

South Buffalo Football Association



**WELCOME TO THE
2024 SEASON**

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South Buffalo Football Association Inc.

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Team Commissioners duties are strictly for handling the collection of information, registrations, registration fees and all other moneys owed to the organization. Assistant coaches are there to assist the head coach. If a problem, question, or issue arises, you must first see **your** team head coach. If you are not able to see the head coach of **your** team, please see, Football Commissioner, Steve Jackson, or the Cheerleading Coordinator, Cali Williams. Please **do not** bring or discuss any problems or issues with anyone besides the people we have listed. Again, **DO NOT** discuss any problems or issues with a team commissioner, assistant coach or a head coach that is not from your team.

Thank you,
South Buffalo Football Association Board

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Assistant Concession Stand Coordinator	Amanda Pilarski: 748-1305

SBFA Calendar of Events 2024

July/August			
Date	Event	Time	Location
Monday 7/29/24	First Practice-ALL PAPERWORK DUE	5:30 PM	Tifft Field, 225 Tifft St, Buffalo NY 14203
Saturday 8/10/24	Beer Blast FUNDRAISER	6PM-10PM	DAVID MCKEEVER POST 64, 1770 South Park Ave, Buffalo, NY 14220
Friday 8/16/24	Movie Night	8PM- Movie@	Tifft Field, 225 Tifft St, Buffalo NY 14203
Friday 8/23/24	Clean Up the Park	ALL DAY	Tifft Field, 225 Tifft St, Buffalo NY 14203
Saturday 8/24/24	HOME GAME v NCAA	12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00	Tifft Field, 225 Tifft St, Buffalo NY 14203
Monday 8/26/24	Cereal & Oatmeal Drive Starts	5:30 PM	Tifft Field, 225 Tifft St, Buffalo NY 14203
Saturday 8/31/24	BYE WEEK- NO GAME		

September			
Date	Event	Time	Location
Friday 9/6/2024	Cereal & Oatmeal Drive ENDS	5:30 PM	Tifft Field, 225 Tifft St, Buffalo NY 14203
Saturday 9/7/24	HOME GAME v WEST SENECA	12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00	Tifft Field, 225 Tifft St, Buffalo NY 14203
Tuesday 9/10/24	Picture Day 1	5:30 PM	Tifft Field, 225 Tifft St, Buffalo NY 14203
Thursday 9/12/24	Picture Day 2	5:30 PM	Tifft Field, 225 Tifft St, Buffalo NY 14203
Saturday 9/14/24	AWAY GAME @ KAT	1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00	Sparky Adams Field, 1299 Parker Blvd, Kenmore, NY 14223
Friday 9/20/2024	Football Square Payments Due	5:30 PM	Tifft Field, 225 Tifft St, Buffalo NY 14203
Saturday 9/21/24	HOME GAME v BOSTON	12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00	Tifft Field, 225 Tifft St, Buffalo NY 14203
Friday 9/27/24	Meat Raffle Items Due	5:30 PM	Tifft Field, 225 Tifft St, Buffalo NY 14203
Saturday 9/28/24	AWAY GAME @ TTFA	10:30, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30	Walter Kenney Field, 2000 Colvin Blvd, Tonawanda, NY

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October/November			
Date	Event	Time	Location
Saturday 10/5/24	HOME GAME v NIAGARA FALLS	12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00	Tifft Field, 225 Tifft St, Buffalo NY 14203
Friday 10/11/24	Meat Raffle FUNDRAISER	Doors Open 6PM First Spin 7PM	VFW Weber Post 2909 South Park Ave, Lackawanna, NY 14218
Saturday 10/12/24	AWAY GAME@ LACKAWANNA	10:30, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30	Tony Pagliei Football Field, 1882 Electric Ave, Lackawanna, NY 14218
Saturday 10/19/24	BYE WEEK- NO GAME		
Friday 10/25/24	PeeWee Moving Up Game	TBD	TBD
Saturday 10/26/24	PLAYOFFS	TBD	TBD
TBD	Cheerleading Competition(s)	TBD	TBD
Sunday 10/27/24	Trunk or Treat	6PM-8PM	Tifft Field, 225 Tifft St, Buffalo NY 14203
Saturday 11/2/24	CHAMPIONSHIP GAME	TBD	TBD
Saturday 11/30/24	Banquet	4PM	The Villas 1830 Abbott Rd, Lackawanna, NY 14218

