



## PARENT MEETING SUMMARY

### 1) BOARD INTRODUCTIONS & JOB DUTIES

Website	<a href="http://www.wrraptors.org">www.wrraptors.org</a>
Facebook Page	Rapids Raptors Youth Football and Cheer ( <a href="https://www.facebook.com/RapidsRaptors">www.facebook.com/RapidsRaptors</a> )
SignUpGenius App	<a href="http://wrraptors.org/volunteer/">http://wrraptors.org/volunteer/</a>
Current Schedules	<a href="http://www.wrraptors.org/schedule/">www.wrraptors.org/schedule/</a>
Field Maps	<a href="http://www.wrraptors.org/field-maps/">www.wrraptors.org/field-maps/</a>
Team Reach App	For individual teams – check with Coach for your teams TeamReach Code.

### 2) EQUIPMENT

- a. Mouthguards – instructions on package to mold to their mouth
  - i Possibly cut down a little before boiling
  - ii Always wear mouthguard to practices/games
- b. Make sure all the equipment fits, shoulder pads, pants, cheer uniforms, spanx, etc.
  - i Exchange them at the trailer, if necessary. Please DO NOT wait until Week 2 to exchange.
  - ii Pants – you can wash the pants in the washing machine.
    - DO NOT put them in the dryer. Air dry them only, otherwise it ruins the pads.
  - iii Helmets – Name labels. Place “blue painters’ tape” on the front of the helmet, name sticker on top of painters’ tape. Players name sticker go on helmet so that it doesn’t get mixed-up with the other 150 helmets laying around. The Raptors will supply painters’ tape and stickers that will go on the front of the helmet. Painters’ tape is used for easy removal of the name label.
  - iv DO NOT wear game jerseys/cheer uniforms to practice – only wear for pictures, games, and scrimmage.
  - v Practice jerseys will be for sale at the trailer. If you would like to purchase \$13.00.
    - A practice jersey isn’t required; however, players MUST wear something over the shoulder pads, old t-shirt, or you can buy your own mesh shirt.
  - vi Cheerleader – Bows and Poms. Will receive at practice. For cold weather games, please have black leggings and black long-sleeved shirts for under uniforms. Knit gloves and handwarmers, too!
  - vii Football – Game Day Jerseys
    - 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> game jerseys will be handed out Week 2, after the Draft.
    - 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> game jerseys handed out at Equipment Pickup.
    - 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> nameplates will be handed out Week 4. Parents will loop sew the nameplate on the game jersey. At the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade year, if wanted, parents can purchase for \$45.00.
- c. AED – Thank you to the Packers for donating an AED! We will have this onsite.

### 3) PRACTICES AND GAMES

- a. Everyone should have the “refrigerator sheet” titled: *2023 Practice Schedule and Important Dates* that has practice times, etc. Located here: [www.wrraptors.org/document-library/](http://www.wrraptors.org/document-library/)
  - i Please be aware of practice times. Please be on time.
    - Thursday, August 10 – Practice ends at **7:30pm**. Teams are formulated by Coaches (draft).
    - Monday, August 28 – Team pictures and cookie dough pickup only – **No Practice**.
    - Note the time changes when school starts and as the season progresses, Week 5.

- b. Practices are at: *Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, aka St. Mary's.*  
750 10th Avenue South, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495
- c. Bring Water to practice!! Be sure to label with player's name.
- d. **Week 1 | Evaluations**
  - i Helmet, shorts, cleats, mouthguards, only. Bring water to practice.
  - ii Players will all go through learning drills Week 1.
    - Run, throw, catch, 40-yard dash, shuttle run so the coaches can evaluate the players
  - iii Cheerleaders will be in t-shirts, shorts, gym shoes.
  - iv Please refrain from wearing jewelry to practice and to games and put long hair in a tie.
  - v Cheerleaders will practice by the playground near the storage garage.
- e. **Week 2 | Going Forward**
  - i Football players will be with their teams for the rest of the season.
  - ii If players cannot attend practice, contact their coach.
    - Teams Coach/Manager will set up TeamReach group for that team.
  - iii If there are family members, cousins, or ride shares that due to parents working on weekends, that want to be on the same team, please get those to [Brian Wendt](#), so that we can note it for the coaches before the draft. Preferably Week 1 of practice.
  - iv If you have problems with the Coach, 1<sup>st</sup> talk to the Coach, then come talk to the [Board](#).
  - v Remember this is YOUTH football and cheerleading – coaches are there to teach your athletes.
- f. **Inclement Weather**
  - i If there is severe weather, we will have things updated on Facebook, Website, and contact the head Coaches/Team Managers, at least 1-hour before practice begins. We look at the forecast and make the best determination that we can.
    - We are NOT meteorologists, if we cancel and it doesn't rain/hail/snow like predicted then we are as accurate as the weather people that get paid to do that for a living.
  - ii If there is lightning in the area, we **MUST STOP practice for 30 minutes**, this is a WIAA rule and rule for your child safety. Same goes for thunder.
  - iii If there is severe weather, or potential bad weather, DO NOT just drop off your son/daughter and leave, as practices may finish early!
- g. **Games | [www.wrraptors.org/schedule/](http://www.wrraptors.org/schedule/)**
  - i The schedule will be on the website after the teams have been drafted, and you may print your own copy.
  - ii You provide transportation to the away games, if you cannot get your child to an away game, see if there is another parent that can take him to the game, if you are OK with that.
  - iii There are maps to each of the fields on the website. Most games are on the high school field. Maps: [www.wrraptors.org/field-maps/](http://www.wrraptors.org/field-maps/)
  - iv The teams in the league are:
    - Auburndale, Marshfield, Pittsville, Stratford, Stevens Point, and Wisconsin Rapids
  - v Please remember this is YOUTH football: *The goal is getting the players to learn/love the game!*
    - Coaches will make mistakes
    - Players on both teams will make mistakes, cheer on both teams
    - Referees will make mistakes
    - Represent the Raptors and Wisconsin Rapids in a positive manner

