



Letter to General Managers: Requirements for the Upcoming MFL Season

As we prepare for the upcoming Minor Football League (MFL) season beginning the first week of June, it is essential that every franchise is fully staffed, properly equipped, and operationally ready. The success of the league depends on each GM ensuring that all team needs are met well in advance of opening day. Please review the following requirements and responsibilities for the 2026 season.

1. Coaching Staff Requirements

Each team must have a complete staff of eight coaches, covering all major units:

- Head Coach
- Offensive Coordinator
- Defensive Coordinator
- Running Backs Coach
- Wide Receivers Coach
- Offensive Line Coach
- Defensive Line Coach
- Special Teams Coach

2. Player Registration & Eligibility

All players must comply with the following:

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- Are 18 years or older
- Complete all registration forms
- Provide insurance information
- Sign combine waivers
- Pay the \$100 tryout fee

The league will provide transportation, hotels, meals, uniforms, and sideline water, but not helmets and shoulder pads.

3. Roster Construction

Each team may carry no more than 45 players. Rosters must be position-specific and include:

- 6 Linebackers
- 8 Defensive Backs
- 8 Defensive Linemen
- 1 Kicker
- 1 Punter
- 2 Quarterbacks
- 4 Running Backs
- 2 Tight Ends
- 4 Wide Receivers
- 10 Offensive Linemen
 - 2 Centers (one must be able to long snap)
 - 4 Tackles
 - 4 Guards

Players are signed to a specific position, and roster balance must be maintained throughout the season.

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4. Season Operations

Game & Practice Logistics

- 10-game schedule: 5 home, 5 away
- Games Saturdays at 7 PM
- Practices Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
- Season begins first week of June
- Four teams per division

Facilities & Personnel

- Suitable venue for all games
- Certified officials/referees, including negotiating their rates
- A trainer to be at practices and games
- A stats person and play-by-play announcer for all teams

5. Conduct & Attendance Enforcement

- No fighting — immediate removal from the league
- One excused practice per player; additional absences result in release
- Professional conduct at all times, on and off the field

6. Media, Marketing & Community Engagement

To support league visibility and player exposure:

- Player profiles including photo in uniform posted
- Height, weight, position, and school posted
- Promotion of season tickets (\$100 for five home games, valid for four people)

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- Outreach to little league teams, who receive free admission
- Support for reasonable media and community requests

7. Additional Responsibilities

- Ensure all players understand travel, lodging, and meal arrangements
- Oversee uniform distribution and compliance
- Maintain communication with league office regarding roster changes, injuries, and operations
- Confirm all required paperwork is completed and submitted on time

Summary

Your leadership is essential to delivering a professional, organized, and competitive MFL season. By securing the necessary staff, facilities, and operational systems, you help uphold the standards of the league and provide players with a meaningful opportunity to compete and develop.

Thank you for your continued commitment to your franchise and to the Minor Football League.

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