FOOTBALL SQUARES MANDATORY FUNDRAISER

Attention Parents and Athletes:

This is a mandatory fundraiser for all football players and cheerleaders as this is the money used for the end of the year gifts, trophies, yearbooks, and costs for the banquet.

Each child MUST SELL 8 football squares at \$25 a piece.

After feedback from last year, the setup of the pools will be a bit different:

- 1 team per game each week (Saints - week 1, Leprechauns - week 2, etc.)
- We are aiming to do football players on one board and cheerleaders on a different board; *this is going to depend on the number of squares that need to be sold per child & how many kids are on each team if we are able to separate the pools completely*
- Each child will be assigned specific squares on the boards. These assigned squares are the ones they will have to sell, if more are sold by that player, then the extra squares that they sell will be put into open spots and/or a different pool but will still all be on the same week's game.
- No one purchaser will have the same row & column for their squares.
- The child's names will be listed at the top of the pool, so you know which one they're on.
- Each child's name will also be put in () under the person's name who purchased the square so it is clear on the board
 - Ex. John Williams
 - (Mark Brown)

Please keep in mind that this is just a guidance for the fundraiser and some of the items listed above are going to be determined by the total number of kids in the organization this season.

Fundraiser paperwork will be handed out during the week of **August 19th**.

All teams squares and money will be due back to their teams Commissioner by Friday September 20th.

No exceptions.

Pools will be out at the latest by the end of the day on the Thursday before their assigned game.

Saints 10/3, Leps 10/17. Tigers 10/31, Shamrocks 11/14.

The pools will be posted on the [SBFA Facebook page](#) and shared with the coaches to disburse to their teams. Pools for the teams as follows:

Saints game - Sunday, October 6th v Texans

Leps game - Sunday, October 20th v Titans

Tigers game - Sunday, November 3rd v Dolphins

Shamrocks game - Sunday, November 17th v Chiefs

If there is any other feedback or questions, please feel free to contact Katie Host, Tigers Commissioner, prior to the start of practices starting during the summer.

SBFA Annual Meat Raffle

Friday, October 11

Where: Lackawanna VFW Weber Post

2909 South Park Ave,

Lackawanna NY 14218

Time: Doors open at 6pm

Drawing starts at 7pm

\$12 Admission includes draft beer, snacks, and sandwiches
50/50, Joker's Wild, & Basket Raffle

Cooler of Booze & Freezer raffle. Tickets are \$10 each and are available at the concession stand as well as at the meat raffle. The winner will be announced at the meat raffle.

It's a great time out *without* the players and cheerleaders.

ADULTS ONLY!

To assure our Meat Raffle is a success we are asking our parents for a donation to support our Basket Raffle. We have assigned themes to each team. We ask that each child contributes an item valued at a **minimum of \$5**. (Cash donations are also accepted.) ***Please label your submission by team and turn in to your team commissioner by September 27, 2024.***

Donations can also be dropped off to the concession stand.