4) FUNDRAISING | [www.wrraptors.org/fundraising](http://www.wrraptors.org/fundraising)

- a. Cookie Dough forms are Due: Thursday, August 10, 2023
  - i Please turn them into the trailer
  - ii If you have not paid for any of the cookie tubs, please write one check to the RAPIDS RAPTORS for the entire amount.
  - iii Top seller gets \$2 back per tub.
  - iv If the person wants items delivered to them, then they can pay the shipping.
  - v If they are local, then all items, cookie dough plus other items, can be delivered with the cookie dough.
- b. Cookie Dough Pickup: Monday, August 28, 2023
  - i will be the night to pickup the cookie dough. Raptors CANNOT store the items, please have someone come pick up your items if you cannot make it.
  - ii Picture Night – Forms will be sent home with your Athlete. Photo time will be assigned once teams are assigned. Look for a communication from your Coach/Team Manager.
- c. Club Choice – We are trying the online sells via Club Choice fundraising (items other than the cookie dough, this is optional)
- d. Clothing orders
  - i MADA will be having an online store for Rapids Raptors merchandise. The store will close on Sunday, August 13, 2023. We do this so that items can be here before the season begins.
  - ii We MAY have another sale, depending on if there is enough interest, but need a minimum number of sales to complete the order.
- e. Sponsors | <http://wrraptors.org/sponsors/>
  - i Season sponsors commit to \$250+ donation of money, goods, or services. Season sponsors will have their logo listed on our sponsors' page. Also season sponsors will have their logo printed on the back of player t-shirts and receive a t-shirt for their donation.

5) VOLUNTEERING | [www.wrraptors.org/volunteer](http://www.wrraptors.org/volunteer)

- a. This is required of ALL parents in the organization, except the families of the “*Official Coaches.*”
  - i If you decide to be a parent helper at practice, volunteer hours are still required.
- b. Volunteering with the organization is not difficult. Here are the opportunities.
  - i Scoreboard (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>) grade home games – cannot be afraid of heights.
  - ii Chain Gang (3 people needed/game) – we can teach you what to do.
  - iii Concession stand:
    - Schedule to work OPPOSITE the time your child plays:
      - \* If they play at 9:00am – work concessions 10:45am – after 2<sup>nd</sup> game
      - \* If they play at 10:45am – work concession 8:30am – before 2<sup>nd</sup> game begins
  - iv Team Manager – assist Coach with communications, practice, collect/pass out items from the Board.
  - v Team Photographer – take pictures for the end of the year banquet slideshow.
  - vi EMT – this would be for either the entire day, or if we have enough people, during the game/cheerleading time.

- c. Volunteer sign-ups will be via the **SignUpGenius** app:
  - i Download the app and use the code (will be shared) to sign up for volunteering.
  - ii If you don't sign-up for volunteering, then the Raptors will assign you to do something.
  - iii **If you DON'T complete your volunteering, the Raptors can withhold \$200.00 from the Equipment Deposit.**

6) **BANQUET** | <http://wrraptors.org/events/>

- a. Raptors will have an End of Year Banquet at the *Ridges Golf Course and Banquet Facility*.
  - i 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> football and cheerleaders scheduled for Monday, October 23, 2023.
  - ii 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> football scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, 2023.
- b. Coaches, players, and cheerleaders cost is covered.
- c. A Flyer and Form will be distributed Week 5 of the season.
  - i Banquet forms must be returned before Equipment Return night: Tuesday, October 17, 2023.

7) **CHARITY EVENTS** | <http://wrraptors.org/charityevents/>

- a. This year Raptors will “give back” to: Central Wisconsin Gift of Life. Raising awareness for organ and tissue donation throughout central Wisconsin. About our 2023 charity: <https://www.centralwisconsinorgoflife.org>. This event will be held on your teams last Home Game of the season.



8) **ACADEMIC AWARDS** | <http://wrraptors.org/charityevents/>

- a. For your player to be considered for an academic award, please email a copy of your player's last report card from the 22/23 school year to: [wrrapidsraptors@gmail.com](mailto:wrrapidsraptors@gmail.com). Deadline is Saturday, September 9, 2023! The top 20% of all participants will receive an academic award.

Please contact any **Board Member** for additional information: <http://wrraptors.org/contacts/>