

Spring 2025 Youth Flag Football Parent Meeting

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Meet the Athletics Team!

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We don't have traditional 9-5 hours and aren't always in the office

Where can I find information?

- **Website - PlayTCsports.com**
 - Game Schedule
 - Rules
 - Season Information on the flag football specific page
- **Other Department Contact Information**
 - Athletics Team Email: playtcsports@thecolonytx.gov
 - Main Department Line: 972-625-1106
 - Answered: M-F 6:30am - 9 :00pm & Saturday 8:30am-6:00pm

Important Season Dates

- Week of 2/17/2025 - Practices begin
- 3/8 - Games begin
- 3/15 - LISD Spring Break - No Games
- 4/19 - Easter Weekend - No Games
- 5/3 or 5/10 - Last day of Games

Age Verification

Birth Certificates or passports are required for anyone to play!

- **If you have played a previous season with us this year and have already submitted you do not need to resubmit!**
- **We have sent out emails to anyone that still needs to submit!**
- **The deadline to receive age verification is by 3/8. If we do not receive a birth certificate or passport the child will not be able to play until we receive it and verify the age.**
- **What we will take?**
 - Birth Certificate
 - Passport
- **Parents have these options to submit:**
 - Email it to playtcsports@thecolonytx.gov
 - Stop by the recreation center for staff to make a copy.

Age Qualification

What is the aging date for this season?

9/1/2024

How does the aging date work?

Whatever age your child was on 9/1/2024 is the division they qualify for.

- Example: My child was 10 on 9/1/2024, but he will be 11 years old during the season. He technically qualifies for the 10U division. If you would want to play up in the 12U division you would have to get approval from the Athletics staff.

Exceptions?

- We only have a few exceptions for someone to be able to play up a division.
 - You can find an informational sheet with more information on exceptions on playtcsports.com!
- We NEVER allow a child to play down and age division due to safety reasons.

Practice & Game Locations

Practice Location

- BB Owen Softball Complex
 - 5700 Squires Dr, The Colony, Texas 75056

Game Location

- Strike Middle School
 - 8798 Scotty's Lake Lane, The Colony, Texas 75056

**Maps located
at the end of
the
presentation!**

Practice Information

- **When can practices begin?**
 - The week of February 17th
- **Where do we practice?**
 - BB Owen Sports Complex
- **How many practices per week?**
 - Two 1 hour practices per week

Please remember we are guests at these locations so please make sure you are following any policies and picking up your trash after practice or games!

Game Day Information

- **When is the first weekend of games?**
 - March 8th
- **Where do we play?**
 - Strike Middle School
- **How many games for the season?**
 - Teams will be scheduled 6 games
- **Who makes the playoffs?**
 - The top 4 teams in each division will make the playoffs.
- **Game Schedule**
 - The game schedule will be released by February 28th

Please do not screenshot or print the schedule! Our goal is not to make any changes for the season, but there is a chance that changes might happen. The schedule online is the most up to date always!

Coaches

We rely on volunteer parent coaches for this league to run! All teams in the league are coached by volunteers!

- **Coach Requirements**
 - **All coaches are required to do a background check in order to coach for the season!**
- **We require each team to have assistant coaches.**
- **Anyone who would like to assist on the sideline at games or assist at practice must go through the background check process!**
- **The background check process can take 2-5 business days.**
- **Anyone that is not officially cleared will not be allowed on the sideline.**

Thank you to all of those who have volunteered their time to coach!

Spectator Guidelines

- **Please remember that we are there for the kids to have a fun time learning a sport and playing with their friends!**
- **All spectators must stay on the spectator sideline during the game. They may not come over to the team sidelines or onto the field/court. Only background approved coaches may be on the team bench.**
- **Unsportsmanlike conduct from parents will not be tolerated. Depending on the severity of the conduct we will ask the individual to leave the complex. Play will not resume until they leave.**
- **Ejection/Consequences**
 - If a parent is ejected from a game they will not be able to attend the next game. Once allowed back if they get ejected for a second time they will not be able to attend any games for the remainder of the season.
- **The aforementioned suspensions will be the minimum penalty enforced and may be increased in each situation due to the severity of actions.**

Rules - Division Breakdown

6U Division

- **Format - 4v4**
- **Ball Size - Pee Wee**
- **Game Length - Two 15 minute halves**
- **Field - L 50 YDS x W 25 YDS (10 YDS End Zone)**
- **Timeout - One 60 second timeout per half**
- **No Rushing**

8U Division

- **Format - 5v5**
- **Ball Size - Pee Wee**
- **Game Length - Two 20 minute halves**
- **Field - L 70 YDS x W 25 YDS (10 YDS End Zone)**
- **Timeout - One 60 second timeout per half**

10U Division

- **Format - 5v5**
- **Ball Size - Junior/Youth**
- **Game Length - Two 20 minute halves**
- **Field - L 70 YDS x W 25 YDS (10 YDS End Zone)**
- **Timeout - One 60 second timeout per half**

12U Division

- **Format - 5v5**
- **Ball Size - Junior/Youth**
- **Game Length - Two 20 minute halves**
- **Field - L 70 YDS x W 25 YDS (10 YDS End Zone)**
- **Timeout - One 60 second timeout per half**

Team Formation

Each season is a fresh start for team formation! This means you are not guaranteed to be placed on a team that you have always played with or your friend request! We try our hardest to accommodate all requests that come through, but at a point it becomes impossible when you are trying to accommodate 100-200 requests.

