



# **YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE INFORMATION**

**OCONEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

## REGISTRATION

Registration for youth flag football is done online via [Community Pass](#). OCPRD offers the following leagues for both boys and girls: 6U, 8U, 10U (Boys), 11U (Girls), 12U (Boys) and 14U. Each team will average one (1) weeknight and one (1) Saturday activity (practice or game) per week.

### Registration for Oconee County Residents:

Monday, July 7 – Thursday, July 31 (*or until full*)

6U In County Fee: \$121

8U-14U In County Fee: \$132

### Registration for Out of County Participants:

Monday, July 21 – Thursday, July 31 (*or until full*)

6U Out of County Fee: \$242

8U-14U Out of County Fee: \$264

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## PARENT INFORMATION

### What age group will my child play in?

- 6U – 5-6 years
- 8U – 7-8 years
- 10U Boys – 9-10 years
- 11U Girls – 9-11 years
- 12U Boys – 11-12 years
- 14U Girls – 12-14 years
- 14U Boys – 13-14 years

*\*The age control date for the Youth Flag Football League is September 1, 2025. Age on that date determines league.*

### Coaches:

Our Coaches are volunteers. Each coach will have the opportunity to attend the Volunteer Coach Clinic and must complete the NYSCA coach course through the National Alliance for Youth Sports. Your volunteer coach should contact you within a few days after receiving their roster. There are **NO** guaranteed placement for players except for the head coach's child and siblings.

### Parents:

- At least one (1) parent **must** complete the NAYS Parent Orientation & Membership Program course.
- Parents may take the course online at <https://www.nays.org/parents/> (Select Oconee County Parks and Rec Department. Payment screen will say, "No payment or donation required" click confirm).
- A child may **not** participate in the program until one (1) parent meets this requirement.
- You are encouraged to volunteer as a coach, team parent, etc.

### Uniforms:

- Team jerseys and one (1) mouthguard are provided; cleats and shorts are the parents' responsibility
- **Shorts must not have pockets or beltloops**
- Mouthguards are required for gameplay
- Team jerseys are given to coaches for team distribution at a practice prior to games beginning.

## SEASON TIMELINE

|                               |                                                               |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday, July 7</b>         | Online Registration Begins                                    |
| <b>Thursday, July 31</b>      | <u>Registration Deadline (Or until full)</u>                  |
| <b>Friday, August 1</b>       | 11U - 14U League Evaluations/Drafts – OVP Multipurpose Fields |
| <b>Saturday, August 2</b>     | 10U Boys League Evaluations/Drafts – OVP Multipurpose Fields  |
| <b>Wednesday, August 6</b>    | Coaches contact parents deadline                              |
| <b>Saturday, August 9</b>     | ALL Leagues Practices Begin                                   |
| <b>Monday, August 25</b>      | Flag Football Games Begin                                     |
| <b>Monday, September 1</b>    | Labor Day – NO ACTIVITY                                       |
|                               | Make-up Date: <b>Friday, September 5</b>                      |
| <b>Saturday, September 20</b> | Saturday Games**                                              |
| <b>Week of September 29</b>   | Final Regular Season Games (Except 6U and 8U)*                |
| <b>Week of October 6</b>      | <b>Begin</b> 10U and 11U Jamboree / 12U and 14U Tournament    |

**\*All dates subject to change pending cancellations and make-ups due to inclement weather.**

**\*\*All Saturdays without games scheduled will be practice days.**

## 6U LEAGUE INFORMATION

### Practices:

- First scheduled team practices are Saturday, August 9, 2025.
- Leagues will take place on Monday or Thursday AND Saturday
- Weeknight activity will be from 5:30 – 6:20 p.m.
- Activities will be held at Oconee Veterans Park Multipurpose Fields on weeknights and Herman C. Michael Park on Saturdays
- Before game play begins, there will be two (2) preseason practices per week. One (1) weeknight and one (1) Saturday

### Games:

- Teams will play 8 games with games beginning the week of August 25, 2025.
- Games will primarily be on the assigned weeknight. If the assigned weeknight is Monday, Friday may be utilized in the event of a make-up, or if there is a holiday that falls on a Monday (i.e. Labor Day).

### General:

- This is a co-ed league for ages 5-6.
- There will be no league evaluations.

## 8U LEAGUE INFORMATION

### Practices:

- First scheduled team practices are Saturday, August 9, 2025
- Leagues will take place on Monday or Tuesday AND Saturday
- Weeknight activity will start no later than 6:30 p.m.

- Activities will be held at Oconee Veterans Park Multipurpose Fields on weeknights and Herman C. Michael Park on Saturdays
- Before game play begins, there will be two (2) preseason practices per week. One (1) weeknight and one (1) Saturday

**Games:**

- Teams will play 8 games with games beginning the week of August 25, 2025
- Games will primarily be on Tuesdays. Fridays may be utilized in the event of a make-up. There will be 1 scheduled Saturday game day – September 20.

