



## FAQs for incoming players and families

February 2022

Q: Is it true you are having a Freshman team this year?

A: Yes! We are excited that this year we'll have 3 teams – Frosh, Frosh/Soph and Varsity. As only a few of the MCAL teams have a pure frosh team, there will be a modified game schedule but we believe it will be better for everyone to expand to 3 teams. This change was in the works for the 2021 season but had to be postponed due to Covid impacts.

Q: Are there tryouts for football?

A: Football has historically been a “no cut” sport at Redwood. This year our plan is to cap each team’s roster at 55 players. A roster over 55 becomes challenging logistically (with transportation, for example) and for coaches to manage effectively. With 3 teams, we don’t anticipate having to make cuts, but there is a possibility cuts will be made. Players can show their commitment by attending as many workouts as possible during June and July. Tryouts will be held the first week of official practice, August 8 through 12.

Q: Can my 8<sup>th</sup> grader participate in Spring Ball in May?

A: No, Spring Ball is only for current Redwood students. MCAL rules prohibit an 8<sup>th</sup> grader from interacting with high school coaches until the day after 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation.

Q: My son wants to play football at Redwood. What do we need to do?

A: Registration is not yet open for the 2022-2023 school year, but it should be soon. You will want to register your son through [athleticclearance.com](https://athleticclearance.com), available on the Athletics page of the school’s website:

<https://www.tamdistrict.org/domain/95>

Further instructions on how to register can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ns3JxSm6aHnLYf74Y0h96Qg1TxMnu76uChoYho3d4QU/edit>

Following graduation, you will need to upload your son's report card. He'll also need a physical/medical clearance, which we recommend doing in late Spring so it will last through the entire school year (helpful if he plans to play other sports).

Prior to Covid, we were able to meet prospective football players at the in-person school registration in February. Since the registration process is now online, we unfortunately don't get the opportunity to discuss the program, answer questions and collect contact information. **Once you start a football registration through Redwood, we'll know to add you to our Frosh distribution list.** When prompted to enter the School ID #, just put 11111 since your son obviously doesn't have one yet. If you have other questions, you can contact Emily Janowsky at EHJanowsky@yahoo.com

Q: What is the summer practice schedule?

A: Summer practice schedule:

June 14-16 Tues, Wed, Thurs 4:15-6:15 pm

June 21-23 Tues, Wed, Thurs 4:15-6:15 pm

June 28-30 Tues, Wed, Thurs 4:15-6:15 pm

\*\*No practice July 1-11

July 12-14 Tues, Wed, Thurs 4:15-6:15 pm

July 19-21 Tues, Wed, Thurs 4:15-6:15 pm

July 26-28 Tues, Wed, Thurs 4:15-6:15 pm

August 3 Gear handout for Varsity, 4:30 pm

August 4 Gear handout for Frosh/Soph, 4:30 pm

August 5 Gear handout for Frosh, 4:30 pm

Note that each player must attend gear handout to ensure proper fit of helmet and pads.

Q: Are practices in June and July mandatory?

A: Not mandatory, but strongly encouraged. Coaches understand that families take vacations, but if a player is in town, it's highly recommended he attends as many practices as possible. Once the season officially starts in August, attendance is mandatory.

Q: What does my son need for summer workouts?

A: For June and July workouts, players are in shorts, T-shirts and cleats. Gear (helmet and pads) is distributed in early August and is provided by the school.

Q: When does the season officially start?

A: August 8, from 4:15-6:15 pm. From that day on, practices are Mon-Fri.

Q: Any other dates I should know about?

A: Yes. Our annual pre-season welcome BBQ for players and parents is on August 12. You'll get more details in July.

Q: Is there a GPA requirement to play football?

A: Yes. To be eligible to play sports at Redwood, a student needs a minimum GPA of 2.0. Coaches will receive an update on players' grades at the R1 grading period (6 weeks into the school year).

Q: How do I get more information about Redwood Football?

A: Once the game schedule is final, it will be distributed and will also be published on the Redwood website. As we get closer to summer, you will be hearing from Varsity Coach and Head of Redwood Football Allen Talley, as well as from the Pigskin Club, which supports football at Redwood. Other ways to stay informed –

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RHS Football website: <https://www.tamdistrict.org/Page/598>

Again, thanks for your interest and welcome to Redwood Football. Go Giants!