

SOUTH GATE AZTECS YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEER PROGRAM 2024

PARENT HANDBOOK 2024

REGISTRATION AGREEMENT, RULES & CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

HUSTLE, ATTITUDE, RESPECT & DISCIPLINE

SOUTH GATE



This PARENT HANDBOOK is an all-inclusive agreement of our RULES & CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION in the South Gate Aztecs Youth Football & Cheer Organization. Upon receipt of your registration, you will receive this Handbook where you are expected to review its contents and provide 100% cooperation. Payment of Registration does not guarantee your child will be eligible to receive year-end rewards, recognition or benefits without completion of our registration & participation agreement per this handbook. You will sign such an agreement upon receipt of this handbook prior to your child's registered participation in our program. Thank you.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

WELCOME TO THE SOUTH GATE AZTECS YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEER ORGANIZATION IN 2024, THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING US FOR YOUR CHILD OR CHILDREN THIS NEW SEASON.

My name is LORA GONZALEZ, and I am the President of this organization since, 1995. **We will celebrate 35 years serving the South Gate community and we are proud of our history and in creating a youth sport program which has a primary focus of KIDS' FIRST.**



There are many changes throughout the years affecting our sport of youth football and cheerleading; the development of all-star, travel football, going un-weighted vs. weighted division teams, year-long youth football competition, and on and on. The State legislature also now has their thumb on our organizations giving us stricter rules to abide by; as they have been trying to ban youth tackle football in California for the past 6 years. Even though a recent new assembly bill failed due to our Governor stating he would "veto it" if it passed the assembly, the bill was thankfully dropped. But we know there will be more action on this issue to come in the near future. And a big part of making changes within our organization has a lot to do with this issue and the 2019 assembly Bill (AB1), the California Youth Football Act.



NEW YOUTH FOOTBALL CONFERENCE. In 2024, we have instituted a lot of changes affecting the leadership composition of our nonprofit organization and mostly, this New Year, moving to a new youth football and cheer conference...the Southern California Conference of SCEYFL-AAU. The AAU, the Amateur Athletic Union is one of the largest non-profit, volunteer youth organizations in the United States. Our membership will open up more competition during season play, West Coast and National competitions, etc. **We are excited about this move and we know it will enhance our organization and provide a better path for growth in the future, as well as allow us the opportunity to get back to normal operations.**

The FOUNDATION of the SGYF Program consists of adult leadership who can act selflessly without personal lust of ego or glory—and to be the best mentor, the best role model for children. To teach the sport of tackle football and cheerleading and to encourage and nurture the child-athlete to be a good student, build self-esteem, experience and develop physically and mentally. In order to find dedicated adult leadership, they must believe in this mission and work as a family to achieve this objective---A family that is comprised of hard-working and dedicated parents just like you who assume important leadership roles as members of the SGYF organization. This includes the HEAD COACH and the TEAM MANAGER. And, of which, all serve the organization as "volunteers;" no one is paid for their commitment and service in this organization.

SUCCESS OF OUR PROGRAM: We do not measure success in our program as a simple matter of how many wins or loses a team has incurred. But rather the fact that as a whole and individually its young student-athletes have learned the important values that come from the experiences of a team sport activity: respect for the rules of the game, hard work, leadership, sportsmanship, commitment and a genuine love for the sport of football (and cheerleading). There are many important life lessons that parallel the sport of football that is best described as CHARACTER BUILDING.

The SOUTH GATE YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING program continues to strive for excellence in all we do to provide the player-cheerleader participants the best youth sports experience in this city. This is our mission. Through participation in our program, both adults and children get a chance to be a part of a hard working team in pursuit of a common goal. We believe in building a positive environment through competitive sports and the children are taught the values of sportsmanship, teamwork, respect and the importance of education.

South Gate Youth Football and Cheerleading is committed to bringing excellence to every level of our organization. Our officers, coaches and parents are equally important to our organization. Together, we establish innovative thinking and organizational skills that continuously improve our processes, regulations and help create an environment of open communication, trust and teamwork. We will constantly strive to improve our program and to make the program available to as many youths as possible.

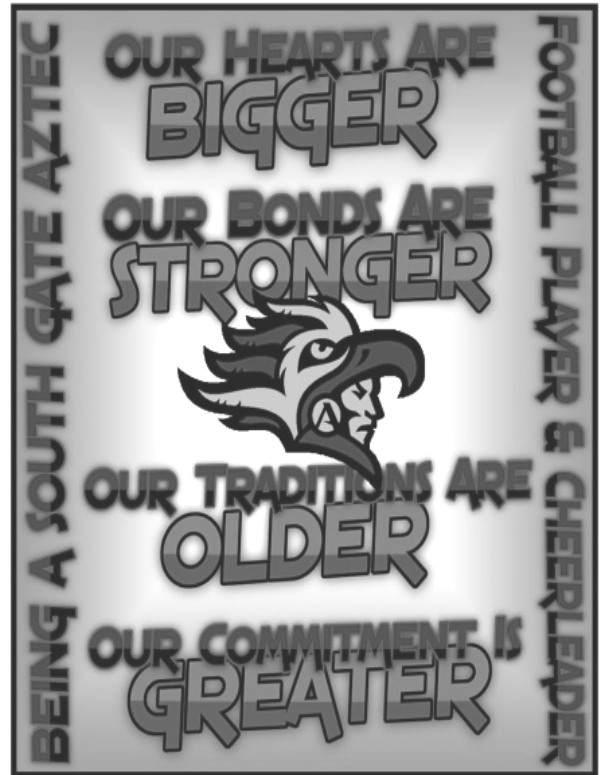
To continue to have a successful program we need dedicated volunteers and positive parental support and participation. Our board of directors gives many hours of their time and energy to maintain the reputation of an "organized and successful" youth football and cheerleading program.

With your help, we look forward to another New Year and a great season of youth football & cheerleading.
2024: STRIVE FOR MORE!



WITH AZTEC PRIDE...

President/CEO
South Gate Youth Football, Inc.



WE CONTINUE TO DEDICATE EACH NEW SEASON TO OUR FOUNDING FATHER OF THE SOUTH GATE YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEER ORGANIZATION.

REGISTRATION AGREEMENT

THE FOLLOWING SERIES OF AGREEMENTS REPRESENT OUR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT & EXPECTATIONS AS A PARTICIPANT IN OUR PROGRAM. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS THE LEGAL PARENT/GUARDIAN TO READ AND ENSURE YOUR FULL COMPLIANCE THROUGHOUT THE SEASON/YEAR. AS SUCH, ONCE YOU RECEIVE THIS HANDBOOK, YOU WILL SIGN A RECEIPT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COMPLIANCE; AS YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEWING THIS HANDBOOK IN ITS ENTIRETY.

