

EXPECTATIONS

Coaches:

- Players play an equal amount of time
- Communicate with participants and families
- Teach the foundations of football
- Coach each player to the best of their ability, and more
- Treat all athletes, families, YMCA staff and administration with the YMCA core values

Parents:

- Understand the concussion protocol
- Support all volunteer coaches
- Encourage all players to do their personal best
- Treat all athletes, families, and YMCA staff and administration with the Y core values
- Communicate all concerns and issues to Don Seibert

Players:

- Be attentive at practice and ready to learn
- Encourage all teammates during practices and games
- Do the best of your ability at all times
- Teach your parents what you learn at practice and during games
- And most importantly...

HAVE FUN!



YOUTH PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

The YMCA of Greater Kalamazoo offers a variety of sports leagues and classes for youth of all ages. Through sports and fitness, we provide the opportunity to build self-esteem, learn fundamentals, and develop in body, mind, and spirit. The values taught are good sportsmanship, playing to the best of one's abilities, and appreciating the abilities of all players, coaches, and officials. Many of the successes would not occur without the support of our community and volunteer support. Youth Sports allows each child the opportunity to equally participate without the pressure of winning, or the inability to pay.

YMCA CORE VALUES

Beyond learning about football, your child will develop an understanding of Honesty, Respect, Caring, Responsibility, and Sportsmanship.

Honesty

The importance of telling the truth

Respect

Good listening skills and working together to accomplish a goal

Caring

Playing together and supporting each other

Responsibility

Following instructions and understanding why it's important to contribute at home and school

Sportsmanship

Use positive words and attitude with others

2022 PLAYERS CLINIC

- Saturday, September 10
- Grades 1-2 will meet 9:00—10:30am
- Grades 3-4 will meet 10:45am—12:15pm
- Location: Woods Lake Elementary School, 3215 Oakland Dr., Kalamazoo
- Will feature:
 - Snapping
 - Receiving
 - Passing
- Participants will also scrimmage within their group.
- All participants will receive a YMCA football.
- \$15 per player



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

ENJOYING THE GAME

2022 Youth Flag Football



Financial Assistance Available

Pre-K through Grade 8

**Registration Dates:
July 11—August 31**

**Program Dates:
September 10—October 22**

**Online Resources:
www.kzooymca.org/youth-flag-football**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **When will practices begin?**

Practices begin the week of September 5.

- **When will I receive a call from the coach?** Coaches will contact players prior to Labor Day. COACHES: All teams will need an adult coach before will begin practice.

- **Where will my child practice?**

Practices are held at local schools and parks.

- **What time will practices be held?**

Practices are held Monday—Friday in the evening hours.

- **Why have I not been contacted by a coach?**

The YMCA may still be in need of a volunteer coach for the team your child is on.

- **What is the Player's Clinic?**

It is for the players to go through football drills to improve the skills they already have. The players will also scrimmage at the clinic.

- **When and where are games played?**

Saturdays, September 17—October 22, at Woods Lake Elementary, 3215 Oakland Dr., Kalamazoo.

- **What time will my game be?**

8:30am, 9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30am, 12:30pm, 1:30pm, or 2:30pm.

- **When will the game schedule be available?**

Schedules will be completed by September 12. They will be online at www.kzooyunca.org/youth-flag-football and emailed to coaches.

- **What do I have to provide for my child?**

All players need to wear a mouthpiece. If they are not wearing a mouthpiece, they cannot practice or participate in games.

- **What size ball is used?**

Grades Pre-K — 2: Nerf, Pee Wee, or junior size football
Grades 3 — 6: junior size football

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?



REGISTRATION FEES & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Registration:

July 11—August 31

Late Registration:

September 1-10 (\$10 late fee)

During late registration, players will be assigned to teams where roster spots are available.

Grades Pre-K, K

Member/\$33 Community/\$44

Grades 1—8

Member/\$58 Community/\$68

Registration and payments can be made online at www.kzooyunca.org, at the Portage or Maple branches, or by calling Don Seibert at 269.459.4884.

Financial Assistance is available based on family size and income. Applications are available at Member Services at each branch location. Proof of income is required.

UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT

- Participants will receive an NFL reversible jersey, along with their own NFL belt with flags.
- Players **MUST** wear a mouthpiece.

TEAM FORMATION

- Team rosters are limited to a maximum of seven players.
- Players will be notified by their head coach of team placement, as well as the time, day, and location of their practice.

Special Requests:

When registering, families can make one request to be assigned to a particular coach, teammate, or practice neighborhood. We cannot guarantee special requests during late registration.

For more information on the YMCA's Flag Football Program, contact Don Seibert at 269.459.4884 or daseib@kzooyunca.org.

REGISTRATION FORM

Player Name _____

Birth Date ____/____/____ Age ____ Grade _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

School / Neighborhood / One Friend Request

Please circle: Y Member Community Member

Uniform (circle): Youth: S M L Adult: S M L

Parent/Guardian _____

Phone _____

Cell _____

Email (required*) _____

*Please provide an email address as all confirmations and communications are via email.

Become a Coach for the Season:

YES, I would like to volunteer coach!

Coaches Clinic: August 23, 2022 via Zoom 8pm

Name _____

Email _____

Cell _____

The YMCA relies on volunteers to help the program run in a positive direction. If you have time to coach a team this year, please include your information above.

**Return registration form
with payment to:**

**YMCA of Greater Kalamazoo
Attn: Flag Football
2900 W. Centre Ave.
Portage, MI 49024**