

Fall 2024 Youth Parent Meeting

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SPORTS***



Meet the Athletics Team

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Where can I find Information?

- **Website - PlayTCsports.com**
 - Game Schedule
 - Rules
 - Season Information on the volleyball/flag football specific pages
- **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 8/26/2024 - Practices begin
- 9/5 - Labor Day - No practices **ONLY Volleyball**
- 9/14 - Games begin
- 10/14 - Columbus Day - No practices **ONLY Volleyball**
- 10/19 or 10/26 - 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 8/26. 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 Locations

- BB Owen Softball Complex (**FLAG**)
 - 5700 Squires Dr, The Colony, Texas 75056
- The Colony Recreation Center (**VOLLEYBALL**)
 - 5151 N Colony Blvd, The Colony, Texas 75056

Game Locations

- Strike Middle School (**FLAG**)
 - 8798 Scotty's Lake Lane, The Colony, Texas 75056
- The Colony Recreation Center (**VOLLEYBALL**)
 - 5151 N Colony Blvd, The Colony, Texas 75056

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

Practice Information

- **When can practices begin?**
 - The week of August 26th
- **Where do we practice?**
 - BB Owen Sports Complex (**FLAG**)
 - The Colony Recreation Center (**VOLLEYBALL**)
- **How many practices per week?**
 - One 1 and half hour practice per week (**VOLLEYBALL**)
 - Two 1 hour practices per week (**FLAG**)

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

Game Information

- **When is the first weekend of games?**
 - September 14th
- **Where do we play?**
 - Strike Middle School (**FLAG**)
 - The Colony Recreation Center (**VOLLEYBALL**)
- **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 August 30th

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 Volleyball

- **8U Division**

- Net Height: 6'1
- Ball: Volleylite
- Serving Line: 10ft
- Middle Back Substitution

- **12U Division**

- Net Height: 7'4
- Ball: Official Size
- Serving Line: Backcourt line
- Middle Back or 1 for 1 Substitution

- **10U Division**

- Net Height: 7'0
- Ball: Volleylite
- Serving Line: 23ft
- Middle Back Substitution

- **14U Division**

- Net Height: 7'4
- Ball: Official Size
- Serving Line: Backcourt line
- Middle Back or 1 for 1 Substitution

Rules - Division Breakdown Flag Football

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

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

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

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

● 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.

● Volleyball

- Jerseys - Provided by the league.
- Volleyballs - We provide some volleyballs with practice, but suggest your child brings their own volleyball.
- Kneepads - Kneepads are not required, but are highly recommended for your player. We do not provide these.

Jerseys

- 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.
- **(FLAG) Game Day:**
 - Home - Lighter Color
 - Away - Darker Color

Jerseys

Replacement Jerseys

- We do not have a stock of jerseys for flag football and volleyball. 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
 - Volleyball - A replacement jersey would cost \$15 + shipping
 - For the volleyball jerseys we do not have a quick turn around with the company we use and possibly might not be able to order one.

Field Status

Flag Football

- 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.

Volleyball Practice & Game Location

Recreation Center

5151 N Colony Blvd, The Colony, TX 75056



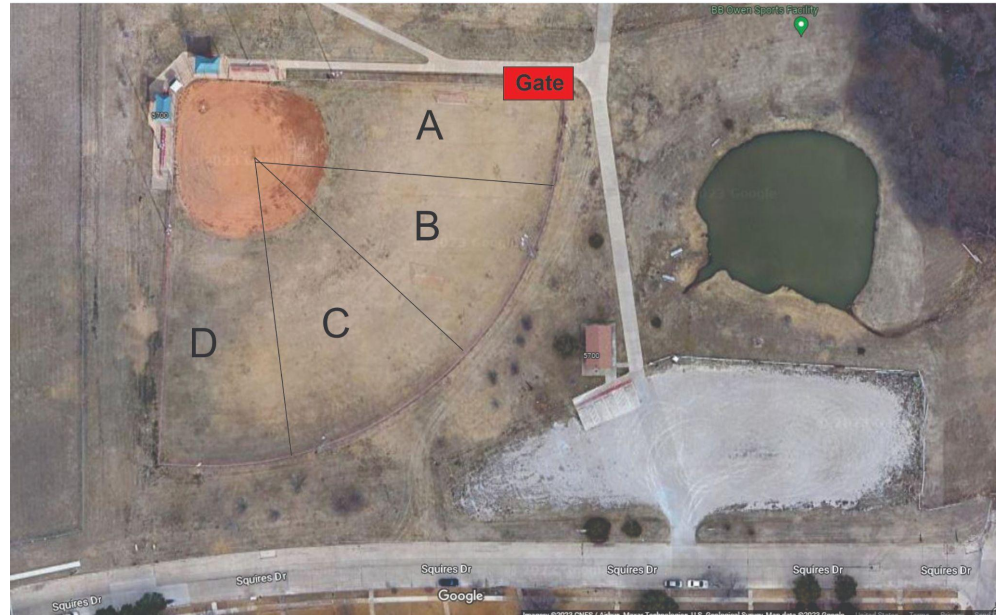
Flag Practice & Game Locations

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



BB Owen Red

5700 Squires Drive
The Colony, Tx 75056



Any Questions?

Have questions contact us at playtcsports@thecolonytx.gov