

Greetings:

My name is Rich Jennings and I am the new Football Director for SYA. I'd like to introduce myself to the SYA football family and share some exciting news.

Over the past two months Kirk Alder, Chris Birosik and myself have been working together with several other youth organizations to form a new league. The **Colonial Youth Football League**.

The CYFL was officially founded this evening, February 3rd by the following teams:

- Salisbury
- Southern Lehigh
- Northwestern
- Northern Lehigh
- Palisades
- Wilson
- Williams Township

These teams are all programs that feed into the Colonial League schools that our children will eventually be playing for at the middle school and high school levels.

You can find our new league information at www.leaguelineup.com/cyfl and be sure to find us and 'like' us on Facebook under Colonial Youth Football League.

The most significant rule changes are:

- Any child who is 14 years of age, or will turn 14 years of age after the start of football season, is not eligible to play.
- Tackle weight classes are now 90 lbs (115 max), 110 lbs (135 max), and 130 lbs. (155 max). Children over the weight level will be considered a heavy and must play according to the heavy rules. A heavy cannot exceed the 25 lbs cap.
- Minimum play count rules. All children must play a minimum number of plays each game.

The age and weight changes implemented by this league will help provide a safer environment (specifically at the 130 level). We are hoping that this will encourage more families to become involved in tackle football at an earlier age.

On behalf of SYA Football, I would like to thank Leno and Lisa Scarcia for their hard work, dedication and commitment to our children. Both Leno and Lisa will remain actively involved in SYA Football.

I am pleased to note that Kirk Alder will remain the Associate Football Director. Kirk and I have already been working closely together and he has been extremely valuable in helping me transition in as the new Director.

Over the next month, I will be planning some springtime social activities for the SYA Football family. I will keep everyone posted as they begin to develop.

Go Falcons!!

Rich Jennings
SYA Football Director