



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	Ages 9-10
Major	Ages 11-12

The age control date for Youth Flag Football is September 1, 2019. 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.

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?

Oconee County Parks and school facilities. Most activities will be held at the Multi-Purpose 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; however, below are the primary days:

Micro (Ages 5-6)	Monday and Saturday
Mite (Ages 7-8)	Tuesday and Saturday
Pee Wee (Ages 9-10)	Thursday and Saturday
Major (Ages 11-12)	Thursday and Saturday

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

Micro (Ages 5-6)	Mondays 6:00pm - 7:00pm*
Mite (Ages 7-8)	Tuesdays 6:00pm - 7:00pm*
Pee Wee (Ages 9-10)	Thursdays 6:00pm - 7:00pm*
Major (Ages 11-12)	Thursdays 7:15pm - 8:15p*

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

What are the Saturday times?

Saturdays vary in start times ranging from 8 am through noon.

How many kids make up a team?

Roster size of 9 to 10 players is our target number(s). Roster size will fluctuate based on registration numbers.

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

There will be a not “try out”. Evaluations are held so that our coaches 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.

****THERE ARE NO EVALUATIONS FOR MICRO LEAGUE (5-6 YEAR OLDS)****

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.

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 PAYS Requirement?

PAYS stands for the Parents Association of Youth Sports and is part of the National Association of Youth Sports.

At least one parent/guardian of each youth participant is required to complete the online PAYS program:

- Go to <http://www.nays.org/paysonline/how-it-works.cfm> and click “Get Started”
- Step 1 – Contact Information: Complete contact info, then click “Next”
- Step 2 – Select League/Agency Affiliation: Click “Yes”, select “Oconee County Parks & Rec Dept” then click “Next”
- Step 3 – Payment Information: NO PAYMENT OR DONATION REQUIRED, simply click “Confirm”
- Step 4 – Confirmation: Click “Process”
- Thank You for Registering page appears, click “Next”
- Click “Start PAYS Course”
- Click on video to begin course
- Answer required course questions to complete

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

1. Register as a coach on Community Pass. <http://oconeecounty.com/494/Register>
2. Complete the free online background check.
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. Attend and complete the NYSCA training