

# Fall 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 Mon-Fri.

# 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](mailto: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 8/25/2025 - Practices begin
- 9/13 - Games begin
- 10/25 - Playoffs (This might be pushed back depending on rainouts/etc.)

# 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 9/5. 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. \*Please don't wait until the last day!
- What we will take?
  - Birth Certificate
  - Passport
- Parents have these options to submit:
  - Email it to [playtcsports@thecolonytx.gov](mailto:playtcsports@thecolonytx.gov)
  - Stop by the recreation center for staff to make a copy.

# Age Qualification

**What is the aging date for this season?**

**9/1/2025**

**How does the aging date work?**

Whatever age your child was on 9/1/2025 is the division they qualify for.

- Example: My child was 10 on 9/1/2025, 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 PRIOR to registration.

**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](https://playtcsports.com)!
- We NEVER allow a child to play down and age division due to safety reasons.

# Playing Up Requirements

## **Playing up requirements:**

For any child playing up, they have to meet one of the following requirements:

- Directly requested by the coach
- The parent will be the head 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 PRIOR to registering for the season. They will not be able to register online.**

# 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.**
  - **If there is not a cleared assistant available to take over for your team the game will be considered a forfeit.**
- **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!**



# 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:

- Number of Players registered
- Number of coaches/teams
- Coach Request
- Friend Requests
- Age
- Seasons Played
- School
- Height
- Weight

**\*Teams can possibly have a max of 10 on a roster. \*10 is not guaranteed**

# Team Formation Cont.

## Example

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

## Fair 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.

**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**

# 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

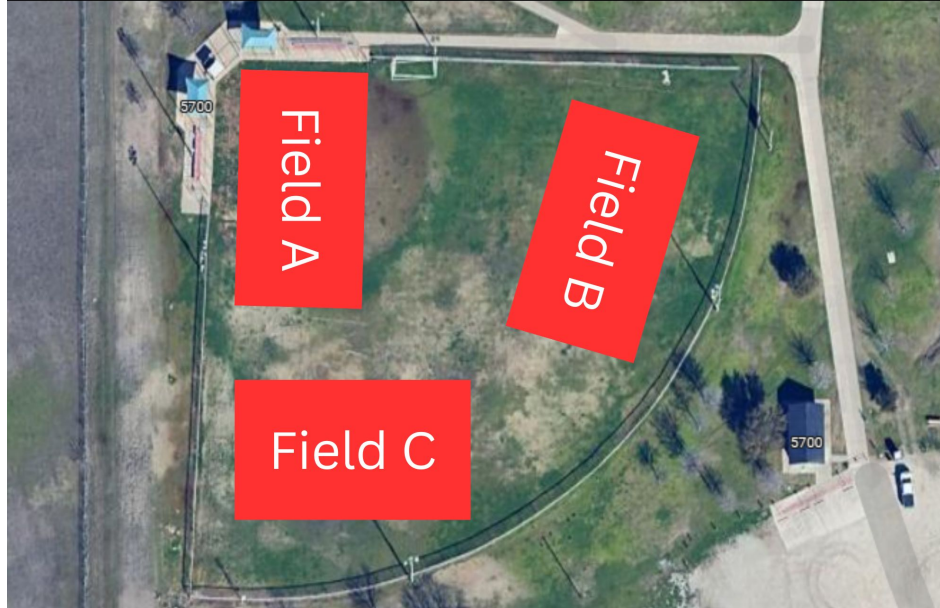
# Practice Information

- **When can practices begin?**
  - The week of August 25th
- **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!**

# Practice Map

**BB Owen Flag Football Practice Map**  
5700 Squires Dr The Colony, Texas 75056



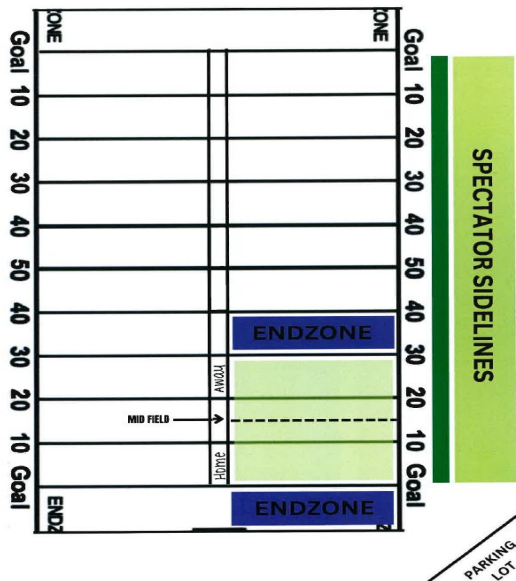
# Game Day Information

- **When is the first weekend of games?**
  - September 13th
- **Where do we play?**
  - Strike Middle School
  - (There is a possibility we will play at Turner or Camey.)
- **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 September 5th

