



## ***EARN YOUR WINGS***

**\*\*\* 2022 HINSDALE FALCON FOOTBALL REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN \*\*\*  
PLEASE GO TO [WWW.HINSDALEFALCONS.COM](http://WWW.HINSDALEFALCONS.COM) TO REGISTER**

**WELCOME TO 2022 HINSDALE FALCON FOOTBALL!!!**

We want to welcome you to the 2022 Hinsdale Falcon Football program. Although our teams won't be hitting the gridiron until later this year, there is already a lot of activity in preparation for what we know will be another outstanding Hinsdale Falcons season.

By way of introduction, Hinsdale Falcon Football is a non-profit, 100% volunteer, community-based youth travel tackle football program for 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders. We have operated in and served Hinsdale, Clarendon Hills, Burr Ridge, Westmont, Willowbrook, Oak Brook and surrounding communities for decades. The program emphasizes football fundamentals, safety, teamwork, sportsmanship, discipline, and fun.

We look forward to you and your Falcon helping us and our dozens of outstanding volunteer Board members and coaches continue to provide what we feel is the pre-eminent youth travel sports program in the area. While we are always excited about our on-field success, we continue to be most proud of our relationship with the forward thinking and safety-conscious Bill George Youth Football League ([www.bgyfl.org](http://www.bgyfl.org)) and our membership and participation in USA Football's League Excellence football program (<https://usafootball.com/programs/league-excellence-program/>).

The BGYFL is the strongest and most respected youth football league in the Chicagoland area.

We remain steadfast in our commitment to **PLAYER SAFETY AND FUNDAMENTALS**, although we cannot (nor can any contact sport organization) guarantee player health and safety. As part of our overarching commitment to your Falcon:

- All our 2022 football coaches will be required to complete an annual coaching certification course through USA Football, as well as to submit to a background check.
- We will continue to provide professional athletic training staff at all Falcons home games in partnership with Achieve Orthopedics ([www.achieveorthosports.com](http://www.achieveorthosports.com)).
- All Falcon football players will be required to complete an annual mandatory baseline test prior to the first contact practice in early August 2022. Achieve Orthopedics will conduct the testing, and the cost will be borne by the program. All you will need to do is schedule and complete the testing. More details will follow, including information on scheduling an appointment and what to do if you already have a baseline test.
- We will continue to use the padded helmet covers at practice. The covers, which are manufactured by Guardian Caps ([www.guardiancaps.com](http://www.guardiancaps.com)), have materially reduced the risk and incidence of practice-related concussions and other head injuries. The padded helmet covers are one-size-fits-all and are washable. They are easily attached (for practice), removed (for games), and re-attached (for practice).

## 2022 REGISTRATION

As noted above, online registration for the upcoming 2022 season IS NOW OPEN. Registration is processed through our website at [www.hinsdalefalcons.com](http://www.hinsdalefalcons.com).

Please note the following important information related to 2022 registration:

- Per league rules, please be aware there is an August 1 birthday cut-off for each level. The vast majority of Falcons will be rostered with their grade level, but those that are older for their grade (*i.e.*, born prior to August 1), will be rostered with the grade above.
- While there is no weight limit at any level, there is a cut off weight above which a player must “stripe” and play the offensive/defensive line. The 2022 BGYFL Weight Chart will be posted on our website when available.
- Roster spots for each grade level are limited. If a level is filled, your player’s registration will be placed on a waitlist. Accordingly, we strongly encourage registering early as we anticipate registration numbers beginning to fill up by early-to-mid June.
- For your registration to become effective, you MUST pay the registration fee online through PayPal or with a credit or debit card. If you do not pay the registration fee, your player’s registration will not be processed, and your player will not be eligible to participate.
- 2022 registration fees are per the table below. Please note, however, that the registration fee you pay is based on the date you complete your registration, including payment. In other words, you cannot “lock-in” your registration rate simply by starting the registration process online on a certain date; you must complete the payment process.