Saints Cheer Last Name A-L	Kid's Play- Slime, Play-doh, Fidgets, Kinetic Sand, Toys etc.	Tiger Cheer Last Name A-L	Game Night (For both Adults & Kids)- Card Games, Board Games, Dice Games, Snacks, etc.
Saints Cheer Last Name M-Z	Buffalo & Buffalo Sports- Buffalo Foods, Sponge Candy, Loganberry, Weber's, etc. or Bills, Sabres, Bandits, Bisons, etc.	Tiger Cheer Last Name M-Z	Outside Fun for Kids (All seasons)- Chalk, Bubbles, Games, Sand/Beach Toys, Snow Toys, etc.
Saints Football Last Name A-L	Cleaning Supplies – Cleaning Bucket, Sponges, Soaps, Rags, Air fresheners, etc.	Tiger Football Last Name A-L	Movie Night – Snacks, Movies, Candy, Popcorn bucket, etc.
Saints Football Last Name M-Z	Baking Supplies- Baking Mixes, Cupcake/Muffin Liners, Spatulas, Frosting, Oven Mitts, Hot Pads, etc.	Tiger Football Last Name M-Z	Pets & Kitchen Supplies- Dogs & Cats Treats, Toys, etc. or Kitchen Gadgets, Hand towels, Pans/Molds, Utensils, Potholders, Tupperware, etc.
Leprechaun & Mascot Cheer Last Name A-L	Arts & Crafts – Stencils, Scrapbook, Crayons, Stamps, Markers, Fun Scissors, Foam Sheets, Paint, Coloring books, etc.	Shamrock Cheer Last Name A-L	Women's Spa or Ice Cream Party– Hair, Nail, & Skin Care, Candles, etc. or Ice cream toppings/syrups, cones, bowls, etc.
Leprechaun & Mascot Cheer Last Name M-Z	Buffalo & Buffalo Sports- Buffalo Foods, Sponge Candy, Loganberry, Weber's, etc. or Bills, Sabres, Bandits, Bisons, etc.	Shamrock Cheer Last Name M-Z	Breakfast- Coffee, travel mug/tumbler, Cereal, Breakfast treats, Bowls, Cereal, Waffle/Pancake Mix, Syrup, etc.
Leprechaun Football Last Name A-L	Gift Wrap – Bows, Wrapping Paper, Gift Bags, Ribbon, Scissors, Tape, Gift Tags, etc.	Shamrock Football Last Name A-L	Lottery Basket – Lottery Tickets
Leprechaun Football Last Name M-Z	Seasonal Decor – Decorations related to Winter/ Christmas or Fall/Halloween	Shamrock Football Last Name M-Z	Outdoors- Camping supplies, Grilling supplies, Tailgating supplies, etc.

South Buffalo Football Association Inc.
Sport Parent Code of Conduct

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my team participating in South Buffalo Football Organization by following this Parents Code of Conduct pledge:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I and my guests will be positive role models for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
5. I and my guests will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
6. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
7. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
8. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
9. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
10. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard; and make my child feel like a winner every time.
11. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
12. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
13. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
14. I will direct all my comments and criticisms of parents, participants, officials, board members away from the children participating in the league, and conduct myself in a calm, civilized manner when doing so.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront coaches at the game field and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I understand that illegal drugs, alcohol and weapons are not allowed at any game, practice or other sporting event.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices unless I am an official coach.

18. I will understand that it is my responsibility to get my child to practices on time and to pick up my child by the end of practice.
19. I understand that I am responsible for the care and upkeep of my child's uniform and equipment. I further understand that I must return a clean uniform and equipment at the end of the season or within five days should my child stop his/her participation in this organization.
20. I understand that it is my responsibility to clean up the park during practices, games and other sporting events.
21. I understand that if my child quits the team during the season, the cost of registration and uniforms will not be returned, they will not be permitted to return the following season. – quits at all or just after a specific time, and the forfeit the right to any year end gifts.
22. I will respect the South Buffalo Football Association Inc.'s rules and regulations and agree to abide by those rules, responsibilities and Code of Conduct. Violations of these rules could result in disciplinary action up to and including permanent dismissal from SBFA.