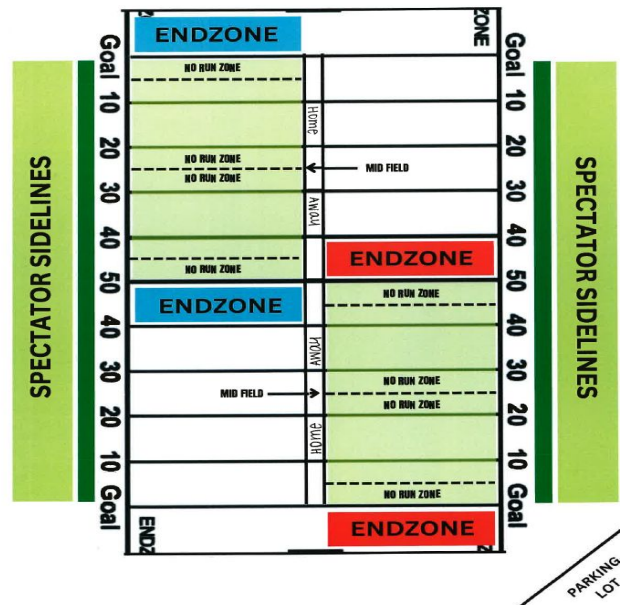
**Please do not screenshot or print the schedule! Our goal is not to make any changes for the season, but there is a chance that changes might happen. The schedule online is the most up to date always!**

# Division Field Layout

## 6U Layout



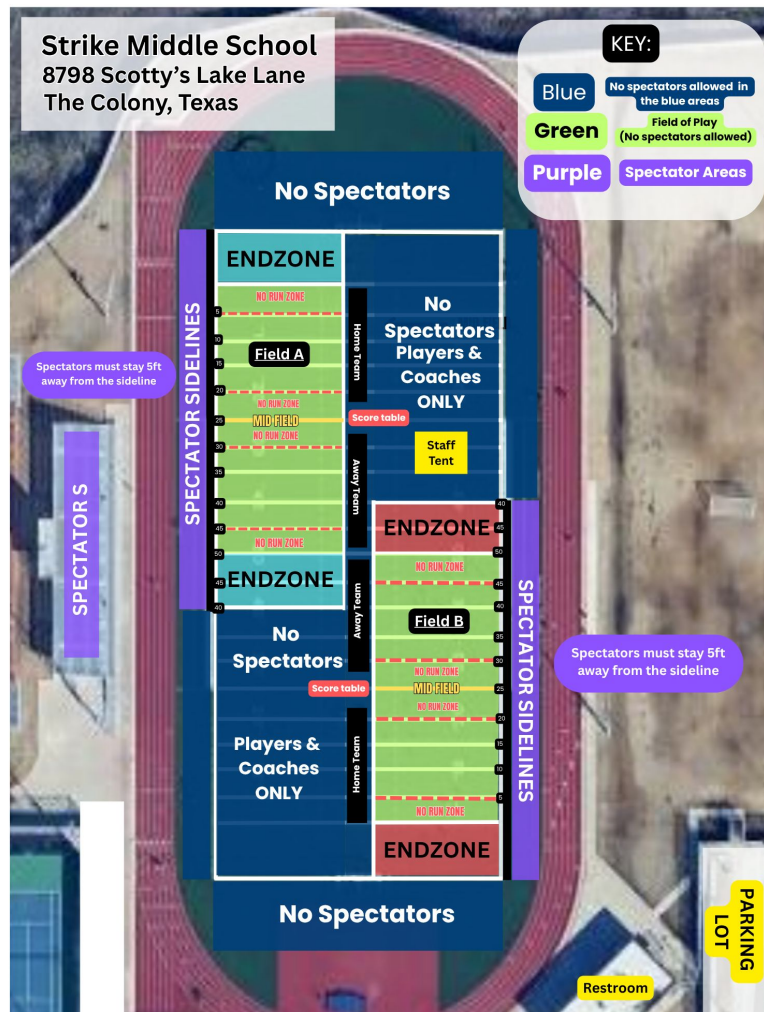
## 8U, 10U, 12U Layout



# Spectator Guidelines

**All spectators MUST stay in the purple spectator areas noted on the map. Spectators may not come over to the team sidelines, onto the field, or any of the blue areas on the map.**

**\*If these policies are not followed during the season we will move the spectator sections to ONLY the grandstand and spectators will not be allowed on field level.**





# Spectator Guidelines

- Please remember that we are there for the kids to have a fun time learning a sport and playing with their friends!
- Any spectator in an unauthorized area will be asked to go back to the spectator zones. If the spectator does not immediately return to the spectator zones they will be asked to leave the facility.
- 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.
- Watch this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=15c3jnY26JU>