1. **I AGREE & SUBMIT** to all SGYF and SCEYFL-AAU registration enrollment for my/our child/children and that our enrollment application to be true and complete, and I am the legal parent/guardian of this registrant/registrants;
2. **I AGREE & SUBMIT** this participant (player or cheerleader) has my/our permission to participate in all SGYF and SCEYFL-AAU football and cheer activities for the current season/year and such permission has been given by a responsible legal parent/guardian and authorized adult;
3. **I AGREE & SUBMIT** the undersigned assumes all risks and hazards of participation in SGYF and SCEYFL-AAU activities including transportation to and from such activities;
4. **I AGREE & SUBMIT** to the understanding the **maximum registration** for each flag team is 20-Players, each tackle team is 25-Players and each cheer team is up to 30-Cheerleaders. Registration is on a first come, first paid basis, no tryouts are required. Registration cut-off date is Sunday-June 09, 2024 for FOOTBALL, or Sunday-July 07, 2024 for CHEER.
5. **I AGREE & SUBMIT** to hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify, and hold harmless the Team, SGYF, SCEYFL-AAU, including without limitation Participants, Sponsors, Volunteers, Board Members, City of South Gate, its Employees, Officials and Directors, Los Angeles Unified School District-Directors and Supervisors appointed by them, for any claim arising out of any injury to the participant named herein.
6. **I AGREE & SUBMIT TO THE PAYMENT POLICY: Participation/Registration Fees and any required Fund-raisers** must be paid by: CASH, MONEY ORDER, CASHIERS CHECK, CREDIT/DEBIT CARD (Master Card/Visa), VENMO, ZELLE or PERSONAL CHECKS. **\$25 "Returned Check Fee" will be applied for all returned 'bounced' checks processed through the SGYF bank.** (All Credit Card payments will include a 3.2% processing fee). Very Important on any "digital payments" made via VENMO or ZELLE must indicate the name of the player or cheerleader, the child's team (6U, 8U, etc), and what the payment is for: registration, cheer uniform, etc., without this we cannot appropriately record your payment.
7. **I AGREE & SUBMIT TO A NO REFUND POLICY:** SHOULD A PLAYER/CHEERLEADER DROP OR QUIT FOR ANY REASON THERE IS NO REFUND OR TRANSFER OF FUNDS PAID FROM ONE PARTICIPANT TO ANOTHER. The participant also forfeits any year-end benefits or any pre-payment/payment of uniforms/fundraiser/or other Aztec Items from this organization.
8. **I AGREE & SUBMIT ALL REGISTRATION FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL NO LATER THAN: 06/09/2024 for Football, or 07/07/2024 for Cheer.** You must pay in order to play! Failure to make your registration fee payment by the scheduled due date will cause your child to be suspended from participation and a 10% penalty fee assessed to the unpaid balance; the balance will accrue month to month until your account balance is current.

9. **I AGREE & SUBMIT TO THE REQUIRED ORGANIZATION FUNDRAISER 2024.**

PLEASE REVIEW THE FUNDRAISING FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION.

I understand registration fees alone do not pay for everything or the benefits to which my participating child/children is entitled to. Increased costs in supplies and materials needed to support the organization budget is achieved through registration fees, organization events (Fireworks Stand and Snack Bar Operations) and participant fundraising campaigns. SGYF has scheduled one (1) organization fund-raiser and one (1) event that require each player & cheerleader to participate and sell tickets/fundraiser products. I understand required sales for an EVENT is needed in order to pay for the cost of the event (in this case; Homecoming and the Aztec King & Queen Contest) and an ORGANIZATION FUNDRAISER is needed to help supplement the SGYF budget not met by registration fees alone for football and cheer. The following is a requirement for each player/cheerleader registered in our program:

(1) **ORGANIZATION FUNDRAISER (AUGUST)**. Must sell the minimum sales quota per player/cheerleader as specified in the Fundraiser Handout, a special incentive is provided if sales reach more than \$450 per player/cheerleader, DUE DATE: THURS-08/29/2024,

(2) **EVENT: HOMECOMING-AZTEC KING & QUEEN CONTEST (OCTOBER)**. Must sell \$3 Tickets for a total return of \$45, DUE DATE: WED-10/24/2024) also individual Player & Cheerleader members from each team who "sells the most" in ticket sales (MUST BE MORE THAN \$90) will be crowned the Aztec King & Queen at the Homecoming Ceremony (Runner-Ups will be crowned Aztec Prince/Princess). Ticket Sales will begin and all Players and Cheerleaders will be issued their required 15-tickets on 10/01/2024. DUE DATE: WED-10/24/2024.

10. **DISCLOSURE**: The scheduled organization dates for all events as noted in this handbook and/or other handouts may change due to unforeseen circumstance, ample notice will be sent to all participants and their parents should such change/changes occur.

11. I AGREE & SUBMIT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND ABIDE BY THE **SGYF/SCEYFL-AAU ADULT CODE OF CONDUCT** and a required document of participation in SCEYFL-AAU.

12. **I AGREE & SUBMIT TO THE CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION. ANY AND ALL BENEFITS AS OUTLINED IN THIS HANDBOOK OR OTHER SGYF PUBLICATION IS FORFEITED BY THE PARTICIPANT SHOULD THEY QUIT OR DROP FROM THE TEAM FOR ANY REASON AT ANY TIME (Includes pre and post-season play). PARTICIPANT MUST REMAIN IN 'GOOD STANDING' TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE REWARDS AND GIFTS AT THE YEAR-END CEREMONY** (including game uniforms to the player). A participant in 'Good Standing' is defined as meeting all conditions of participation: 1) Payment of all required fees & events/fundraisers, 2) Fulfillment of required volunteer service hours (we operate a snack bar venue at home games or playoff events), 3) Return of all loaned uniforms/equipment, or 4) Other as required by SGYF, written notice will be provided.

13. **I AGREE & SUBMIT TO THE SGYF POLICY REGARDING AZTEC SPIRIT WEAR. I/WE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE THAT I/WE DO NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO MANUFACTURE, DUPLICATE ANY AZTEC LOGO/LOGOS, SGYF SPIRIT WEAR (T-SHIRTS, HATS, JACKETS, SWEATSHIRTS, OR OTHER ITEMS SUCH AS TARPS, ETC.), NEITHER BY USE OF ITS COLORS, LOGOS, OR NAME; SGYF HAS IT'S OWN LINE OF ORGANIZATION SPIRIT WEAR AVAILABLE THROUGH ITS VICE-PRESIDENT OF SPIRIT SALES, AND ANY SUCH AUTHORIZATION MUST RECEIVE THE APPROVAL OF THE SGYF PRESIDENT.**

14. **I AGREE & SUBMIT TO AUTHORIZATION FOR PUBLICATION PURPOSES**: In addition, by accepting this agreement, I consent to have my child/children interviewed, photographed,

audio/video recorded and its/their release, publication, exhibition, or reproduction to be used for advertising, promotional purposes, inclusion on web sites, or any other purpose by the SGYF, Inc. and its affiliates and representatives to promote our program. You release, the Team, SGYF, SCEYFL-AAU, including without limitation Participants, Sponsors, Volunteers, Board Members, City of South Gate, its Employees, Officials and Directors, Los Angeles Unified School District-Directors and Supervisors appointed by them from any and all liability and monetary gain connected with the taking, recording, publication of interviews, exhibitions, reproduction, photographs, computer images, video and/or or sound recordings of your child/children. It is also agreed that the organization SGYF/SCEYFL-AAU will not use the full name, age or other personal information of any minor associated with a picture used for this purpose.