Factors we use to determine teams:

- Coach Requests
- Friend Requests
- Age
- Seasons Played
- School
- Number of players registered
- Height
- Weight

If coaches have more than 10 kids requesting to be on their team it is the coach's final decision on who makes it on their team

* Teams can only have a max of 10 on their roster

Playing Up Requirements

Playing up requirements:

For any child playing up, they have to follow the below requirements:

- Directly requested by the coach
- The parent is the coach
- They turn the required age during the season (ex: they are 10 and turn 11 the 2nd week of the season, they can play in 12U)

All players requesting to play up must go through the athletic staff directly

Team Formation Cont.

Team 1:
7
Players

Team 2:
7
Players

Team 5:
8
Players

Team 3:
10
Players

Team 4:
7
Players

39 Total
Participants

Team 1:
8
Players

Team 2:
8
Players

Team 5:
8
Players

Team 3:
8
Players

Team 4:
7
Players

39 Total
Participants

Unfair Player Distribution

“Why am I not getting the full 10 on my team?”

If we don't receive an equal amount of players per team we won't accommodate the full 10 player requests. We try to even out the teams as best as possible and accommodate as many request possible. As well as to not promote “stacking teams” as the parents refer to it.

Fair Player Distribution

Please look at the example to the left!

Season Survey

We will be publishing a survey near the end of the season that we would appreciate everyone fill out! We value your feedback and are always looking for ways to improve the league!

Some areas in the league we have changed/added from past surveys:

- **Added the pre-season parent meeting for better communication**
- **Starting the good sport initiative**
- **Adding additional league wide communication during the season**

***We will send out a link to the survey around the 2nd to last week of the regular season!**

Equipment/Uniform

- **NFL Flag Football**

- **Jerseys - Provided by the league.**
- **Flag Belts - Provided by the league. Flag belts will come with the jersey order.**
- **Mouth Guards - Must be purchased during registration. If you purchased a mouth guard that will come with the jersey order as well and will be given to the coach with the jerseys**
 - ***Mouthguards are required! Your child will not be able to play without one!**
- **Footballs - We provide each team with 1-2 footballs. These will also come with the jersey order.**

- **Each team will receive a new set of jerseys.**
- **We will **NOT** have extra jerseys at games so please make sure your child is wearing their jersey or has their jersey for the game. *If they do not have their jersey, they cannot play.***
- **Please make sure your players are **ONLY** using the jersey provided for this season.**
- **Game Day:**
 - **Home - Lighter Color**
 - **Away - Darker Color**

Jerseys Pt. 2

Replacement Jerseys

Replacement Jerseys

- **We do not have a stock of jerseys for flag football. We order specifically for each season/roster. This means we would have to order any replacements.**
- **If you are needing a replacement jersey, please reach out to the playtcsports@thecolonytx.gov email.**
 - **Flag Football - A replacement jersey would cost \$30 + shipping**

Practice & Game Locations



Strike Middle School
8798 Scotty's Lake Lane,
The Colony, Tx 75056

BB Owen Flag Football Practice Map

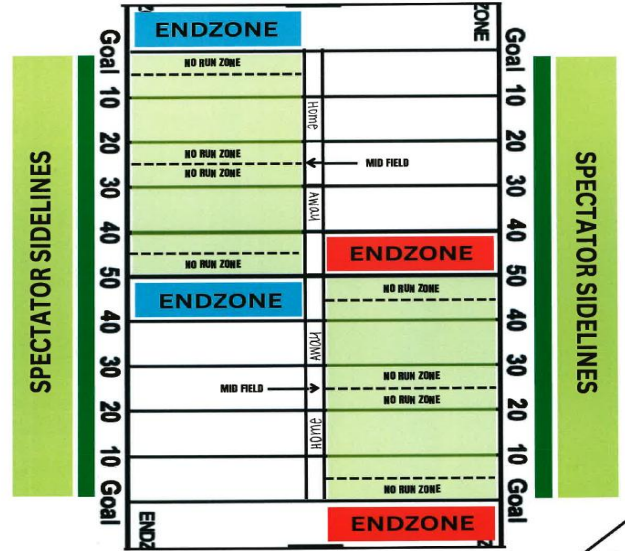
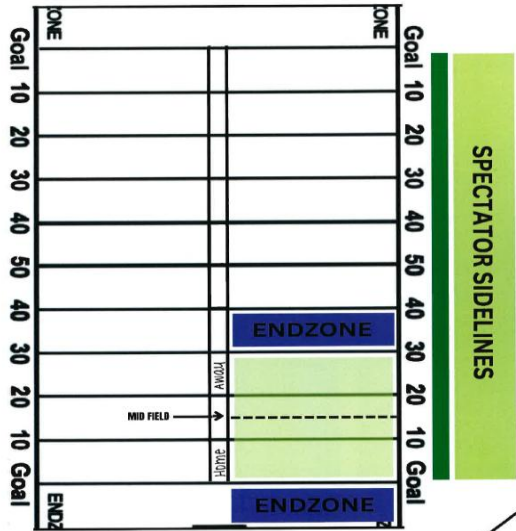
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Division Field Layout

6U Layout

8U, 10U, 12U Layout



Field Status

- Please visit the rainout line website for field status.
- Click Here: <https://rainoutline.com/search/dnis/4692174064>
- Field status is updated by 3:30pm each day as needed.
- You can sign up for the following notifications through rainout line:
 - Text
 - Email
 - Push Notifications

Awards & Sportsmanship Initiative

- **Awards**

- **The first place and second place team will get medals in each division.**

- **Sportsmanship Initiative**

- **This season it will be the responsibility of the coach to nominate two players for exemplifying good sportsmanship. You will nominate one for the first half of the season and then for the second half of the season.**

Any Questions?

Contact us at
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