

Southwest Idaho Youth Football League 2024 Fact Sheet

Originally formed in 1968 with approximately 6 teams from Pocatello. Not-for-profit organization 501c (3). We are an all-volunteer managed league that is funded thru player registration fees and generous donations from local businesses. As a not-for-profit organization, we are always looking to keep our costs to a minimum for our families of Bannock county and surrounding communities. We provide equal opportunity for all kids to play, boys and girls.

For 2023, we had 60 teams from 4th thru 8th grade represented from: Aberdeen, American Falls, Bear Lake, Blackfoot, Chubbuck, Fort Hall, Grace, Inkom, Malad, Marsh Valley, McCammon, Pocatello, Rockland, Snake River, Soda Springs, Westside, Mini-Cassia Youth and Upper Valley Grid Kid programs.

Total players participated for 2023: approximately 1400.
One of the largest youth league programs in the Northwest.

Represent District V of the Idaho High School Activities Association schools, including Blackfoot.

Length of Season:

Practice begins early August

Typically, six or seven regular season games with a playoff system for 6th thru 8th grade.

Championship games played at ISU Holt Arena in Pocatello, ID

National Recognition and Certifications:

National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA) Chapter since August 1997, Chapter ID#4577

- One certified NYSCA Chapter Director, and two certified NYSCA Training Clinicians
- 70 to 80 coaches certified by NYSCA yearly
- Yearly invitation to National Youth Football Championships in Las Vegas, NV
- Yearly invitation to BorderWARZ tournament in Salt Lake City, UT.
- USA Football “Heads Up” Idaho partner program

Key Partnerships:

- Portneuf Medical Center
- Bingham Memorial Hospital
- Idaho State University
- Bannock County Sheriff’s Department
- USA Football
- National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS); NYSCA Chapter
- Mini Cassia Youth Football
- Upper Valley Grid Kid

Coaches and Volunteers:

- Approximate average coaching experience within SIYFL: 4 - 5 years
- Approximately 350 coaches and volunteers
- 18 volunteer Board of Directors and 13 volunteer Field Commissioners

Board of Directors/Field Commissioner for 2023:

President: Les Hernandez
Vice President: Duane Rawlings
Secretary/Treasurer: Nicole Hernandez
Area Directors:

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| American Falls: | Brandon Wilkinson | Pocatello: | Tony Harral |
| Aberdeen: | Braden Driscoll | Pocatello: | Rick Sorrell |
| Blackfoot: | Jeff Katseanes | Pocatello: | Tony Manu |
| Bear Lake: | Lance Crane | Fort Hall: | Eddy Kniffen |
| Malad: | Haydon Montgomery | Snake River: | Travis Goodwin |
| Westside: | Mike Robinson | MV/Inkom | Austin Baker |
| Pocatello: | Brent Faure | Pocatello: | Gary Carlson |
| Soda Springs/Grace | Ben Jacobsen | | |