Reminder of Rules

- Parents/Guardians cannot contact South Buffalo Football Association staff between the hours of **9pm and 8am**.
- **Zero tolerance** policy for physical violence/physical confrontations. If a parent or child engages in a physical confrontation with SBFA Staff, Officials, Oatka staff, another parent, or child they will be removed from South Buffalo Football Association immediately for the season without a refund. Any future involvement within SBFA will be under review of the board.
- **Zero tolerance** policy for *any* member of SBFA bullying, cyberbullying, promoting threats or acts of violence, racial slurs, discrimination, harassment, derogatory remarks, and the like.
- Parents or anyone other than SBFA staff are not allowed on the SBFA practice and game fields.
- Parents must wait to retrieve their athlete once the coaches dismiss the team, (excluding medical/family emergencies) unless previously arranged with the Head Coach.
- If a child quits or gets removed from the organization, SBFA equipment/uniforms must be turned in within 24-48 hours.
- If a Parent/Guardian removes their child from a sideline and/or game, the athlete may not participate in play for the next game. They are to attend the game and sit. If they do not attend and sit, they will be removed from the team.
- Practice the week of a cheerleading competition, and competition days are **MANDATORY**. With the exception of medical situations (with a note from a doctor), an emergency situation, and notice beginning of the season to your head coach. Coaches reserve the right to not allow a cheerleader to compete for fairness to the team in these circumstances.
- **24 Hour Cool Down Rule**- Parents/Guardians must wait to contact a coach until 24 hours after a game/competition day if there is a concern.

THE '24' HOUR RULE

Youth sports can be an emotional experience. The physical activity of the kids can often spill onto the sidelines and into the stands and create strong reactions in coaches and parents. Each year 2.5 million people volunteer their time to help coach youth sports. These coaches are just one vehicle that provide organized youth athletics an existence. As parents, we will not always agree with a coach's decision. However, it is important to recognize that the coach's role is to make decisions for the team first and a player second. Also, we need to understand that most players are not aware of any problem until we, as parents, bring it to their attention. For parents, it is important to separate their child's sports development from game time emotions. For this reason, we adopted the "24 HOUR RULE" which simply states, that coaches will not discuss a game, or situation in a game, until at least 24 hours after the fact. Parents/guardians are not allowed to confront a coach, team, player, board member, or league official to discuss any "negative" game or practice situation(s) with the coaching and Board of Directors until at least 24 hours has passed from the completion of the game or practice. A confrontation shall consist of any conversation, which elevated from a normal speaking tone and demeanor to one which involves yelling, profanity, or derogatory comments toward said coach, team, player, board member or official.

Football and cheerleading are physical and emotional sports. Physical battles and tough calls among other things can spill on to the bench and tends to create strong reactions from coaches and parents. The intense emotional aspect of these sports is one of the reasons it makes exciting entertainment, but it is important to have a 'cooling off' period so that emotions do not cloud judgment.

If parents respect the 24 hour rule, their concerns are MORE likely to be fully addressed in a reasonable discussion. More importantly, the kid's enjoyment of a game won't be marred by an ill-timed confrontation. The intent of this rule is to move an emotional and confrontational discussion away from the presence of the players, and to allow the parties to 'cool off', compose themselves, and put the incident or situation that occurred in the game in perspective before meeting to discuss it.

South Buffalo Football Association strives to ensure a safe space for the children and families in our organization. Our field is our home; where our athletes can play and enjoy the sports they love. For our young athletes to thrive, we ask that the conduct of everyone in our organization respect one another on and off the field. In the unfortunate cases that an issue does arise, we have created the below rubric and index to provide transparency of how we will determine how it is resolved. This will also be followed for all athletes, their families, staff, and spectators at any event/game/practice, etc.

Please join us in keeping SBFA a safe and fun outlet for our families.

Disciplinary Rubric			
Offense	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense
Bullying/Cyberbullying 1	Official Warning and Community Service at field on practice and/or game day. Length of time and duty determined by the infraction.	Suspended for 1 week.	Removed from SBFA for the season. To be reviewed by SBFA Board for next season
Bullying/Cyberbullying 2	Suspended for 1 week	Removed from SBFA for the season. To be reviewed by SBFA Board for next season	
Promoting threats or acts of violence	Removed from SBFA for the season. To be reviewed by SBFA Board for next season		
Discrimination			
Illegal Activity			
Harassment			
Sexual assault			
Sexual harassment			
Assault			

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Suspension- Sitting at practice/game/competition

Bullying/Cyberbullying 1- Aggressive behavior that is intentional and involves an imbalance of power or strength. Bullying involves actions such as: teasing or name-calling (verbal bullying), or intimidation through gestures or social exclusion. Occurring in person or any form of electronic communication, including, but not limited to, cell phones, computers, and tablets, or other communication tools, including social media sites, text messages, chat rooms, and websites. Harm to another athlete’s

emotional well-being through creation of a hostile environment that is so severe or pervasive as to unreasonably and substantially interfere with an athlete's well-being and ability to participate.

