



George I. Theisen Family YMCA 2023 Fall Flag Football FAQ's

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Registration is from September 11th-October 1st
Late registration is from October 2nd-October 9th (\$20 late fee)
Practices begin the week of October 23rd
Games are scheduled from November 4th-December 16th

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. Peeewe 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. Peeewe 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. 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 October 18th, 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 October 16th. 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 October 23rd**

Practices will be held during the weeknights, volunteer coaches have the option to have their teams begin practice @ 5:30 pm, 6:00pm, 6:30pm, or 7:00pm depending on field availability. 4-5yr old team's practice once during the week and 6 and up age group teams may practice twice a week if the coach elects to.

WHEN WILL THE GAMES BE PLAYED?

- Games are from November 4th-December 16th and are held on Saturday morning's anywhere from 8:30a to 3:30p.
 - NOTE:** We will have at least one weeknight game during the season. Possibly two if a division has an uneven number of teams. If games are canceled on Saturday, they will most likely be made up during a weeknight as well. Teams will play their games at the TR branch and other YMCA of Greenville locations.
 - No games will be played Saturday November 25th for Thanksgiving Weekend.

WHAT ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER AND CANCELLATIONS?

A. Practices-

The Sports Director will call practices under severe weather (lighting, thunderstorms, 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 is 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
September 11th-October 1st	A full refund will be issued.
October 2 nd - October 9th	Credit or refund minus \$20
October 23rd 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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