

PASS. LEAP. SCORE.

YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE



IMPORTANT DATES

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| <i>Jul 1</i> | Registration Opens |
| <i>Aug 4</i> | Registration Closes |
| <i>Aug 7</i> | Mandatory Coaches Meeting at Ironworks at 6:00 pm |
| <i>Aug 22</i> | All Players Should Recieve Communication from team coach |
| <i>Aug 26</i> | Teams begin practice |
| <i>Sept 11</i> | Season Games Begin |
| <i>Oct 9</i> | Season Games End |
| <i>Oct 12 & 16</i> | End of Season Tournament (ALL 3RD-6TH TEAMS WILL PARTICIPATE) |

FAQ's



What programs are offered for each age group?

Flag Football (Grades 1-6): All players in grades 1-6 can expect to participate 2-3 times per week. There will typically be 2 games per week on Wednesdays and Saturdays and 1 practice per week. Games will consist of smaller-sized football fields with gameplay of 6 vs 6. All players will be eligible to run routes. There will be very minimal contact allowed. Coaches will be required to play all players 50 percent of the game and rotate players to different positions throughout the season. All games will be officiated by 1-2 YMCA referees. Games will also be played with a smaller size football. The YMCA will provide players with a team jersey and a flag for gamedays. Each session will last about 45 minutes with a 5-minute warmup before games, two 16-minute halves, and a 5-minute half-time in between. Grades 1st/2nd will NOT keep score in games. Grades 3rd/4th and 5th/6th will keep score during games and league standings. Each team will have 8 games plus an end-of-season tournament which will take place on October 14th and 18th.

What age groups does YMCA Flag Football serve?

Our leagues are for players in Grades 1-6. Register your player by the grade they will enter in the fall of 2023. No player is allowed to "play up" or "play down" a division. Divisions will be broken down as 1st/2nd grade, 3rd/4th grade, and 5th/6th grade.

When does registration begin and where can I register?

Registration officially opens on July 1st. You can register online at statineymca.org/flagfootball or in person at the Ironworks or Roscoe Branch of the Stateline Family YMCA.

What do the programs cost?

Grade Level Member \$65 | Community \$85

Do you offer financial assistance?

Yes! If you are in need of financial assistance, you may apply at www.statineymca.org/financialassistance. To ensure that the paperwork is completed on time, we ask that the financial assistance paperwork is in by July 23rd. To be granted financial assistance we will need the previous year's tax form, or a letter of non-filing, 1 month of paystubs, and all federal and state aid you receive (S.S.I., Food Share, etc.)

What does the player fee cover?

Each player's fee covers only a portion of the expenses we incur to operate our leagues (team equipment, uniforms, referees, grounds crew wages, grounds keeping equipment, concession stand supervisors, janitorial services, etc.). We cover the rest of our operating expenses with support from a combination of sources, including our donors, team sponsors, on-field advertisers, concession stand operations, and tournament hosting activities.

Does my player need to buy any equipment to play?

The YMCA supplies all our teams with practice equipment. We also supply all our players with a team shirt. YMCA players will need to supply their own shoes/cleats and mouth guards.

Do I need to pick up my child's uniform?

No, uniforms are given directly to your coach to hand out during practice. Uniforms run true to size.

Where are the games played?

All league games are played at our facility at the YMCA Youth Sports Complex located at 3301 Prairie Avenue, Beloit, WI 53511.

FAQ's



When does the season start, and how long does it last?

Teams are formed in mid-August. Coaches will contact their teams by August 22nd with practice and team information. Practice is allowed to begin the week of August 26th. Games will begin on September 11th and wrap up on October 16th with the end-of-season tournament. 1st and 2nd grades will conclude play on October 9th.

How are teams formed?

All teams are formed by schools and/or districts as much as possible. We will NOT accept any requests to be with certain players or coaches if they do not attend the same school.

When are games scheduled?

Games on Wednesday night will take place between the hours of 5:30 and 7:30 pm. Games on Saturdays will take place between the hours of 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. All teams will play a minimum of 8 games along with an end-of-season tournament for all 3rd-6th grade teams on October 12th and 16th. The season will run from September 11th until October 9th (for all 1st/2nd grade teams). All 3rd-6th grade teams will participate in an end of season tournament beginning on October 12th and wrapping up on October 16th.

When does my player practice?

Our coaches are all volunteers. They all have their own unique schedules, with this in mind, we let our coaches set their own practice schedule and location. Your coach will notify you of practices once teams are formed on August 25th.

Are volunteer coaches needed?

Yes! All of our programs are growing rapidly in size. With that, there is an increasing need for volunteer head and assistant coaches. We rely on volunteer coaches to help our programs run smoothly. If you are interested, please attend the coaches' meeting that is scheduled for August 7th at 6:00 pm in the Stateline Family YMCA-Ironworks facility to be signed up. By having enough coaches right away this will ensure the season gets kicked off on time and will help with the coordination and organization of the league. We will provide all of our volunteer coaches with practice equipment, drills, practice plans, practice space, schedules, league rules, and rosters with contact information. The Sports Director will also be in constant contact with coaches to provide any support and resources needed and answer any questions.

Do parents need to volunteer at the concession stand?

Our concession stand is fully staffed. However, we would love to have any volunteers that are willing to help.



Stateline Family YMCA's Youth Sports Taskforce COMMITMENT TO CHARACTER



Core Values

Caring – We expect athletes, coaches, officials, and parents to remain committed to their team, teammates, themselves, and the integrity of the sport while at practice, before, during, and after games, and at all times. Sports, at their core, are about commitment.

Honesty – We are dedicated to an equal and fair standard. This happens when athletes, coaches, officials, and parents are honest at all times. In the end, cheaters never win and winners never cheat.

Respect – We expect all athletes, coaches, officials, and parents to be treated with dignity at all times. The experience is the focus, not the outcome.

Responsibility – We hold athletes, coaches, officials, and parents responsible for their actions. It is vital that everyone is following the rules and conducting themselves with, Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility at all times.

4 Player Values

Caring – I will demonstrate caring to my sport and my teammates by practicing and playing to the best of my ability at all times.

Honesty – I will live out honesty by playing by the rules and don't complain to the officials.

Respect – I will be respectful to my teammates, the coaches, and the officials by treating them how I would like to be treated.

Responsibility – I understand that actions have consequences and I pledge to take accept the consequences for my actions at all times.

4 Coach Values

Caring – I will show my players I care by being prepared for practices and games.

Honesty – I demonstrate honesty by upholding the rules regardless of the outcome.

Respect – I will respect each player and strive to help players development individually and as a team. I will ensure that all players are respected by myself, teammates, and parents and ensuring everyone has equal opportunity to learn and develop is one of my most important role as a coach.

Responsibility – I understand the responsibility of being a coach and the impact my choices have on players and parents. I am a role model for all players and parents and I will not only follow the rules, I will uphold them at all times.

4 Parent Values

Caring – I will show my player that I care and support him/her by encouraging development both on and off the field /court.

Honesty – I will be a good role model for my player and their teammates by demonstrating honesty regardless of the outcome.

Respect – I will respect all players, teammates, coaches, and officials at all times and understand that this level of play is focused on fun, fair play, and development.

Responsibility – I understand that my player will demonstrate the same level of responsibility I have. Therefore, I will follow the rules and policies for the sport in which my player is participating in and will accept responsibility for my actions.