Junior Colts Football Team Spring Camp Parent Letter 2025





Dear Player and Parents:

The Medicine Hat Junior Colts Football Team is a Medicine Hat bantam football team. Our team is made up of students from St. Mary's Junior High School, Notre Dame Academy, CAPE and students from Prairie Rose School Division. The team competes in the Bantam Rangeland Football Conference within the Football Alberta program (www.footballalberta.ab.ca).

Our team is motivated this season. Like every year the Colts strive to win both on and off the field. We have a "team first" culture that builds confidence while learning and respecting the game of football; while certainly focusing on having fun and being active in sport. We also emphasize respect, discipline and effort - in everything we do. Players represent the "Colts" and each other and are expected to honour what that means, not just on the football field, but at school, other sports, social activities, and in life in general.

Bantam football is a development level of the sport. The team will be comprised of junior high school students.

There is a great benefit in playing football. Players may have played Pee Wee or Atom football, but it is not a requirement. Many of the players on the team will be engaging in the sport for the first time. Whereas, for some, they have played sports and in particular, football.

We start each season with the basics; learning the game and teaching basic football techniques, then enhancing the skill level as the players develop.

SPRING CAMP:

We are hosting a **Spring Camp** this year.

On Friday, May 9 players are invited to come to the McCoy field from 6:00-8:00pm for an equipment fitting. This is where the Junior Colts team shed is located. A registration table will be set up for families on this day to register their player for Spring Camp. The camp fee is payable at this time.

Players should be at the shed by 5:30pm each day. Be sure to bring a water bottle and cleats (if you have them).

The training camp will be held each evening of May 12-15 and May 20-22 from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the McCov football field. There is a plan to end spring training camp with a multi-team jamboree. The jamboree will take place May 23 (time to be determined).

This camp is a great opportunity for players to try football, gain some skill, and experience the Colts football team. Spring Camp is open to all those interested with no commitment for the main fall season. The camp is at McCoy High School, which is the same location that we practice during the regular season.

COST: \$20 *cost is deducted from season fees*

TEAMSNAP:

We have all communication, updates, schedule, roster, etc. on the **TeamSnap App**. To receive an invite, please email our communications officer Natalie Bueckert at <u>natalie.bueckert@mhcbe.ab.ca</u>.

SEASON OUTLINE:

The football season starts on Tuesday, September 2. The team will practice after school each day at McCoy High School starting on this date.

Practices are held at McCoy High School every day after school. Depending on the school the player attends, there may be transportation provided to McCoy each day.

Games are typically played on either Thursday or Friday evening. Transportation to the game is provided by the team. The team will meet at the <u>Junior Colts team shed at McCoy</u> and will travel on a bus to the Methanex Bowl. Home games are held at Methanex field at the Big Marble Go Centre. We hope to travel out of town for games as well this year. There will be more details to follow.

All football equipment is provided by the team with the exception of girdles and cleats (although the team does have a variety of used cleats available).

Fees are \$350 for each player for the season. The fees are due by September 5. At this point, team shirt/shorts will be purchased.

Due to personal hygiene reasons, it is required for players to buy their own girdles. The team has girdles available for purchase.

The team fees include the following:

team shirt/shorts, equipment rental fee, transportation costs for games, insurance, field rental, official costs and medical supplies.

the cost of the Spring Camp will be deducted off of the team fees

PRACTICES:

We are fortunate to have team shed at **McCoy High School** where we practice during the season. Practice starts at 4:00pm each day and ends at 6:00pm, at the McCoy High School field.

Last year, the team supplied a bus for all in-town students at St. Mary's, Notre Dame and CAPE to get to practice. In order for this to happen again this year, our Booster Club will need to help with costs. Parents pick-up at players at our shed after practice. Each player has a "locker" in the team shed where their equipment is kept.

BOOSTER CLUB:

We have a very active Booster Club for the COLTS football team. The first Booster Club meeting will be Wednesday, May 21 at 6:00pm by the team shed. Please come out to see how you can participate. Bring your lawn chair and your great ideas! The team needs you!!

As the coaching staff, we are very proud of our team and support them in their participation and commitment to the game of football. Many kids will want to continue football into their high school years, with opportunities beyond to continue in the sport as well as assisting them to achieve an education in their area of interest.

We have volunteer coaches committing their time, as well as a parent Booster Club supporting the team and players. We will host a Parent Meeting at the beginning of the season to make introductions in person, discuss the team philosophy, and respond to any questions.

If you wish to pre register your athlete, please email Natalie Bueckert at <u>natalie.bueckert@mhcbe.ab.ca</u>. You will be sent an invite to TeamSnap if you email Natalie.

Hope to see you out there at the COLTS shed,

The Junior Colts Football Coaching Staff





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Registration Form 2025





PLAYER INFORMATION			
Name:	8		
School:			
Grade:			
Address:	0		
Football Experience:			
CONTACT INFORMATION			
Parent/Guardian name: Phone number: Email:			
Parent/Guardian name: Phone number: Email:		-	
Emergency Contact (if different than parents listed above)	Name:		
MEDICAL HISTORY			
Alberta Health Care Number:			
Has the player ever experienced the following:	neck or back Injury concussion knee, shoulder or ankle injury fractures or dislocations If yes to any of the above, please pro	yes yes yes yes	no no no no
Other Injuries or Relevant Medical Conditions:			
Allergies? If yes, please list:			

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CONSENT

*all sizes are in men's clothing

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	Yes, I give the Junior Colts football team and the Junior Colts Booster Club permission to use my athlete's image/name on their social media accounts.
	No, I do not give the Junior Colts football team and the Junior Colts Booster Club permission to use my athlete's image/name on their social media accounts.
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shorts: