

West Allis-West Milwaukee Recreation & Community Services Department

Youth Flag Football Information Sheet

We are pleased to have your son or daughter participating in our Flag Football program. Below is some helpful information so you can prepare. During the season our website will also have information posted in regards to practices, game schedules, etc. wawmrec.com

IMPORTANT DATES 2022

Coaches Clinic at Franklin Fieldhouse:

- 4K-3rd Grade: Wednesday, August 10, 6-7pm
- 4th-8th Grade: Wednesday, August 10, 7-8pm

Practices Begin: Week of August 16 at Franklin Fieldhouse

Games Begin: Saturday, September 11 at West Allis Athletic Complex

ELIGIBILITY & ROSTERS

Teams are formed randomly each season by the West Allis-West Milwaukee Recreation Department staff. Coaches cannot add players to the team roster at any time.

TEAM FORMATION

The first 10 players to register from a school will be assigned to that school's team. If sufficient players register, two teams will be formed based on the order they registered. Example (1-10 on team A, 11-20 on team B).

Resident players registering after a school's limit has been reached will be assigned randomly to a team. The department will make an effort to keep players from the same school together if possible. This may require players from multiple schools to be placed together.

Any registration received after the designated program deadline will be placed on a team if space is available.

SCHEDULE

- League consists of (7) games, played on Saturdays. Games are played rain or shine.
- Games are played on (2) fields on Saturday mornings at the West Allis Athletic Complex.
- Earliest possible game time: 9am, latest possible game time 3pm (subject to change based on number of enrollees), varies each week depending on schedule.
- Games will NOT be rescheduled to accommodate teams with players not available on scheduled dates.

PRACTICES

- Once a week at the coach's discretion. Selected by the coach at the coaches meeting.
- Evenings, one hour; 5:30pm or 6:30pm at Franklin Fieldhouse. Two teams per field per hour.

COACHES

- Each team must have a volunteer parent coach to play or practice. Parents are encouraged to volunteer.
- Coaches will be assigned by WAWM RCS staff.
- If a team does not have a volunteer coach, an RCS staff member will be assigned to coach the team.

BACKGROUND CHECKS

All head and assistant coaches will be screened for a criminal background check. This screening is provided by a third party vendor. Coaches can expect to receive an email directly from the vendor prior to the first game requesting a background check, follow the steps provided in the email to complete this screening.

COACHES CLINIC

- Coaches are required to attend a mandatory coaches clinic prior to the season. At the meeting, the following will take place:
 - Receive player roster/equipment
 - League rules
 - Select practice time
 - Questions/other trainings
- All coaches must be present at practices and games or arrange for a suitable replacement.
- All coaches must provide a positive, safe and fun environment for youth.
- Schedules and team rosters will not be available until the coaches meeting.

UNIFORMS/EQUIPMENT

- WAWM RCS will provide an official t-shirt and belt with flags for each player.
- The provided t-shirt must be worn at all games.
- Cleats are allowed, except for metal spikes. Inspections will be made.
- No jewelry of any kind may be worn during games. Jewelry cannot be covered with tape - it must be removed.
- No casts, wristwatches, large rings, bracelets, neck chains or splints allowed during play.

PLAYING TIME

Each player will play a minimum of one half per game. It is the responsibility of the coach to be sure that the minimum playing time is reached for each player.