| <u>Registration Date</u> | <u>Registration Status</u>                      | <u>Registration Fee</u> |
|--------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Through July 16, 2022    | Regular Registration                            | \$595.00                |
| July 17-August 6, 2022   | Late Registration                               | \$700.00                |
| August 7, 2022           | Deadline for Withdrawals/Refunds<br>(See below) |                         |

- Please note the following withdrawal/refund policy: (1) those that withdraw prior to our annual Equipment Handout (see below) will be subject to a \$50 non-refundable charge, and (2) those that do so after Equipment Handout and prior to the deadline date will be subject to a \$100 non-refundable charge.
- **If you are new to the Hinsdale Falcons program, you will need to upload a PDF or JPEG copy of your player’s birth certificate during the registration process in order to participate in Equipment Handout and receive your player’s equipment.** You will not need to upload a birth certificate if your player played for the Falcons in the 2021 season.
- Please note that the grade level you provide at registration should be the grade level your player will be entering this coming Fall 2022 (*i.e.*, not your player’s grade level at the time you register).

For questions regarding your registration, the registration process, the 2022 season, age/weight requirements, or Hinsdale Falcon Football generally, please email us at [admin@hinsdalefalcons.com](mailto:admin@hinsdalefalcons.com).

## **IMPORTANT NOTES AND DATES**

- **FALCONS YARD SIGNS:** We would love for every 2022 registrant to put up a Falcons sign in their front yard. Every 2022 registrant that wants a Falcons yard sign will get one. Simply email us at [admin@hinsdalefalcons.com](mailto:admin@hinsdalefalcons.com) to request a Falcons yard sign, and provide your address, and we will arrange to drop one off. Put it up as soon as you get it!
- **2022 EQUIPMENT HANDOUT:** We expect to hold our annual football Equipment Handout at Brook Park, Hinsdale, over the course of a single weekend in late June or July. The exact weekend and more information about the process and times for Equipment Handout will be provided to you well in advance. Equipment Handout is a challenge every year; we ask that you make every effort to pick up equipment on the scheduled Equipment Handout weekend.
- **2022 SCHEDULE:** The first day of permitted practice this season will be on Monday, August 1. Your team's actual practice start date and practice schedule will be communicated to you before then. The league schedule this year will be either an 8-game or 9-game schedule, and will be determined by the timing of the BGYFL Championship Weekend, which has not yet been confirmed by the league. That being said, if history is any guide, we would expect that the first game weekend will be Saturday/Sunday, August 27-28. That would mean the regular season finishes either with Week #8 on Saturday/Sunday, October 15-16 or with Week #9 on Saturday/Sunday, October 22-23, followed by three potential playoff rounds over consecutive weekends culminating with the BGYFL Championship Weekend. For teams that advance to the BGYFL Championship Game at their level/division, the season will be complete no later than mid-November. The 2022 game schedule for each of our teams for the upcoming season will not be available until mid-August. Your team's coach or team manager/parent will communicate with you as to your specific practice start date/schedule/location as the season approaches and as to your game schedule when it becomes available, as well as other team-specific details and expectations regarding the 2022 season.
- **INFORMATION NIGHT:** You are invited and encouraged to join us for a virtual Parent Information/Q&A Night on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 from 8:00-9:00 PM to learn more about the Hinsdale Falcon Football program and the 2022 season. A few of our 2022 coaches and Board members will be participating, as will a representative of Achieve Orthopedics, our professional athletic training partner, to answer questions about the Falcons program, including regarding player safety, baseline testing, and training services. We will send around a Zoom link with access details in a few weeks. Please distribute to your friends that may be interested in joining our Falcons family!

We look forward to a great 2022 season!

GO FALCONS! EARN YOUR WINGS!

Very truly yours,

The Hinsdale Falcon Football Board  
[admin@hinsdalefalcons.com](mailto:admin@hinsdalefalcons.com)

\*\*\* WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF HINSDALE FALCON FOOTBALL. \*\*\*

\*\*\* PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH THOSE OF YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PROGRAM. \*\*\*

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