

2023 SPRING FLAG FOOTBALL FAQS

GEORGE I. THEISEN YMCA



Registration is from March 13-April 5

Late registration is from April 6-10 (\$20 late fee) Practices begin the week of May 1

Games are scheduled from May 13-June 17 **Please note, information is subject to change.**

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BRING?

AGE	PRACTICE LOCATION	GAME LOCATION	CLEATS	MOUTH GUARD	DRESS	WATER BOTTLE	Football
4-5	George I. Theisen Y fields	George I. Theisen Y fields and other Greenville Y's	Recommended, but not required	Required	Comfortably (shorts, t-shirt)	YES	Preferred. Peewee size
6-7	George I. Theisen Y fields	George I. Theisen and other Greenville Y's	Recommended, but not required	Required	Comfortably (shorts, t-shirt)	YES	Preferred. Peewee size
8-9	George I. Theisen Y fields	George I. Theisen Y and other Greenville Y's	Highly recommended	Required	Comfortably (shorts, t-shirt)	YES	Preferred. Junior size
10-11	George I. Theisen Y fields	George I. Theisen Y and other Greenville Y's	Highly recommended	Required	Comfortably (shorts, t-shirt)	YES	Preferred. Junior size
12-14	George I. Theisen Y fields	George I. Theisen Y and other Greenville Y's	Highly recommended	Required	Comfortably (shorts, t-shirt)	YES	Preferred. Youth size

WHAT IS PROVIDED IN MY REGISTRATION FEE? MEMBERS- \$75, NON MEMBERS- \$110

The YMCA is committed to providing the highest quality program for you and your family. Staff is provided to oversee all operations of the practices and games. Referees are trained in rules and regulations of flag football. Fields are maintained and kept in safe and presentable conditions. Additionally, your child will be provided with a team jersey. Every child will receive an end of the season trophy. Six games are scheduled during the season with a guarantee of five games.

DOES THE YMCA GUARANTEE MY REQUESTS?

The YMCA cannot guarantee any requests that are made for days, times, coaches, etc. Please note, that if you want to switch teams after jerseys have been ordered or you ordered the wrong size, there will be a \$20 additional fee added to your account. This covers the new jersey and the shipping fee.

WHAT AGE GROUP SHOULD MY CHILD BE IN?

Your child should be in an age group based on their age on the first day of practices. Example: If the child is 5 at the time of registration, but turns 6 before the first day of practices, the child would need to play in the 6-7 age group.

WILL THE YMCA COMMUNICATE INFORMATION WITH ME?

Yes, but the primary form of communication is through a program called PlayerSpace and email. If you do not receive email correspondence by April 24th. A week before practices begin, please email gitsports@ymcagreenville.org with your child's name and age group, to make sure we have the correct email address. The YMCA will communicate practice schedules, game schedules, and other important information throughout the season through PlayerSpace.

WHEN SHOULD I HEAR FROM THE COACH?

Coaches are expected to review their rosters and contact their players the week of April 24th. Please contact gitsports@ymcagreenville.org if you have not heard from your coach one week before practices start.

WHO ARE THE COACHES?

The YMCA relies on parents and volunteers to serve as coaches for all soccer teams within the organization. If you or anyone you know may be interested in serving as a volunteer flag football coach, please contact Russell Webb (russell.webb@ymcagreenville.org) and he will provide you the information you need to complete to become a volunteer coach during the upcoming spring season.

PRACTICE INFORMATION

Practices begin the week of May 1st

- All ages will have practices at 5:30 or 6:30 pm on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday. Coaches will choose the practice time for their team. Teams may practice once or twice a week depending on coaches' decision and field availability.

WHEN WILL THE GAMES BE PLAYED?

- Games are scheduled for Saturday morning anywhere from 9 am to 3 pm. First game is scheduled for May 13th with the last game scheduled for June 17th.
 - **NOTE:** We will have at least one weeknight game during the season.
 - No games will be played Saturday May 27th for Memorial Day Weekend.

WHAT ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER AND CANCELLATIONS?

A. Practices-

The Sports Director will call practices under severe weather (lighting, thunder storms, tornado watch), ongoing hard rain, snow/ice, fields unplayable, and/or any possible weather threats. **Otherwise, any other weather conditions such as small rain showers will be at the discretion of the coach.** This is for all ages. **Please get a contact list of the Head Coach, Assistant Coach, and Team parent to see if practice is called off.** If the YMCA does call off practices, the decision will be made by 4:45pm. Always check with your coach to see if it's cancelled.

B. Games-

The **Sports Director will call games** at the earliest time possible. The Sports Director will call or email all coaches as soon as a decision is made. **This decision will be made by 4:30pm for weekdays and 8:00am on Saturdays.** After this time all decisions will be made on the field and information will be given to the Member Services desk at the YMCA. Always check with your coach to see if it's cancelled.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL PICTURES?

After the game schedule has been created, we will send it to the photographer and he will develop a picture schedule. As soon as we get this, we will pass it along to coaches and parents through email. PortraitEFX is the photography company. After your picture day has passed, they will process all orders and mail them out after the season is over. Any inquiries regarding problems with picture orders or not receiving your pictures should be sent to Todd Rogers at (864) 616-7999 or trogers@portraitefx.com.

IS THERE AN END OF SEASON PARTY?

Trophies will be given to coaches before the end of the season. It is up to coaches to pass them out after the last game or at a party. If you would like your team to have a party to pass out trophies, get with your coach and/or team parent to help set one up.

IS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE?

Yes, please ask the front desk for the paperwork needed to apply for financial assistance. For questions on this process, please call the front desk at (864) 834-2400.

HOW CAN I GET A REFUND/ CREDIT?

Refund Policy-

DATE	REFUND/CREDIT
March 13 th - April 5 th	A full refund will be issued.
April 6 th -April 10 th	Credit or refund minus \$20
April 10 th and after	No refund. (Unless emergency and/or doctor's note)

HAVE A QUESTION NOT LISTED HERE?

Please direct all questions and concerns to:

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