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## NFL YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE 2026 SEASON TIMELINE

- Registration ends
- Coaches Meeting takes place Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Coaches are given a hard copy of the rules, and go over general information.
  - Coaches pick practice time/day.
  - Coaches are informed that Director will contact parents but ask that all coaches contact parents as well to introduce themselves and open the door of communication.
- Teams are finalized
  - The Sports Director finalizes team rosters.
  - Practice time, days, and locations are set.
  - Practices will begin with your team the week of April 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - Rosters are emailed to coaches and sent out through Teamsideline as well.
- Parents are emailed
  - Director email each and every team separately.
  - Parents are given coach's contact info, team color, team roster, rules, practice day/time/location, and asked to confirm their own contact information and child's shirt size.
  - Any emails that bounce back, those parents are called to obtain correct email and phone number information, and the original email is sent to them.
- Game Schedule is made
  - Finalized game schedule is posted on [www.teamsideline.com/jolietymca](http://www.teamsideline.com/jolietymca).
  - **You will use team sites through the Teamsideline App, for a majority of the communication, so please download the Teamsideline App on your phone. (Any questions don't hesitate to reach out)**
  - The link for the game schedule is emailed to parents by the end of the second week of practice. (First games are the week of May 25<sup>th</sup>.)
  - **Ages 10-12 and 13-14 Divisions combines with Joliet and Plainfield for the season. Half the games will be at Joliet Junior College and the other half in Morris. All practices are held in Morris.**
- **Picture Day: Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> Location: Morris Hospital YMCA (2200 W. Dupont Ave Morris IL)**
  - The first week into the season, PMI Sports Photography is contacted with a list of teams and coaches. Once the game schedule is finalized it is sent to PMI. They will make the picture day schedule and send back to us for review.
  - Finalized times will be posted on [www.teamsideline.com/jolietymca](http://www.teamsideline.com/jolietymca) for parents and coaches to view.
  - Picture Codes are emailed out to parents the week before.
- **Uniforms**
  - Uniforms are ordered within the first week of practice. This is to accommodate any changes made to teams during the first week of the season.
  - Uniforms are then delivered here to the Y. The Director double checks each team's order.
  - Uniforms are then given to coaches to give out at practice. Uniforms are planned to arrive before the first game.
- **End of year celebration**
  - Last weekend of games will be playoffs for division 7-9, 10-12, and 13-14. Everyone will receive participation medals.

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