

Weatherford Youth Association  
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To all Cheerleading and Football Parents,

I wanted to take a moment to write to you about the upcoming football season and the change that is taking place for our association. I know that you might be hearing different information around town over the past few months, and I wanted to get the information out to each of you so you would be informed.

The Weatherford Youth Association (WYA) has moved away from Brazos Valley Football Association (BVFA) to a new league that we allow us to grow our association and it will also allow us to stay closer to home when traveling. The WYA is its own association; however we just played under the BVFA umbrella. I know that WYA has been with BVFA for a long time, but with us making this change it will allow the children to play more and also it would benefit the association and its members.

Here are some key points that the board feels benefits the WYA.

**1. Grade Specific Leagues**

- Independent divisions will be 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades
- Players of appropriate age may play up, but not down
- Flag league for 4 – 5 year olds

**2. The league will be governed and ran by the towns associated with the league.**

**3. Weight Limits**

**Age Limits**

1 <sup>st</sup> Grade – 70	May not be 8 on or before September 1 <sup>st</sup>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade – 80	May not be 9 on or before September 1 <sup>st</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade – 90	May not be 10 on or before September 1 <sup>st</sup>
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade – 100	May not be 11 on or before September 1 <sup>st</sup>
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade – 110	May not be 12 on or before September 1 <sup>st</sup>
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade – 120	May not be 13 on or before September 1

**4. Each site will have an official Director on Duty that has complete authority over fans, coaches and officials**

**5. Important dates**

- First Day of Practice – August 9<sup>th</sup>
- First Weigh-In – August 21<sup>st</sup>
- Second Weigh-In – September 4<sup>th</sup>
- First Game – September 11<sup>th</sup>
- 1<sup>st</sup> Round of Playoffs – TBD

- Super Bowl – TBD

## 6. Games

- There will be 8-10 regular season games
- Post-season will consist of two series (Championship/Consolation)
- Playoffs will be a 1 and done format

## 7. Game Fields

- Each field will have a visible game clock and scoreboard to be ran by an Official or trained adult 18 years of age or older

## 8. Draft

- There will be a unified draft system

## 9. Ball Size

- 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 4<sup>th</sup> grade will use the Wilson K-2 leather ball
- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade will use the Wilson TDJ leather ball

Here is a list of the other towns that have joined us in this new league: Aledo, Burseson, Crowley, Springtown, and Weatherford. Burseson and Crowley are leaving North Texas Football League and Springtown is leaving Tarrant County Football League to join us. If no one else joins this year there will be 50 – 55 teams overall. Which, just to give some reference BVFA only had 75 teams overall this past year. There is interest from four other towns, but they have not committed to the league as yet. However, these four towns do this league will have more teams than BVFA.

As you can see the completion level will be just like BVFA and we will have just as many teams to play with a better ran organization than BVFA. This is a positive change to grow our Association with the beginning of flag football for the 4 and 5 year olds all the way thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade tackle. Another positive for this new league is that the play time for each child will increase and each child will learn the game of football as a whole. We are here to teach them the game, sportsmanship, develop maturity, teamwork, and personal integrity.

We as a board will be getting out more information about the change and there will be an open board meeting coming soon to help answer questions. Please be watching our web site ([www.weatherforyouth.com](http://www.weatherforyouth.com)) for this important date, place & time. If any of you have questions please feel free to contact a board member.

Thank you for your time.

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