15. **I AGREE & SUBMIT TO THE SGYF SOCIAL MEDIA/TEAM COMMUNICATION AP**

AGREEMENT: While a participant in the SGYF/SCEYFL-AAU organization you agree on behalf of you and your family members not to use social media or the team communication AP in an “unsportsmanlike behavior” or “violate the Adult Code of Conduct;” the name/names of SGYF/SCEYFL-AAU shall not be used in Social Media/team communication AP that is defamatory, or of a derogatory nature or unsportsmanlike. Such violation will suspend the child/participate immediately. This also includes any video posted to social media that reflects poorly upon the conduct of a parent or participant in the SGYF/SCEYFL-AAU organization. Please take note: The team communication AP/TEXTS, other, is strictly used by the SGYF Head Coach, Team Manager or other Executive Officer as a means to inform parents about organization reminders, calendared events, etc. It is strictly used as a mean of information only. It is not to be used to act unsportsmanlike, or use derogatory language towards any person associated with this organization or conference, violators will be suspended, including their child/children.

16. **I AGREE & SUBMIT AS A PARENT OF A FLAG OR TACKLE FOOTBALL PLAYER IN**

REGARDS TO LOANED UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT: The undersigned shall agree to assume all responsibility and uphold the SGYF UNIFORM/EQUIPMENT LIABILITY AGREEMENT and to acknowledge that any SGYF equipment/uniforms issued to my child shall be my/our responsibility for proper care and maintenance while in our possession. **The loaned uniforms & equipment issued to your child is the sole property of the SGYF, Inc. organization and you do not have the authority to make claim of ownership or hold our property hostage for any reason.** Players must wear organization authorized helmets and shoulder pads provided, replacement of any portion of said equipment, is not allowed. (This includes facemasks, which will null & void our warranty). Any violation the SGYF Uniform/Equipment Liability Agreement will result in my child’s suspension and/or ineligibility to claim any year end awards/trophy including reimbursement to SGYF for the replacement cost of said item per your signed Uniform & Equipment Liability Agreement;

17. **I AGREE & SUBMIT AS A PARENT OF A CHEERLEADER IN REGARDS TO UNIFORM/S &**

REQUIRED TRAINING: The cheerleader-participant is 100% financially responsible for the payment of all required uniforms. A cheerleader who fails to make payment per the approved schedule will be suspended from continued participation. A cheerleader who drops/quits for any reason will forfeit any and all SGYF benefits and receipt of any pre-paid uniform; CHEERLEADER TRAINING IS A MUST & PAID SEPARATELY and information will be provided from your child’s Head Coach. Please review all Cheer Handouts provided and/or attached in this registration packet.

18. **I AGREE & SUBMIT TO THE PRE-SEASON CONDITONING & TRAINING.** Our primary purpose for conducting pre-season conditioning and training for both football and cheer during

the months of March through June is for "recruitment" purposes. We utilize this opportunity to bring youth football and cheerleading in view of our community. Although this is "not required" as part of our registration agreement, it is essential in preparing young student-athletes for the season ahead. WE DO NOT OWE YOU THIS OPPORTUNITY, AS SOME ASSUME THAT WE DO! When conditions and facilities are available, our goal has always been focused on recruiting new student-athletes into our program and provide all who wish to participate an opportunity to condition in the pre-season months at NO COST!

19. **I AGREE & SUBMIT that the SGYF organization reserves the right to 'NOT ALLOW PARTICIPATION' of players or cheerleaders whose parent/parents have conducted themselves in an "unsportsmanlike" manner in current and/or in previous year/years.** THIS SHALL ALSO INCLUDE A PARTICIPANT WHO'S BEHAVIOR, ATTITUDE AND CONDUCT IS QUESTIONABLE FROM A PREVIOUS SEASON/YEAR. This refers to any documented notice in violation of the SGYF/SCEYFL-AAU Adult Code of Conduct Rules noted in a previous season/year. When 'ineligibility' situations occur or are in question, it shall be determined by the existing Executive Board of Directors which may result in a parent/parents being placed on probation when participation has been allowed/approved. Otherwise, participation is denied where violations of conduct have occurred in previous season/year or years, particularly use of alcohol/alcoholic beverages at practice and/or game day venues.
20. **I AGREE & SUBMIT TO DISCLOSURE REGARDING WAIVER OF LAWSUIT:** Each person participating in the South Gate Youth Football, Inc., AKA South Gate Youth Football & Cheer Organization or South Gate Aztecs; board members, coaches, parents, players and cheerleaders must sign a written Contract, this Registration Application. Among the provisions of this Contract are: It requires all persons involved in the program to give up any legal right that they would have to file a lawsuit against South Gate Youth Football, Inc. [SGYF] or its parent organization: SCEYFL-AAU in which it is alleged that SGYF and/or SCEYFL-AAU or either of its officers, directors or coaches has failed to follow the SGYF or SCEYFL-AAU rules. In the past, lawsuits which complained that the manner in which either SGYF or SCEYFL-AAU has enforced the rules as being unfair or wrong; historically, the courts have ruled that because SGYF and SCEYFL-AAU are all "volunteer organizations" the courts should not get involved in what amounts to a private dispute. Generally, the courts take the view that the remedy of a parent, players, cheerleader or coach which feels that they have been the subject of an unfair or wrong decision is to resign from the organization and join a different organization whose views are more in line with the person who feels offended. In order to discourage the filing of needless lawsuits which ultimately are likely to be turned down by the courts, a provision has been included in the Contract which states that you give up any right to file any such lawsuit and if you do you will be liable for any attorney fees that are incurred by SGYF or SCEYFL-AAU in defending such a lawsuit.

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

(RULES & CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION)

THE FOLLOWING SHALL REPRESENT OUR CONTRACT AGREEMENT REGARDING YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AND OTHER 'CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION' FOR OUR CHILD. FAILURE TO MEET THESE CONDITIONS AS REQUIRED WILL IMMEDIATELY SUSPEND YOUR CHILD FROM CONTINUED PARTICIPATION & SHALL FORFEIT ANY ELIGIBLE YEAR-END AWARDS/REWARDS (including the player game day jersey). YOU MUST READ, UNDERSTAND EACH OF THE FOLLOWING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AS IT RELATES TO THE PARTICIPATION OF YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN IN THE SOUTH GATE AZTECS PROGRAMS, AND REQUIRED RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH PARENT...

ABOUT THE FINANCIALS OF SOUTH GATE YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING, INC.

