

## **ZYFA 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Program FAQ – May 1, 2010**

Q: Are Mixed Weight weight teams combined grade teams?

A: No, the Mixed Weight teams will contain only players from a respective grade.

Q: Will the Limited Weight teams contain players from only one grade?

A: No, the Limited Weight teams will be made up of players from both 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

Q: If my son weighs over 130 pounds can he play on a Limited Weight team?

A: No, all players weighing 130 pounds or more must play on a Mixed Weight team

Q: Is the intent to split participants into 'A' and 'B' teams?

A: No, teams will be split into evenly balanced teams.

Q: How many players will be on each team?

A: A specific target hasn't been decided, but optimally each team will have between 20 – 25 players.

Q: Will any players under 130 pounds be allowed to play on a Mixed Weight team?

A: Yes, some players under 130 pounds will play on Mixed Weight teams if they indicate that preference.

Q: How can I indicate that my son would be interested in playing on a Mixed Weight team even if he is most likely to be less than 130 pounds this Fall?

A: The ZYFA online registration adjusted to allow parents to indicate if their son has a strong preference for playing on a Limited Weight or a Mixed Weight team.

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Q: Why did the ZYFA Board implement this change?

A: We feel strongly that this is an excellent option for those boys who have either stopped playing, or are considering not playing anymore, because of their size. It is our hope and expectation that providing this option will increase overall participation in Mahtomedi youth football.

Q: When will this change take place?

A: This change is effective the Fall 2010 season.

Q: How will the teams be selected?

A: The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade coaches will work with members of the ZYFA board to ensure the teams are balanced.