Bullying/Cyberbullying 2- Bullying/Cyberbullying 1 with actions such as: hitting or punching (physical bullying) and/or promoting threats or violence toward another individual sharing explicit pictures of another without that person's consent

Promoting threats or acts of violence-Depiction of violence or cruelty, which exceeds the limits of justified self-defense in an approving manner or for the purpose of promoting violent or cruel behavior among people

Discrimination- Discrimination against any person including, but not limited to, discrimination based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex. Including but not limited to any racial slurs or derogatory language.

Illegal Activity- Athlete's use and/or possession of tobacco or tobacco products, alcohol, illegal drugs, or drug paraphernalia including anabolic steroids

Harassment- The creation of a hostile environment by conduct or by threats, intimidation, or abuse, including cyber bullying, that:

- a. has or would have the effect of unreasonably and substantially interfering with an athlete's performance, opportunities, or benefits, or mental, emotional or physical well-being; or
- b. reasonably causes or would reasonably be expected to cause an athlete's fear for his or her physical safety; or
- c. reasonably causes or would reasonably be expected to cause physical injury or emotional harm to an athlete; or
- d. creates or would foreseeably create a risk of substantial disruption with the environment, where it is foreseeable that the conduct, threats, intimidation, or abuse-

Acts of harassment and bullying include, but are not limited to, acts based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, height, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex. For the purposes of this definition, the term "threats, intimidation or abuse" shall include verbal and non-verbal actions.

Sexual assault- Sexual contact or behavior, usually physical, that occurs without the consent of the victim

Sexual harassment- Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal and physical conduct of a sexual nature

Assault - Engaging in behavior intentionally or recklessly that causes physical injury to another person with or without a weapon

South Buffalo Football & Cheerleading

Volunteer Responsibilities

Reminder:

****We require a \$100 Volunteer/Equipment Fee due by August 1st for each athlete.**

If this fee is NOT paid by August 1st, your child will NOT receive their uniform until it's paid in full. Please see your team's Commissioner in order to get volunteer fees in asap. Receipts will be given when these monies are turned in. There is a \$250 max for families with 3 or more athletes.

Each player will be required to have an adult (18+) work **1 two-hour shift at a home game in the concession stand and 1 three/four hour shift at one of the SBFA Special Events (Car Show, Meat Raffle, Movie Night)**. This is FOR EACH CHILD THAT IS REGISTERED. Mascot adults are required to work 1 home game in the concession stand **or** three/ four hours at one SBFA special event. Families with 3+ children will be required to work a max of 5 games/event shifts.

SBFA will keep track of volunteer hours for every child and the team their on. It will be the ADULT'S responsibility to "sign off/out" for the hours they completed at the time the game/event is worked only. Katie Host & Michele Nebrich will manage these hours at the concession stand on game days and the event coordinator at the events.

(*NEW THIS SEASON*) Once the volunteering is worked for the game and/or event, a \$50 refund will be issued the Wednesday and Thursday immediately following the home games and events. Commissioners will be at the concession stand between 5:30-7PM for this refund. *The refund will need to be signed for upon pick up and will be given to the person who paid the volunteer fee.*

Please note: Working chains on the sidelines, does not count as volunteering this year. Anyone who chooses to do the chains, are doing so on their own accord.

If the full volunteer requirements are not met, the volunteer fee will be kept as a donation to the organization. We appreciate all of your help each and every season.

Without YOU it would be impossible to run the concession stand or special events. Going forward, the "non-participation fee" is not a punishment but an *incentive* to get EVERYONE involved. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Host at 310-0465, Michele Nebrich at 394-3317 or SBFA Volunteers on Facebook.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT SEASON!