**General:**

- There will be a boys league and a girls league for ages 7-8.
- There will be no league evaluations.

## 10U AND 11U LEAGUE INFORMATION

**Evaluations:**

Friday, August 1

- **11U Girls (9-11):** Last Names A-K at 7 p.m.; L-Z at 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, August 2

- **10U Boys (9-10):** Last Names A-H at 10:30 a.m.; I-P at 10:45 a.m.; Q-Z at 11 a.m.

**Practices:**

- First scheduled team practices are Saturday, August 9, 2025
- Leagues will take place on Monday or Tuesday AND Saturday for 11U Girls and Thursday AND Saturday for 10U Boys
- Weeknight activity will start no later than 7:00 p.m.
- Before game play begins, there will be two (2) preseason practices per week. One (1) weeknight and one (1) Saturday

**Games:**

- Games will begin the week of August 25, 2025.
- Games will primarily be on weeknights with 1 scheduled Saturday game day – September 20.
- Games may be played on Friday evenings in the event of a rainout.
- 10U and 11U leagues will have 7 regular season games and 1 postseason jamboree.

## 12U LEAGUE INFORMATION

**Evaluations:** Friday, August 1

- **12U Boys (11-12):** Last Names A-K at 7 p.m.; L-Z at 7:15 p.m.

**Practices:**

- First scheduled team practices are Saturday, August 9, 2025.
- Leagues will take place on Thursday AND Saturday
- Weeknight activity will be from 7:45-8:45 p.m.
- Before game play begins, there will be two (2) preseason practices per week. One (1) weeknight and one (1) Saturday

**Games:**

- Games will begin the week of August 25, 2025
- Games will primarily be on weeknights with 1 scheduled Saturday game day – September 20.
- Games may be played on Friday evenings in the event of a rainout or holiday (Labor Day).
- The 12U League will play 7 regular season games followed by a single elimination tournament

## 14U LEAGUE INFORMATION

### Evaluations: Friday, August 1

- **14U Boys (13-14):** ALL at 5:45 p.m.
- **14U Girls (12-14):** Last Names A-K at 5:45 p.m.; L-Z at 6 p.m.

### Practices:

- First scheduled team practices are Saturday, August 9, 2025.
- Activity will be on Mondays AND Saturdays for 14U Girls and Tuesdays AND Saturdays for 14U Boys
- Weeknight activity will be from 7:45-8:45 p.m.
- Before game play begins, there will be two (2) preseason practices per week. One (1) weeknight and one (1) Saturday

### Games:

- Games will begin the week of August 25, 2025.
- Games will primarily be on weeknights with 1 scheduled Saturday game day – September 20.
- Games may be played on Friday evenings in the event of a rainout.
- The 14U League will play 7 regular season games followed by a single elimination tournament.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### What do I need to wear/buy?

A quality flag football jersey is provided. Cleats are recommended. Mouthguards are REQUIRED and OCPRD will provide one (1) mouthguard per participant. All shorts/pants must not have beltloops or pockets.

### What size ball will my child use?

- 6U – Franklin Playbook
- 8U – Wilson K2
- 10U Boys/11U Girls – Wilson K2
- 12U Boys/14U Girls – Wilson TDJ
- 14U Boys – Wilson TDY

### How often will my child's team meet?

- Pre-season: All teams will have two activities per week: one weeknight and one Saturday practice.
- Once games begin: Teams will have two activities per week: one weeknight game and one Saturday practice
  - *Exception – The week of September 15 teams will have one game during the week and one game on Saturday, September 20*

### Practice Length:

- 6U and 8U – 50 minutes
- 10U-14U – 60 minutes

### Where will practices and games be held?

Activity will take place at Oconee Veterans Park or at Herman C. Michael Park

### What time will activities be scheduled for my child on school nights?

- 6U and 8U will begin at 5:30 p.m.
- 10U and 11U league will begin no earlier than 5:30 p.m. and no later than 7 p.m.
- 14U will begin no earlier than 7 p.m. and no later than 8 p.m.

**What are the Saturday times?**

Saturdays vary in start times ranging from 8:30 a.m. through the late afternoon to accommodate all teams.

**Will my child make a team? My player is nervous about “Try Outs”.**

OCPRD holds player evaluations for 10U through 14U leagues where coaches rate all participants' skills. We encourage all players and coaches to attend evaluations to accurately assess the skills of the players. The greater the number of players that attend evaluations, the more balanced and fun the season will be for everyone. These ratings are used by 10U - 14U coaches to draft their teams. All 6U and 8U teams are formed by using a player's age, size, and number of seasons played to balance the teams.

**Does OCPRD coordinate end of season trophies?**

OCPRD does not coordinate or arrange for trophies or end of season awards.