

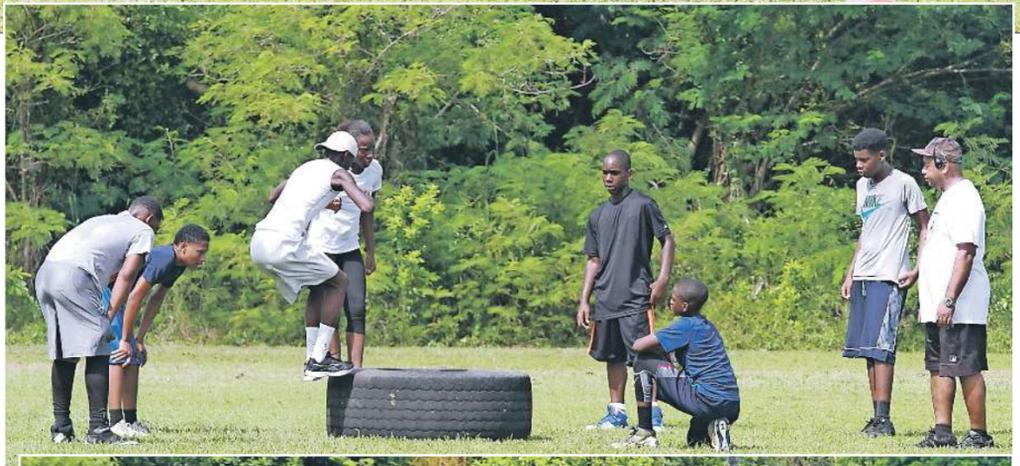


THE DRILLS: Young flag football enthusiasts take part in a recruitment session - conducted 2-4pm every Saturday at the Winton Rugby Centre - for its upcoming Youth League for boys and girls aged six to 17 years. Photos by **Tim Clarke/The Tribune**

ASPIRING PLAYERS BEING SCOUTED FOR THE FLAG FOOTBALL YOUTH LEAGUE

THE Bahamas Flag Football League continues to scout players for its upcoming Youth League. Sessions are conducted 2-4pm every Saturday at the Winton Rugby Centre. The league is designated to be a co-ed league for boys and girls aged six to 17 years with a registration fee of \$35. Jayson Clarke, president of the BFFL, said the league sought to capitalise on the popularity of the adult leagues throughout the country and offer new opportunities to aspiring players. "I think the biggest factor in getting the youth league up and running was the fact that we saw the potential opportunities for the young kids. While the adult league is going on there are scores of young kids playing at the field and then when we look at it, those

opportunities for those kids who have the knowledge of football, it allows them to be better positioned for scholarships, education and possibly a professional career. Looking at those things and using football as a tool to help them develop those skills and develop the discipline that comes with learning a sport we saw the need to capitalise on this opportunity," he said. "The potential for a youth league is always great because parents are always looking to get their kids involved in something. I do see this league taking off very quickly, even though we will try to manage its growth. Of course volunteers will always be a challenge but we do see a similar potential at the youth level and hope to see a similar success as we have had at the adult level."



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