



FLAG FOOTBALL



1. Registration Period, Late Registration Period, and Cost:

- **Registration Period:** Monday April 26th – Sunday May 23rd
- **Late Registration:** Monday May 24th – Sunday May 30th

*A \$10 late fee will be included in the registration cost for anyone registering during the late registration period.

- **Cost:** \$60 – YMCA Members, \$90 – Non-Members

2. Age Cut Off Date: August 1st, 2021.

- **Age Groups:** 8 and UNDER, 10 and UNDER, and 12 and UNDER.

Please make sure that you register your child for their correct age group. If you wish for your child to play UP an age group, you may do so. YOUR CHILD MAY NOT PLAY DOWN AN AGE GROUP.

- ## 3. Practices: Practices will take place after 5pm on Monday thru Friday, any time from 8am – 7pm on Saturday, and any time after 1pm on Sundays. Most practices will take place at the YMCA campus but locations may vary depending on field availability. Practices are determined by the head coach for each team. Coaches are not required to fit their practice times into each parent/player schedule.

- **Games:** Games will be played on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights. Game times are 6pm, 7pm, and 8pm daily. Game times

are not determined by each players/parents schedule. The season is an 8 game regular season. Games will be held at the Anderson County Civic Center

4. **Uniform and Gear Policy:** The jersey sizes run in YS, YM, YL, AS, AM, AL, AXL. Please circle the correct size on your registration form.
 - **Equipment:** As a part of the registration cost, the YMCA will provide a jersey top as well as the flag belt and flags.
 - **Items parents might want to consider buying:**
 - Tennis shoes or rubber football spikes. Metal spikes will not be permitted.
 - Shorts with no pockets. **SHORTS CANNOT HAVE POCKETS WHEN PLAYING FLAG FOOTBALL.** Any type of athletic clothing line would work.
 - Mouth piece. Flag football does cut down on the amount of injuries that players suffer playing actual tackle football, but we recommend taking extra precaution by using a mouth piece.

5. **Refund Policy:** After Sunday May 30th, the YMCA will not issue full refunds UNLESS the parent can provide a doctor's excuse as to why their child cannot participate. Anyone requesting a refund prior to the June 9th date will have to choose 1 of 2 options:
 - a. **Voucher** - YMCA voucher for a 100% that can be used toward anything at the Anderson Area YMCA.
 - b. **Money Back** – The YMCA Athletic Department will issue check for everything paid minus a \$10 processing fee. Once this refund is requested, it will take up to 2 weeks to receive a check in the mail.

6. **Assigning Teams:** When registering for flag football, you may request a certain coach, friends, or team that you would like to

play for. As an obvious reminder: if you do not make a request then the request cannot be granted. The majority of requests are granted unless there are a number of player's issues per team. Each team will receive no more than 12 kids per team. Coaches will contact parents by phone call, text, email, or social media. Please make sure you put the proper email address and phone number on your child's registration form. Once we have found a head coach for your child's team, that coach will then contact his or her team about practice.

Coaches Meetings

- 8 and UNDER – Monday June 7th at 6:00pm
- 10 and UNDER – Monday June 7th at 6:00pm
- 12 and UNDER – Monday June 7th at 6:00pm

The coaches' meetings only pertain to the head coaches. PLAYERS DO NOT NEED TO SHOW UP.

If you are willing to be the head coach for your child's team please indicate under the section label **"Would you like to be the head coach of your child's team?"** on your registration form.

7. COVID-19 in relation to flag football

As you all know, COVID-19 is very prevalent at this time. We would like to remind all spectators and participants of the precautions to take which are advised by the CDC:

- Social distancing (6 feet apart)
- Wash hands for 20 seconds frequently
- Wear masks in public places (recommended)
- Cough or sneeze in elbow
- *Immediate family only during practices/games

If anyone in your household shows or experiences the following symptoms below, please stay at home:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Even with all measures in place, it is not possible to ensure 100% safety from exposure to contagions. **OUR PROTOCOL:** If a coach, program participant, or spectator tests positive for COVID-19, that particular individual will be asked to refrain from attending any YMCA function for a minimum of 10 days and/or cleared by a doctor. It is important for every athlete and family to understand that by participating in any organized practice or game, a measure of personal risk is assumed and that the Anderson Area YMCA, its coaches and staff cannot be held liable should illness occur.

Any other questions please email Seth Furr,
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