(SGYF) is a non-profit corporation and is budgeted solely to operate on a 'break-even' basis by the end of each year. SGYF is dedicated to providing the highest quality recreational football and cheerleading program at the 'lowest cost' possible! The funds to maintain this goal are derived from player-cheerleader participation fees and fundraisers, and, organization fund-raisers, such as; community events, fireworks campaign, snack bar operations at practices and Saturday home games, and other SCEYFL-AAU host events/playoff games and donations. Our expenses every year include, but not necessarily limited to the following: [1] replacing player uniforms and equipment as needed, [2] replacement of coaching & team training equipment, medical kits, [3] reconditioning (cleaning & sanitation) and re-certification of existing helmet and shoulder pad inventory, [4] replacing football helmet & shoulder pad inventory, [5] fees to SCEYFL-AAU (parent organization) for the cost of referees, insurance, travel fund, national fees, supplies, and other conference requirements, [6] insurance coverage: general liability & secondary medical for participants, [7] field and facility equipment and supplies throughout the year, [8] year-end trophies, picture packages, scholastic and other awards of participation recognition, [9] snack bar operations & supplies, [10] general administrative expenses for registration materials, advertising, communications, team, training, team equipment, etc., and finally [11] Cost of PPE equipment & supplies in the form of facemasks, hand sanitation, equipment sprays, etc. in order to maintain compliance with L.A. County Health Mandates concerning the Covid-19 Pandemic and other variants in question currently, and lastly, [12] compliance to the state of California Youth Football Act (AB1).

✓ THE PARTICIPATION FEE

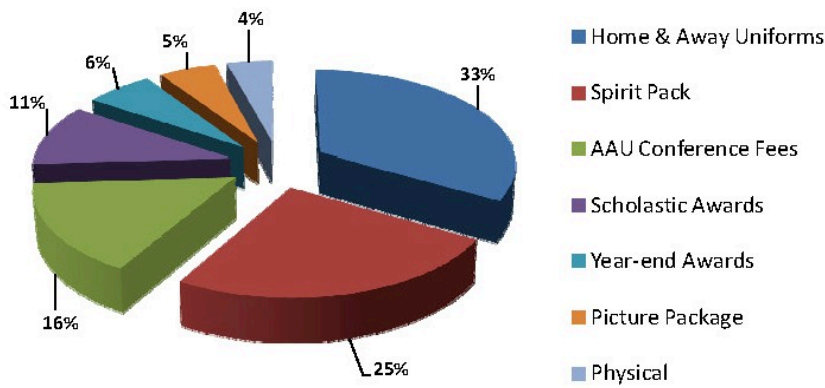
This FEE (also referred to as the Registration Fee), as it is established and approved by the SGYF Executive Board, is required in order to provide your child the PRIVILEGE & THE OPPORTUNITY to participate in the SGYF Program. THIS FEE MUST BE PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO THE START OF THE REGULAR SEASON WITH A FINAL DUE DATE OF: FOOTBALL FEES: SUN-06/09/2024, CHEER FEES: SUN-07/07/2024.

NO REFUND POLICY. Funds collected go directly into the program to pay for deposits on equipment reconditioning, equipment container clean-up & supplies, administration and registration supplies, marketing and advertising, initial orders and fitters for spirit pack and uniforms as well as other costs to plan and prepare for our new season.

✓NO REFUND POLICY ✓NO EXCEPTIONS ✓NO PAYMENT TRANSFERS

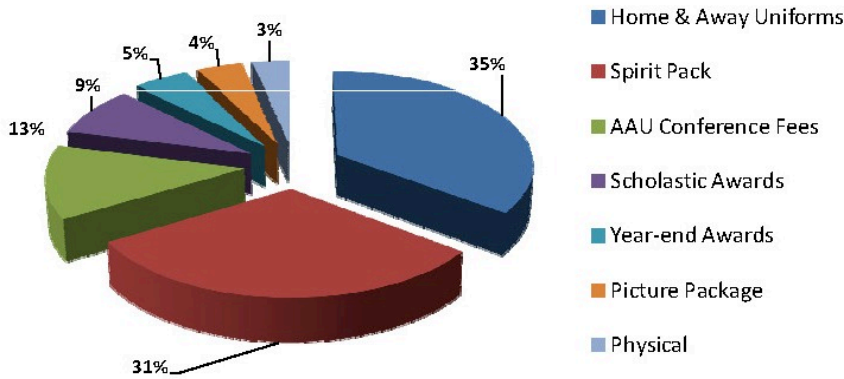
PARTICIPATION FEE	REQUIRED DEPOSIT	BALANCE MUST BE PAID BY
FLAG FOOTBALL-\$425	\$50.00	FOOTBALL PLAYER: SUN-06/09/2024 CHEERLEADER: SUN-07/07/2024
CHEERLEADER-\$425		
TACKLE FOOTBALL-\$525		

**South Gate Aztecs Youth Football & Cheer
Flag Football Participation Fee 2024 - \$425**

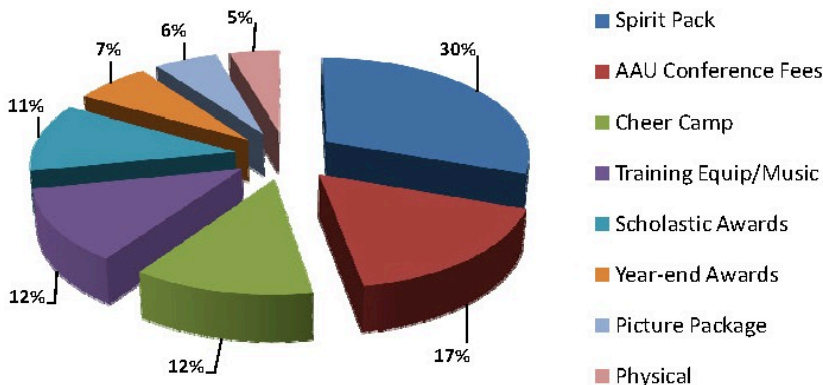


THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR EACH OF THESE PROGRAMS IS SUPPLEMENTED BY A REQUIRED ORGANIZATION FUND-RAISER.

**South Gate Aztecs Youth Football & Cheer
Tackle Football Participation Fee 2024 - \$525**



**South Gate Aztecs Youth Football & Cheer
Cheerleader Participation Fee 2024 - \$425**



✓ EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT

The Early Registration Discount (SAVE \$75) ENDS APRIL 30TH. Pay the fee in full and receive a \$75-discount!

✓ ADDITIONAL FEES?

There may be extra cost for your child to participation in "pre-season" conditioning; such as, but not limited to the following: Football 7-On-7 entry fees and/or uniform, or Cheer Program Training & Conditioning at a local gymnasium, Cheerleader Training mats or other, payment for services of specialized gymnastics/stunting trainers and/or additional spirit uniform, additional hair bows, outside competition fees or other competition-related items. You will be informed via your Head Coach.

✓ REDUCE YOUR OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS?

The sport of tackle football & cheerleading is an EXPENSIVE SPORT, besides being a 4-5 month regular season program. Our cost of football uniforms and equipment account for a substantial part of our budget; and as a non-profit, we depend completely upon the fees for participation and fundraising from our players and cheerleaders plus the additional organization fundraising through our fireworks stand and our snack bar operations and other donations when provided, 100% depended on public support. We understand the financial obligation as a participant in our program is more considerable than most youth sport programs; however, equipment and uniforms for the sport of football is substantial and goes well above that which is required for any local park sports program. [We would like to help you reduce your out-of-pocket costs by offering you the opportunity to raise funds to pay for your child's participation and/or uniform costs by the following means:](#)

1. **WFC-World's Finest Chocolate Bars** (see flyer attached). You can purchase a box of 30-chocolate bars at a cost of \$36 per case, sell each chocolate bar at \$2-\$3 each as a means to earn extra funds towards the payment of your child's registration and/or uniform costs. We offer this program now, through as long as we can without the summer heat melting the chocolates that we store.
2. **Sponsorship Letter**. We provide a sponsorship letter to give to your employer, or doctor, dentist, relatives, etc. All sponsorships are "tax deductible" and we provide a computerized receipt for this purpose.
3. **Sponsor My Cheer Uniform Sheet**. Seek out individual sponsors to help purchase your child's cheer uniform. We provide a sponsor sheet for each Cheerleader.

