure. If you are suffering any of the following symptoms; fever, sore throat, cough and/or sneezing or have been exposed to anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19, please do not participate in our programs or services at the time. Thank you for your cooperation.

Operational changes vary greatly by facility but residents can expect to see additional security measures focused around social distancing and sanitizing. Please be aware that due to the nature of football (blocking, tackling, etc.), social distancing cannot always be maintained.

Football and Cheerleading – Know Before You Go:

- Please keep players and cheerleaders in vehicles until their game/practice time begins.
- Practice social distancing to include spectators during practices and games.
- Hand sanitizer will be available.
- Social distancing will be maintained between players when explaining drills and rules.
- Team huddles will be limited.
- Players and cheerleaders need to have their own individual water bottles.
- Practices will be in smaller groups when possible.
- Cheerleaders will keep physical distancing when performing cheers and dance routines.
- Cheerleaders will not be allowed to perform stunts.

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- City Park Stadium Gates (Home Games) - Gates will be credit card or pass only. Top gate will be passes only and bottom gate will be credit card or pass. Passes can be purchased through the GPRA offices or online before the event. No cash will be accepted.
- If a parent, player, or coach tests positive, GPRA staff should be notified immediately.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding, as we slowly work our way back to full operations. Please note that changes are inevitable but Gainesville Parks and Recreation will work to minimize the impact on participants, coaches, and staff by following these safety guidelines and protocols as well as those of the North Georgia Youth Football Association. Keep your chin up, stay healthy, stay active, and stay safe.

We look forward to seeing you!

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