



2017 YMCA YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL

GENERAL INFORMATION:

This league is for boys and girls ages 3 (must be 3 by registration deadline) through 8th Grade (up-and-coming). Participants will be placed in age / grade appropriate divisions. The league is COED. However, if numbers allow there may be separate boy's and girl's divisions. Participants will be placed on teams through a player draft. Please do not make requests as team balance and fairness are a priority. The philosophy of this league is that athletes come first. Sportsmanship by all players, coaches, parents, and spectators is stressed and expected. All players will participate in at least half of every game. Helmets, steel cleats, and pads are not allowed. All players are required to wear a mouthpiece.

VOLUNTEERS:

Volunteers of all sorts (head coaches, assistant coaches, team parents, etc.) are needed. Please indicate on the registration form if you are willing to volunteer. Volunteers will be contacted by the YMCA when meeting dates are set.

PRACTICES AND GAMES:

Practices will begin in mid to late June. Most practices will be held at the YMCA or the YMCA's Terry Bellamy Soccer Park. Coaches will contact parents and players as to the specific dates and times. Games will begin by early to mid July. Games will be played at the Terry Bellamy Soccer Park and possibly the fields at the YMCA's Y Street facility.

REGISTRATION, FEES, and ELIGIBILITY:

Registration begins May 1st and concludes May 27th (online) and May 30th (at the YMCA). Fees are \$35.00 for YMCA Members. The fee for non-members is \$64.00.

LATE ENTRY POLICY:

Once the registration period ends, a \$10.00 late-entry fee (if spots are still available) will be charged in addition to the regular fee. All registration forms and fees are due at the same time. The YMCA urges timely registration.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Financial assistance is available to those who can't afford the fee and who qualify for assistance. See the Member Service personnel at the Greene County YMCA to inquire about Financial Assistance.

PROGRAM GOAL:

To give every child an opportunity to play flag football, to teach flag football skills, sportsmanship, working together as a team and to promote new friendships, positive family interactions, and to have **FUN!**

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Encourage your children during the game. Keep comments positive: negative behavior will not be tolerated.

Leave coaching to the coaches; turn your child over to the coaches at practices and games. Don't meddle or coach from the sidelines.

Take any constructive comments regarding the game or practice to the Head Coach after the game or practice.

Do not interrupt the game.

Please model good sportsmanship for our children.

Be in control of your emotions.

Keep winning in perspective and help your child do the same.

Don't be overly concerned with the outcome of the game.

Criticizing the officials will not be allowed.

Only say or do things that you would want your child to say or do.

Show interest, enthusiasm, and support your child. Don't put pressure on your child. If players are pressured, they play not to fail rather than playing to win.

INFORMATION:

For more information about the Youth Flag Football League or the YMCA in general, contact the Greene County YMCA at 639-6107. Our website is www.greencounty-ymca.org and you can email the Program Director at dannys@greencounty-ymca.org.