# Rules – Division Breakdown

## 6U Division

- **Format - 4v4**
- **Ball Size - Pee Wee**
- **Game Length - Two 15 minute halves**
- **Field - L 50 YDS x W 30 YDS (10 YDS End Zone)**
- **Timeout - Two 60 second timeouts per game**
- **No Blitzing/Rushing**

## 8U Division

- **Format - 5v5**
- **Ball Size - Pee Wee**
- **Game Length - Two 20 minute halves**
- **Field - L 70 YDS x W 30 YDS (10 YDS End Zone)**
- **Timeout - Two 60 second timeouts per game**

## 10U Division

- **Format - 5v5**
- **Ball Size - Junior/Youth**
- **Game Length - Two 20 minute halves**
- **Field - L 70 YDS x W 30 YDS (10 YDS End Zone)**
- **Timeout - Two 60 second timeouts per game**

## 12U Division

- **Format - 5v5**
- **Ball Size - Junior/Youth**
- **Game Length - Two 20 minute halves**
- **Field - L 70 YDS x W 30 YDS (10 YDS End Zone)**
- **Timeout - Two 60 second timeouts per game**

# 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

# 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.
- Game Day:
  - Home - Lighter Color
  - Away - Darker Color
- 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](mailto:playtcsports@thecolonytx.gov) email.
  - Flag Football - A replacement jersey would cost \$30 + shipping

# Other Equipment

- **Flag Belts** - Provided by the league. Flag belts will come with the jersey order.
  - Please make sure you trim the strap that adjusts the belt. This will help with the strap appearing as a flag to pull.
- **Mouth Guards** - Can be purchased during registration.
  - When do I get the mouthguard that I purchased?
    - It will come in the bag 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 be given to the coaches directly. These will also come with the jersey order.

# Team Sites

Team Sites is a new feature to our program we are offering this season!

- **What is Team Sites?**
  - This will be a site you can go to specifically for your team! It will have roster information, contact information, practice schedules, game schedules, and you will be able to communicate with your team directly from this site!
- **How do I view the Team Site?**
  - You can view it by going to the [playtcsports.com](https://playtcsports.com) website and logging in to your account or you can download the Teamsideline App and see the information from there!
- **Who can access the Team Site?**
  - Coaches and parents will be able to access the Team Site. Coaches will have access to more information than the parents.

# Team Sites (CONTD.)

- You will receive an email from Teamsideline when your Team Site is active.
  - These will published in the next week or so.
- See the how-to on how to get your Team Site Account setup and to view your team information. Visit this Link:

The screenshot shows the Teamsideline interface for the 'Cougars Summer 2025' team site. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Home, Calendar, Communications, Teams, Family & Friends, Organizations, Messages, Help, and Sign Out. The main content area has a top navigation bar with links: Team Home, Home, Events, Attendance, Files, Stats, Payments, Announcements, Links, and Pictures. Below this is a yellow banner with the text: 'Get a question? Contact a team Staff member or Contact The Colony Parks & Recreation Department for assistance.' The main content area is divided into two sections: 'Announcements' and 'Events'. The 'Announcements' section contains a welcome message and a link to the Online Training link. The 'Events' section contains a table with columns: Date, Time, Event name, Home/Visitor, Results, and a checkbox column. The table lists several events, including 'Vs Mavs', 'Vs Team Houston', 'Vs Hawks United', 'Vs King Cobras', 'Vs Team Meyer', and 'Vs Tigers'. The right sidebar contains a 'Player' list and a 'Staff' list, both with input fields for names and checkboxes.

**Cougars Summer 2025**

Use this Team Home page to see a consolidated view of your Team Information. All of the items on this page are visible to your Team members, family and friends on this Team Home page. As a Staff member, you can click on the other Team tabs to add or remove Staff or Players, Team Events, or Team announcements.

Get a question? Contact a team Staff member or Contact The Colony Parks & Recreation Department for assistance.

**Announcements**

Welcome to the Cougars Team Site!  
Use this site as your online Cougars Home for information about games, practices, and announcements from your Cougars Staff. Click the Online Help link or Online Training link for more information about how to get the most out of your site. For example, you can also click Family & Friends to invite family and friends to register and see information about team events. Enjoy! (Updated by George, Kacy)

Date	Time	Event name	Home/Visitor	Results	
6/14/2025 (Saturday)	12:00 PM	Vs Mavs	Visitor	To be played	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6/21/2025 (Saturday)	9:00 AM	Vs Team Houston	Home	To be played	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6/21/2025 (Saturday)	10:00 AM	Vs Hawks United	Home	To be played	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6/28/2025 (Saturday)	10:00 AM	Vs King Cobras	Visitor	To be played	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7/12/2025 (Saturday)	9:00 AM	Vs Team Meyer	Home	To be played	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7/19/2025 (Saturday)	9:00 AM	Vs Tigers	Visitor	To be played	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Player**

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**Staff**

Coach Name
Coach
Coach Name
Assistant Coach
Coach Name
Coach

# End of 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!**

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



# 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. The coach 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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