[Every little bit does help reduce your cost, particularly when you have more than one child in our program.](#)

✓ NEW REGISTRATION ONLINE REQUIREMENTS OF AAU

In 2024, the SGYF leadership voted to move to a new youth football and cheerleading conference: Southern California East Youth Football League of AAU (SCEYFL-AAU). This will allow for more local games throughout the Los Angeles and Orange County areas. A full regular schedule of competition and playoff opportunities. We believe this is the best move for our organization in light of the many changes within the youth football community. We consider ourselves a community-based organization and we do not associate with the all-star, travel, 365, win-at-all-cost, organizations which have taken over. We will play in very good competition and during our competitions; our focus is more on the improvement of our players and teams, rather than on the wins and losses. Sometimes this can be a difficult concept to grasp within a competitive Conference, but we believe that by challenging our members and teams to compete at all times at the highest levels of their capability that, win or lose, through competition comes the greatest development. Then, the wins and losses become insignificant and the ability to compete becomes the focus.

AS A RESULT, we had to make adjustments in our fee structure to include additional costs of AAU League Fees, Individual Player, Cheerleader and Volunteer Membership Fees, and Insurance. This in addition to the continued rising costs of uniforms, equipment and supplies which have substantially increased since Covid. However, we are still providing high quality services as a youth organization and uniforms & equipment. 100% of our fees go into the program to benefit its participants.

IN ADDITION, each Player, Cheerleader and Volunteer in our organization will be required to obtain an AAU Member Online Account where required documents must be uploaded as part of the AAU Certification Process. Likewise, the only AGE VERIFICATION DOCUMENT accepted through AAU is as follows, (Birth Certificates are no longer accepted, no exceptions!):

1. State Identification Card (Real ID)
2. Valid Passport or Passport Card
3. Military ID Card
4. Certification of Naturalization
5. Foster Care Verification Paperwork

✓ REQUIRED EVENTS & FUN-RAISERS IN 2024

Due to the increase in costs for League Fees, Insurance, Referees, AB-1 state requirements, Uniforms and other football and cheer related expenditures; we have approved two (2) FUN-raising events for the organization in order to meet the demands of an increasing operating budget.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Participation in these scheduled FUNraising events is mandatory, IT IS NOT AN OPTION! Monies will be due and collected on the due date as stated above. Non-participants will be immediately suspended subject to paying any game forfeiture fees, and will be ineligible for year-end awards and benefits (picture package, scholastic certificates/awards, Trophies, Game Uniforms or other, including participation in any outside post-season competitions). There is no exception to this policy; you acknowledge this as a policy of all participating players/cheerleaders and there will be no argument concerning this agreement.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION MAIN FUNDRAISER BUY-OUT OPTION (Gourmet Popcorn/Mrs. Fields):

You can choose not to participate in the sales of products through the 'BUY-OUT' offer. You pay \$100, receive no product, just a straight payout. Payment of the buy-out is the same due date of the fundraiser: Aug-29-2024; and is not eligible for an incentive jacket.

✓ PLEASE PAY YOUR FEES ON TIME!

Our fees and payment schedule for uniforms and equipment is 100% dependent upon prompt payment per the deadlines we have indicated. When we do not receive payments on time, it delays our payment and in placing orders for spirit packs, uniforms and other equipment. **WHEN WE DO NOT RECEIVE 100% OF YOUR PAYMENT FEES YOU CAN EXPECT A DELAY IN RECEIPT OF SPIRIT PACK, UNIFORMS AND/OR EQUIPMENT.** This is a guarantee, we are a non-profit organization and our budget is based solely upon our budgeted needs, in other words we take in only that which is necessary to pay for items such as spirit pack, uniforms, etc. As a non-profit, we do not carry extra funds to cover late payments from parents. We operate on a "break-even" basis from year to year.

✓ CHEERLEADER UNIFORMS

CHEER PARENT ONLY. The parent/guardian shall agree to pay SGYF for all cheerleader related uniforms per the fee schedule printed on the **CHEER UNIFORM PRICE SHEET OF 2024**. We offer a 3-month payment plan: June-July-August. Payments per this schedule must be paid on the due

date listed or a subsequent late fee penalty of 10% shall be added. **All due dates are firm, no extensions, no exceptions, no transfers of payments and you forfeit any pre-paid uniforms should you quit/drop for any reason. Uniform Fitting date is scheduled for Sunday-June 09, 2024; also the date of the first uniform installment. IMPORTANT NOTICE:** (1) Please know that delayed payment will affect our ability to place our orders on time and will affect everyone. (2) Also, all parents will sign-off on the size report for which their daughter has been fitted for. Once the uniform is received and is per the **size recorded for your child**, any ill-fitting uniforms are not the responsibility of this organization. Any replacement orders must be paid for by the parent and know receipt of the replacement uniform is not immediate, these take weeks to manufacture. Likewise, any alterations due to an ill-fitted uniform shall also be the responsibility of the parent to take care of. We order exactly what the child is sized for and you sign off in agreement, this is why it is important you attend the scheduled fitting date for your child. There may be some instance whereby we are not able to provide "customized" fitting and therefore will rely on the sizes available through the manufacturer, I.E., if there is no size for Child-XS, then a Child-S will be ordered. In most cases, we will know all available sizing through a manufacturer, BUT cannot control "availability" once we place and pay for our order.

✓ SPIRIT PACK & UNIFORM FITTING DAY

SATURDAY-JUNE 09, 2024. Location and time: to be announced. This is a mandatory event in order for us to complete the order for spirit pack and uniforms for players and cheerleaders. Cheerleaders will be expected to make their first uniform installment at this time. ALL FOOTBALL PLAYER REGISTRATION FEES ARE DUE ON THIS DATE. Please plan on attending, otherwise, you will have to wait until Physical Day (07/07/2024), which may cause a delay in your child's receipt of their spirit pack. (Please know this is the expected date for this event, subject to change due to unforeseen circumstance, you will be notified appropriately).

✓ CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION (VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS)

WE OPERATE A FULL-SERVICE SNACK BAR AT ALL HOME GAMES. As part of our organization's fundraising goal we operate a snack bar during practice (when allowed), home game and host events. Depending upon the requirements of the school and city of South Gate; since 2021, we have been on a limited basis. **Parents of player-cheerleader participants must fulfill a total of 4-hours volunteer service at our snack bar/game field operation during home and playoff host events as scheduled. Parents will be randomly assigned to perform volunteer service in the following areas: (1) Snack Bar Operations, (2) Parking Lot/Stadium Clean-up, (3) Security Stations, or other as appointed by the Vice President of Football or Field Operations.** Parents with multiple children in the SGYF Program will only need to fulfill one (1) 4-hour requirement. Volunteer hours shall be scheduled in 2-hour increments as needed throughout the season. Please remember this is a "condition of participation." If it is not fulfilled, your child will not be eligible for year-end benefits/rewards (including game uniforms to the football player). **THIS IS NOT AN OPTION!** 4-hours per player/cheerleader or family are required. Anything less than 4-hours will make your child ineligible for year-end benefits and outside competitions!

