

WAUSAU AREA YOUTH FOOTBALL

July 30, 2019

Dear WAYFL Family:

It is with great sadness that we send this letter to advise WAYFL will not be offering a 2019 tackle football program. For almost 20 years, we have been coaching and operating this program, which has afforded thousands of youth in our community the opportunity to take advantage of participating in a tackle football program.

In 2018, at the request of high school football coaches, it was agreed that WAYFL would only offer programs at the sixth and seventh grade levels. At the sixth grade level, we fielded three teams – one comprised of Mosinee players, one of 28 west-side players, and the last a combination of Newman and east-side players. This year, neither Mosinee nor Newman will have athletes participating in WAYFL. With only west-side players, the numbers do not allow us to continue.

Although we firmly believe that a strong youth athletic program benefits the community and our youth, the vibrancy and viability of the program is predicated on the passion of those with a vested interest in keeping the program going and growing. As neither of us have school-aged children, we had hoped our passion would be passed on to others, but unfortunately, that has not occurred.

With the low numbers in the program, coupled with an inability to obtain community members to fill leadership roles, we cannot offer a program this year. Please accept our apologies and know this decision was not easy to make. We wish you and your family the best going forward.

Sincerely,

MATTHEW S. MAYER

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