

2026 Flag Football Common Q & A



Games

League games will begin Saturday, September 26- October 31. The Director will schedule games on Saturdays between 9am and 4pm at Bethel Schools. Teams may play a double header. Teams will be scheduled six (6) games. Play offs will NOT be scheduled. Game schedules will be available on our website at bethelrec.org by **Monday, September 21** and will be updated regularly. *If you have any conflicts with any specific dates/days/times for games, you need to email jmoxley@bethelrec.org by THURSDAY, September 10.* Every effort will be made to accommodate coaching conflicts but is not guaranteed. Once game schedules are complete, games will not be rescheduled.

Pre-Season Practice Games & Official Training

Our Flag Football practice games will be held **Saturday, September 19**. These games are intended to give teams some needed game situation practice and to train our officials. Please inform your parents that this is also our official training and is meant to be a fun learning experience for everyone. You will be contacted/emailed after the coaches equipment pick up by the director to possibly schedule your team. ***This is optional and not all teams will be scheduled.*** Practice game schedules will be posted and emailed to coaches **by Monday, September 14.**

Uniform Shirts

Bethel Rec provides team t-shirts that are to be the outermost garment during games. Shirts will be available for pick-up at the Lineup by **Wednesday, September 23**. If players were added to your roster late, their shirts may be ready at a later date. One head coach shirt is given per team. If you have an assistant coach that wants a coach shirt and they want to pay an additional fee of \$6.50 plus tax (size 2X-5X add \$2) you must inform your program coordinator of their shirt size by Tuesday, September 16th.

Teams can add names to the back of their uniforms at a minimal cost (\$5.50 plus tax per shirt) **only if all parents agree** and there is financial assistance offered for those that cannot afford the additional fee. This is optional and may delay getting shirts back by Sept. 23 if ordered late. **NAME ORDER DEADLINE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.** Coaches will coordinate names on shirts with the shirt company. Names with corresponding roster shirt sizes need to be given/emailed to the **Line Up:** Phone: (253) 536-8221 Email: thelineup7@comcast.net

Hours of operation: Monday-Friday 10:00AM-5:00PM **Closed** Saturdays & Sundays

LOCATION- 115 176th Street South Suite D Spanaway, WA 98387

Additional assistant coach shirt fee and the cost for shirt names must be paid when you pick up your shirts!

Equipment Needed

We ask that all children have athletic shoes or proper cleats (no metal cleats), athletic clothing, no jeans. **No jewelry (INCLUDES EARRINGS) or hard hair clips will be allowed.** All players must wear mouth guards. Mouth guards are NOT provided. Players must purchase their own mouth guards. Coaches will be issued balls, belts and flags on loan for the entire season to use during practices and games. Football sizes: Kindergarten & 1st- pee wee (#5) size 2nd-4th- junior (#6) and 5th-6th- Youth (#7)

Practices

Practices begin the week of September 14th. **Coaches must contact Parents by September 11th with practice information.** Practices will be held at your home school unless your home school does not have enough players to complete a team or your school does not have appropriate facilities to practice. Your Program Coordinator will place you at another local school. The head coach and the availability of facilities given by the schools determine time and days. All practices must be scheduled through your **program coordinator only.** Coaches cannot contact the schools directly to schedule/reschedule practices. It is not guaranteed that practices can always be rescheduled due to availability of space and times once games have begun. League games take precedence over practices at your school.

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Bethel Rec. will only allow each team to practice twice a week. No additional practices will be scheduled to eliminate unfair advantages. Also when parents register their children they are committed to attending only two practices a week. **Once games begin coaches have the option of having 1-2 practices per week.**

Can't Make the Game

We ask that all coaches find an assistant coach/parent within the first week of practice who can be background checked. In the event a coach is unable to make a game, the assistant can fill in. Games will only be rescheduled due to related weather closures, school closures or unpredicted events. Teams that can't complete a game due to any reason will result in a forfeit. Forfeits will not be rescheduled.

Games Canceled or Rescheduled

Games will only be rescheduled due to related weather closures and unsafe field conditions, school closures or unpredicted events. For updated game/practice status check on our website at bethelrec.org. We will also attempt to send out emails to parents and coaches if games are canceled. **THE RULE IS: If Bethel Schools are closed for any reason, or released early due to inclement weather, all Bethel Rec. activities are canceled.**

Added Players to my Roster

The only person that is able to add a child to a roster is your Program Coordinator and the Bethel Rec. Director. To be added to a roster, the child **must** be added to the wait list that is on a first come first served basis. Before any child can practice with the team Bethel Rec. must have their full registration form and payment received.

Refunds Available

Yes. If practices or games don't work, parents may request a refund. They may go to our website at bethelrec.org and complete the on-line refund form. A \$10 administrative fee will be deducted for all refunds. **The form must be completed by 3:00PM SEPTEMBER 25. After this date, no refunds will be issued.**

Team Photos

Bethel Rec. will schedule the dates and facilities for all team pictures. Coaches will need to contact the photographer directly after game schedules are posted to schedule their team pictures around their game times, preferably at least an hour before games, leaving parents enough time to travel to their games.

Bethel Recreation has contracted with Class Act Portraits. Coaches will only be able to schedule pictures with this company on the dates listed below. **Teams are not obligated to take team pictures!**

Team Picture Dates:

Saturdays, October 3 & 10

Location: TBD

(Online sign-up links will be emailed after game schedules are posted)

Class Act Portraits Contact Information:

Phone: 253-569-1162 Email: info@classactportraits.com Website: www.classactportraits.com

Questions: Contact Jolie Moxley
253-800-4301 or jmoxley@bethelrec.org