✓ REGULAR SEASON, POST SEASON PLAYOFFS & OTHER OUTSIDE COMPETITIONS

FOOTBALL TEAMS: The SCEYFL-AAU Conference will typically schedule 8 regular season games, which may include games from outside our conference. Either way we promise a complete schedule of games ending in a playoff system. As a family-oriented conference, we will not play games on the weekend of Labor Day or Thanksgiving. The Game Schedule will be produced and available to parents by the end of August. The Game Schedule may include BYES in the system; this is unpredictable until the final date of team registration has been completed (usually early August). If

there are an odd number of teams within a division, there will always be a BYE in the schedule each week. We will try and fill this with an out-of-conference game where possible, not a guarantee.

FOOTBALL TEAM POST-SEASON PLAYOFFS, through our membership with AAU; and besides regular post-season playoffs, there will also be an opportunity for your child's football team to participate in the AAU West Coast and National Competitions which may continue through January of the New Year (2025). Of course, this will involve additional fees and travel expenses and lodging. As a parent, you will be informed of such possibilities and of course is dependent upon the winning success of the team. Your Head Coach will keep you informed as the season progresses.

CHEER: SCEYFL-AAU will also conduct their own in-house Conference Cheer Competition during the end of the regular season and which will kick-off our Competition Season. However, just like football, the AAU Cheer teams may also qualify for continued outside competitions at their AAU West Coast and National Competitions.

✓ TEAM RULES & OTHER PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS

Rules are designed to be followed to ensure fairness and opportunity for all who participate! Football and Cheer Team Rules, Rules of The Field (Practices & Games), and Outside Cheer Competition Agreement will be submitted to the parent for review and a signature of agreement must be obtained in order for your child to continue their participation, due date is Physical Day (July 07, 2024); Outside Cheer Competition Agreement is reviewed and signed in August or September-TBA. Please know that we enforce all agreements provided to our parents to ensure all teams are compliant to SGYF/SCEYFL-AAU rules as well as the desires and expectations of our Coaches and Trainers. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS, PLEASE DON'T ASK!

✓ PRE-SPORT PARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

All eligible participants in SGYF/ SCEYFL-AAU must sustain a sound physical condition. The attainment of a sound physical condition shall be attested to by a duly qualified Physician or Chiropractor on the proper SCEYFL-AAU Physical Form which shall be downloaded in our Roster Program for certification purposes. **The cost of this physical is included in your Registration Fee, if you chose not to participate in our scheduled Physical Day and take your physical elsewhere, it is at your own cost, SGYF will not reimburse you for this cost---"use it or lose it" registration feature.** It is strongly suggested that you make plans to ensure your child attends Physical Day to complete any unfinished paperwork and/or final spirit pack or uniform fitting which could delay your child from starting practice on JULY-22-2024. PHYSICAL DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY-JULY 07, 2024. In addition, we will be completing our final uniform and equipment fitting for late players/cheerleaders. If you miss this date and we do not complete a sizing report for your child, we will not be able to order their spirit pack and game uniform as scheduled. Please ensure you follow-up with your Head Coach. (Please know this is the expected date for this event, subject to change due to unforeseen circumstance, you will be notified appropriately).

✓ AZTEC KING & QUEEN CONTEST (HOMECOMING)

ALL Players and Cheerleaders will all be required to sell a minimum of 15-Raffle Tickets (\$3 per ticket, \$45-total) for a raffle to be held at Homecoming (Sat-Oct-26-2024). An Aztec King & Queen will be awarded to the player and cheerleader from each team who "sells the most" in ticket sales and must be more than \$90-in total sales. The Aztec King & Queen will be announced and their crowning ceremony will be held at Homecoming (Sat-Oct-26-2024). (A Prince and Princess may also be crowned for the "Runner-Up/Ups," if qualified). SELLING HOMECOMING RAFFLE TICKETS IS A

REQUIREMENT OF PARTICIPATION, and each player & cheerleader must provide the ticket stubs and money no later than WED-OCT-24th. Raffle Tickets will be issued on Tues-Oct-1st at the practice field.

WHEN WE ARE ALLOWED: Each Football Team (Football & Cheer) will also conduct a Homecoming FUN-raising booth. Our Homecoming theme each year is "Dia de los Muertos." You will receive information from your Head Coach and Team Manager about this event. We have not been allowed this opportunity since 2021.

IMPORTANT: Crowning an Aztec King and Queen for our teams are dependent upon participation from the players and cheerleaders. If no one sells over the maximum amount required to be eligible for the King & Queen Contest (\$90 or more in ticket sales), then there will be no King or Queen crowned. Even if a team has an BYE on Homecoming, the team will still be invited to participate in the crowning ceremony.

✓ **INDIVIDUAL TEAM FUNDRAISING (WHEN AUTHORIZED)**

Please be advised, each football and cheer team will have an opportunity to conduct individual team fundraising activities for the sole purpose of providing additional gifts and awards to their players and cheerleaders at the year-end awards assembly. But the campaign must be approved by the organization Executive Board. Otherwise, this is a direct violation of its By-Laws and will jeopardize the ability of the organization to retain its non-profit state and federal identification. All funds raised by the individual team campaigns must be immediately submitted to the organization for an official receipt of fundraising and funds will be kept by the organization until such time as the Head Coach requests the funds for the purchase of their additional gifts and awards. A separate accounting of the team fundraising will be provided to the Head Coach. **ALL FUNDS RAISED MUST GO DIRECTLY TO THE BENEFIT OF THE INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS AND CHEERLEADERS.** The organization does not retain any part of the individual team fundraisers.

✓ **"GOOD MEMBER" BENEFITS (FOOTBALL & CHEER)**

Players and cheerleaders, who remain in 'GOOD STANDING' and have met the requirements above, will be eligible to continue participation in post-season playoffs/outside Cheer Competitions, etc. and receive year-end rewards and benefits. Players or cheerleaders with unpaid funds, lack of required volunteer hours or non-returned uniforms & equipment to SGYF will not be eligible. **Players and Cheerleaders who quit for any reason, now or later (including post-season play), forfeit any fees/fundraiser previously paid and any year-end rewards (including the player game uniforms) as indicated in this or any other SGYF publication. Benefits and rewards shall be given to participants in 'good standing' ONLY! Game Uniforms can be purchased for a cost designated by the Program, should your child not qualify at year-end.**

Injured/Illnesses: Should a player/cheerleader experience an injury or illness which prevents them from completing their regular season of youth football or cheerleading in our program, will be automatically dropped from active status, all loaned uniforms and equipment must be returned promptly to the organization. Should an injured or ill player-cheerleader decide to remain on active status for the purpose of acquiring year-end benefits (trophy, picture package, scholastic awards, or game jersey for players) they must complete their required "conditions of participation," by fulfilling all required fees and fundraisers as well as volunteer hours completed by a parent.

