



OCONEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What age group will my child play in?

Micro	Ages 5-6
Mite	Ages 7-8
Pee Wee Boys	Ages 9-10
Pee Wee Girls	Ages 9-10
Major Boys	Ages 11-12
Major Girls	Ages 11-13
Senior Boys	Ages 13-14

The age control date for Youth Flag Football is September 1, 2022. Age on that date determines league.

What do I need to wear/buy?

A quality dri-fit jersey is provided. Cleats are recommended. Each child will need a mouth guard. *We will distribute mouth guards on the first day of practice, but you are also welcome to buy your own.*

Are exceptions made to the age control date?

Exceptions are not made for a child to play in a league below his/her age level. Occasionally, exceptions may be made to move a child up to a higher age level in order to play with a sibling or if the child is exceptionally advanced in the sport. Approval from the Program Coordinator is required before a child can be placed in a higher age level. *Play Up Request Forms must be received by the Program Coordinator by Monday, August 1, 2022 to be eligible for consideration.*

Can I request a specific team or coach for my child to be placed with?

Team placement requests are not considered. Players are placed on his/her parent's team if parent is coaching, and players are placed on sibling's team if a sibling is playing in the same league based on age unless a parent requests the siblings to be on separate teams prior to the evaluations.

Where will practices and games be held?

All activities will be held at the Multi-Use Fields at Oconee Veterans Park.

What days of the week will my child's team see activity?

There is no guarantee to any team/league on a specific week night; primary days used are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Teams will have two activity days per week (one weekday and a Saturday).

What time will activities be scheduled for my child on school nights?

Micro (ages 5-6)	5:55 – 6:50 p.m.*
Mite (ages 7-8)	5:55 – 6:50 p.m.*
Pee Wee Boys (ages 9-10)	5:55 – 6:50 p.m. or 7:10 – 8:10 p.m.*
Pee Wee Girls (ages 9-10)	5:55 – 6:50 p.m. or 7:10 – 8:10 p.m.*
Major Boys (ages 11-12)	7:10 – 8:10 p.m.* or 8:15 – 9:15 p.m.*
Major Girls (ages 11-13)	7:10 – 8:10 p.m.* or 8:15 – 9:15 p.m.*
Senior Boys (ages 13-14)	7:10 – 8:10 p.m.* or 8:15 – 9:15 p.m.**

*Times could change due to registration numbers, field space, etc.

What time will activities be scheduled for my child on Saturdays?

Saturdays vary in start times ranging from 8:00am through afternoon.

How many kids make up a team?

A roster size of 8 to 10 players is our target number(s). The roster size will fluctuate based on registration numbers.

Will my kid make a team? My player is nervous about "Try Outs".

There will not be a "try out". Evaluations are held so that our coaches and staff can rate the players' skills. This helps us provide the best balance of team assembly and/or draft process. Every participant will be drafted. There are no cuts.

When and where are player evaluations?

All Youth Flag Football evaluations will be Saturday, August 6th at the Oconee Veterans Park Multi-Use Fields.

Micro (ages 5-6)	<i>There are no evaluations for this league.</i>
Mite (ages 7-8)	<i>There are no evaluations for this league.</i>
Pee Wee Boys (ages 9-10)	8:30 a.m.
Pee Wee Girls (ages 9-10)	12 p.m.
Major Boys (ages 11-12)	10 a.m.
Major Girls (ages 11-13)	12 p.m.
Senior Boys (ages 13-14)	11 a.m.

Does my player have to attend evaluations?

We strongly recommend every player attend evaluations. Allowing our coaches and staff to accurately assess the skills of ALL the players keeps our teams evenly balanced when they are being assembled. The more kids that are absent from evaluations, the greater the chance for absence of parity among our teams.

Are there minimum playing time requirements?

Yes. All players are required to play a minimum of half a game unless sick or injured.

What field size and what size ball will my child play with?

<u>Leagues</u>	<u>Field</u>	<u>Football</u>
Micro (ages 5-6)	80' x 160'	Mini
Mite (ages 7-8)	80' x 160'	Wilson K2
Pee Wee (ages 9-10)	90' x 210'	Wilson K2
Major (ages 11-12)	90' x 210'	Wilson TDJ
Senior (ages 13-14)	90' x 210'	Wilson TDJ

Does OCPRD coordinate tournament or all-star post season play?

Post season tournaments/jamborees may be offered for Pee Wee and older when the schedule permits.

Micro and Mite	No end of season/post season games
Pee Wee	End of the season day or night of games
Major and Senior	End of the season single elimination tournament

In addition, no all-star teams are formed.

Does OCPRD coordinate end of season trophies?

OCPRD does not coordinate or arrange for trophies or end of season awards. Teams are free to arrange this on their own; however, OCPRD encourages all teams to limit expenses to parents. Teams interested in renting a park facility must complete the request form and pay the rental fee.

Is there a role other than coaching where I can help?

Yes! Most coaches want a parent to coordinate snack schedules, end of season activities, etc.

What is the NAYS Parent Requirement?

The National Association of Youth Sports offers a NAYS Parent Orientation & Membership Program (formerly known as PAYS). At least one parent/guardian of each youth participant is required to complete the online NAYS Parent program:

1. Go to <https://www.nays.org/parents/>
2. Select blue "Sign Up!" button
3. Completing the PAYS program: click "Get Started"
4. Contact Information: Complete contact info, then click "Next"
5. Program affiliation requirement: click "Yes"
6. Navy affiliated sports program: click "No"
7. League/Agency: select "Oconee County Pks & Rec Dept" and then click "Next"
8. Payment Information: NO PAYMENT OR DONATION REQUIRED, simply click "Confirm"
9. Confirmation: Click "Process"
10. Thank You for Registering page appears, click "Next"
11. Click "Start the NAYS Parent Course"
12. Click on video to begin course
13. Answer required course questions to complete

What do I need to do to volunteer to be a head coach or an assistant coach?

1. Register as a coach on Community Pass. <http://oconeecounty.com/494/Register>
2. Complete and pass the free online criminal history background check: <https://oconeecountygaparksandrec.quickapp.pro/>
3. Complete free online CDC Heads Up: Concussion in Youth Sports training at <https://headsup.cdc.gov/> and then submit a copy of the CDC certification of completion to OCPRD League Coordinator.
4. Complete the NYSCA training (Attend one)
 - Wednesday, August 10th at 6:00pm at Oconee Veterans Park
 - Wednesday, August 17th at 6:00pm at Oconee Veterans Park
5. Attend mandatory volunteer coach clinic to be held on Thursday, August 11 at Oconee Veterans Park.
 - Micro and Mite leagues at 6:00pm
 - Pee Wee, Major, and Senior leagues at 7:15pm