✓ **SCHOLASTIC RECOGNITION & AWARDS**

The SGYF organization is committed to the student-athlete and the promotion of academic achievement. Thus, in 1994, the organization designed a 'Scholastic Recognition and Academic

Support Program. This program shall continue to develop with each New Year and shall be supervised by a Vice-President of Scholastic Development. It is solely through our belief that scholastic achievement goes hand-in-hand with sports leading into higher education, and giving recognition at the youth level will go a long way in teaching our student-athletes to keep up with their school work while participating in sports programs. Through our Recognition Program, we offer recognition of our student-athletes through certificates, patches, medallions or trophies for their excellent performance in the classroom. To be an eligible participant every student-athlete in our program must provide one (1) original June Report Card for the entire previous year of school at the time of registration; this is a required document of registration. Following this the student-athlete must provide at least two (2) additional progress report cards or SGYF Scholastic Report Forms for September, October or November. To be eligible for any year-end scholastic awards the student-athlete must have provided a total of three (3) reports per the above. **Important: Reports must be submitted on the due dates as requested on the SGYF Scholastic Reporting Form; otherwise, they will not be accepted.**

✓ YEAR-END AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Following the completion of the "regular" season of football competition, the leadership of the organization will plan an AWARDS ASSEMBLY whereby eligible players and cheerleaders, in "good standing" shall receive the following awards as promised: (1) Participation Trophy, (2) Picture Package (including any additional pictures purchased by the parent), (3) Eligible Scholastic year-end awards (must have submitted a total of 3-scholastic report cards/reports during the season), (4) Player Game Uniforms, and (4) other that may be awarded to the eligible Player and Cheerleader as provided by their Head Coach and Staff via the individual "team fundraising" conducted during the season. It is the goal of the organization to complete this awards assembly prior to the end of the current year. However, circumstances preventing us in securing an appropriate facility within the city of South Gate, could push the ceremony until after the New Year. There are too many factors that must come together in order to arrange this final ceremony...time is needed to verify all player and cheerleader eligibility concerning all final payments and verification of parent volunteer hours; trophies must be ordered and received prior to the date of the scheduled event, as well as any additional team awards becoming available prior to the scheduled event.

✓ ABOUT OUTSIDE CHEER COMPETITION

CHEER PARENT ONLY. An extended benefit of our Cheer Program is the opportunity and the "option" for your child to participate in continued outside Cheer Competitions via SHARP, JAMZ or other as approved. First and foremost, you, the parent must agree to allow your child to continue their participation in outside competition events as scheduled; a memo and agreement has been drafted for this purpose and one that we will review with you and secure your signed agreement of these terms. Although it is our plan in any "regular" season that we will participate in a local SCEYFL-AAU Conference Cheer Competition as a first step in allowing all cheerleaders the opportunity to learn a competition pom and stunt dance routine; training for this first level of competition will begin in August. After this, at the conclusion of our regular season (sometime in November), we will be preparing our teams for outside competition, usually up to 3-4 competitions before we qualify for the ultimate Jamz Nationals in Las Vegas, January or February of 2025. Your Head Coach will meet with you to discuss the rules of competition should you decide to allow your child to continue with the team in the post-season (November 2024-January/February 2025).

✓ REQUIRED EVENT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

The South Gate Youth Football & Cheer organization is committed to **COMMUNITY EVENT PARTICIPATION** throughout the city of South Gate (Clean-Up projects with the City & Kiwanis of

South Gate, Coffee With A Cop, Azalea Festival, Tweedy Mile Street Fair, South Gate City Christmas Parade, Events at The Azalea Regional Shopping Center, Youth Night* at local High Schools, etc.). It is because of our commitment to community activities and our philosophy of providing as 'much opportunity' to cultural, educational, and other experiences, we must ensure that our involvement in such events are well represented by our participants (players & cheerleaders, coaches & staff). As a 'requirement of participation' in our program and during the current year your child will be obligated to participate in our scheduled events. You will be provided a calendar of such events as they are scheduled and when more current opportunities arise, we will provide appropriate notification so that plans can be made well in advance for your child's involvement in these community events. Most of these community events are predominantly scheduled for our Cheer Program, some will include the Football Program. Your commitment, support and understanding of these conditions are a vital part in our goal of moving forward in the New Year together.

✓ CODE OF ADULT CONDUCT AGREEMENT & OTHER

A [DIGITAL PARENT PACKET \(sent via email\)](#) is prepared for each player/cheerleader participant in our program and provided to you on or about our Parent Orientation Meeting, July 20, 2024. Inside the Parent Packet you will find a number of documents requiring your signature (documents will be provided for your signature on Physical Day (07/07/2024) or at the Parent Orientation (07/20/2024), a calendar of scheduled events, practices, games, etc. (The official Game Schedule, however, will not be available until the end of August). These important documents are for you to review which further explain our program policies in which we will expect your support and cooperation as we continue through our season. One of the most important documents will be the notification of our ADULT CODE OF CONDUCT policy. The objectives of SOUTH GATE YOUTH FOOTBALL and CHEERLEADING PROGRAM (SGYF) include the development of self-discipline, self-confidence, physical fitness, good citizenship, and sound character. We seek to bring our youth, our families and our community closer together through the means of a common interest in sportsmanship, fair play and fellowship. We seek to provide fun, safe and supervised environment for our young student-athletes to learn the proper techniques of football and cheerleading and to compete with a winning attitude with sportsmanship and fair play. At all times we seek to keep the welfare of the children first and foremost. To achieve our objectives, all adults connected with or who participate in SGYF/SCEYFL-AAU must adhere to the standards of conduct as it is written in the Adult Code of Conduct Policy and as it pertains to any interaction with board members, officials, players, cheerleaders, parents, coaches, **social media** & other involved in the SGYF/SCEYFL-AAU organization. By registering a child for which you are the responsible adult, you agree that you and all other responsible adults associated with you and your child, **to include use of Social Media**, will abide by the **SGYF/SCEYFL-AAU ADULT CODE OF CONDUCT**.

[PARENTS PLEASE BE ADVISED](#): Should you be involved in any negative campaign to disseminate (spread) vicious rumors and lies contrary to the rules, policies and procedures indicated in this Parent Handbook Agreement you and your child will be dismissed from further participation in this organization. We do not condone negative and/or purposeful spreading of lies or rumors and in particular negative or unsportsmanlike talk about or against any member of the board of directors, head coach and his/her staff. (This includes profane language spoken to any member of this organization or of the SCEYFL-AAU). The **rules of conduct** are written specifically to address this and we will **not hesitate to dismiss you and your child** for any violation that goes against the Adult Code of Conduct. **PLEASE REMEMBER, VOLUNTEERS DON'T GET PAID TO RECEIVE VERBAL OR PHYSICAL ABUSE FROM ANY ONE!**

✓ ABOUT OUR PRACTICE & HOME GAME FACILITY USE

YES, we have been struggling to secure a permanent place to call home since 2017. Our relationship with LAUSD continues to be challenging. Although 2022-2023 were the most difficult years while we participated at our local high schools due to the fact we were not welcomed by the high school principal, and in both locations, unexpected and unfair challenges were placed upon us which caused a lot of conflict in our normal operations. We are believed by City Officials, this is temporary as we work with the city to secure a permanent home base of operations as we move into the future. As with last year, 2023, with the continued support of our city and its officials we hope to maintain our pre-season football and cheer academy at Hollydale Park (Mar-Jun) and move into South East HS when we start our regular season practices and games (Jul-Dec). That is the plan, however, we are never sure of how well we will be received by school/LAUSD administrators.

AS A RESULT, and as we continue to receive “lip service” from our city officials (we have expressed our needs since 2017...now 8-years of complaining!), we continue to ask for your help in reaching out to our city leadership to express our continued concerns of helping us get a complete and permanent home of our own; like SGJAA, the Swim Team or AYSO. It is difficult to be kicked off a football field and try and teach football without the field? Or why can't we use the school gymnasium for cheer competition practices when the weather is too cold to be outside? It truly will “take a village” to reach out to our city officials to help make things happen. Many promises and alleged plans to build a field of our own continue to be told to us, yet, 8 years and continuing we are still homeless.

✓ WE FOLLOW A STRICT CODE OF “CHAIN-OF-COMMAND”

This organization is operated by VOLUNTEERS ONLY, no one is paid for the thousands of hours dedicated to represent the leadership and coaches in our youth organization; this is because we are a non-profit organization registered with the state and federal government and abide by the rules that govern non-profits. As such, we follow our BY-LAWS and POLICIES as they are written and provided to its board members and parents through this PARENT HANDBOOK AGREEMENT and other handouts. **There are levels of leadership in which must be respected and the flow of information follows a “CHAIN-OF-COMMAND.”**

The chain of command is an unbroken line of authority that links all persons in an organization and defines who reports to whom. This chain has two underlying principles: **unity of command and scalar principle**. The scalar principle, also known as the scalar chain, is **a management principle predicated on establishing an unbroken line of authority from the highest levels of management on down**. In this model, the person at each management level communicates with only those directly above and below them.

As a parent your direct point of contact and communication is the TEAM MANAGER. The Head Coach and Team Manager are MEMBERS OF OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM and receive all their direction and communication from their respective Vice President of Football and Cheer, and they in turn receive their direction and communication from the President.



SOUTH GATE YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEER 2024

ORGANIZATION CHART (Chain-Of-Command)

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

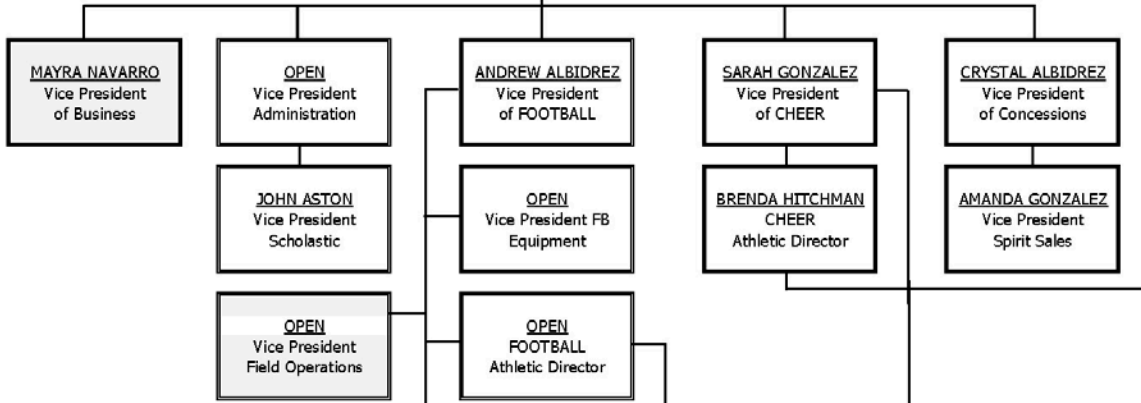
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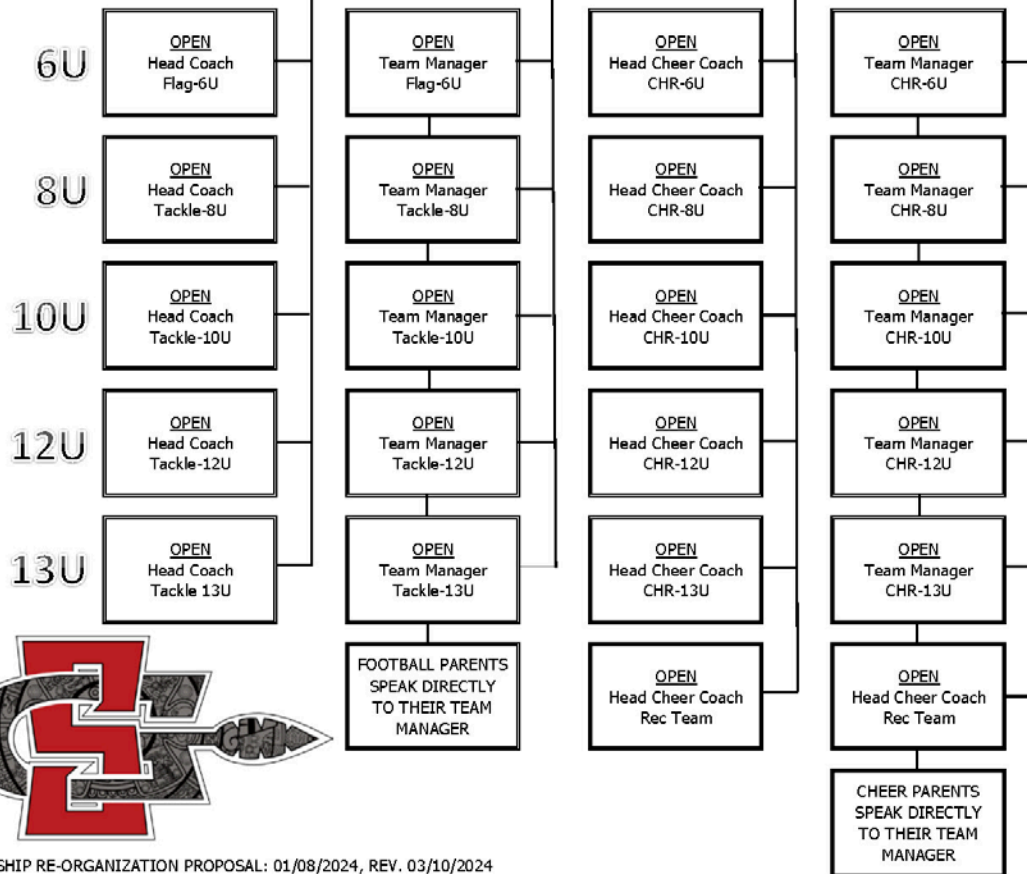
HENRY C. GONZALEZ
Founding Father
In Memoriam

There is no greater calling than to serve your fellow man. There is no greater contribution than to help the weak. There is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well."



HEAD COACHES & TEAM MANAGERS (FOOTBALL & CHEER)

MANAGEMENT LEADERSHIP TEAM



NEW LEADERSHIP RE-ORGANIZATION PROPOSAL: 01/08/2024, REV. 03/10/2024