



Flag Football League Parent Packet

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Welcome to the 2026 Flag Football League!

We are excited to get the season underway! If you still have questions after reading through this packet, do not hesitate to contact me.

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Sport Parent Expectations

When registering for the Flag Football League, each parent agreed to abide by the Sport Parent Code of Conduct. The New Lenox Community Park District, your coaching staff and your child will hold you accountable to this Code of Conduct.

SPORT PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: **trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship**. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character".

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Sport Parents' Code of Conduct Pledge:

- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will remember that the game is for youth-not for adults.
- I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

Failure to comply will result in disciplinary actions being taken to resolve the issue. Actions may include but are not limited to verbal warnings, ejections and/or suspensions. Incidents will be handled how staff deems appropriate based on the severity of the incident.

Team Information

The staff from the New Lenox Community Park District will notify families of team assignments by July 17th. If you do not receive any contact from the park district, call the office at 815-485-3584 on Friday, July 24 and we will have the information for you.

When you are contacted by your coach, they will go over the following information:

- Team Number & Name
- Practice Schedule
 - Location
 - Days of the week
 - Time
- Coaching Staff Contact information

Practice Information

Practices will start the week of Monday, July 27. Teams are scheduled to practice twice a week. The practice times and locations will be determined by your team's coaching staff based on their availability. All practices will be located at a park within the New Lenox Community.

Practice schedules will be posted on Team Sideline by team division and team name.

Please know that many of these locations do not have a bathroom.

Game Day Information

Games will be at **Walker Country Estates Park located at 299 Lenox St, New Lenox, IL 60451.**

The league rules can be found on the Team Sideline website under the "Downloads" tab.

Players must wear the jersey that will be given to them by their coach. Jerseys this year will be a sublimated dri-fit t-shirt.

Players are required to wear mouthguards during play. Mouthguards are available for purchase at the concession stand if you don't have one for the game. You must sign our mouth guard waiver if you choose for your child not to wear a mouthguard.

Players are encouraged to wear football cleats so they do not slip on the turf, but it is not required. If football cleats are worn, they must be molded bottoms and **not metal!** Any player found wearing metal cleats is not eligible to play.

Please make sure your child has on black, navy, white or silver solid colored short/pant so their bottoms do not blend in with the flag belt colors, thus making it harder to see the flag. Any player found wearing the same color as the flag belt is not eligible to play.

All spectators must be at least 5 yards away from the perimeter of the field during games. This is for the safety of the kids who are playing the game as well as those who are watching the game. **Spectators are not allowed on the team bench.**

Game Schedule

The game schedule will be posted on the Team Sideline. To access this, go to the New Lenox Community Park District website, www.newlenoxparks.org, and click the orange button at the middle of the page titled "Team Sideline". Once you are at the Team Sideline website, there will be a link on the left side of the page for your division's game schedule.

Tike = Kindergarten, Pee-Wee = Grades 1-2, Youth = Grades 3-4, Junior = Grades 5-6, Teen = Grades 7-8

To access the Time Sideline website, you can also use this link: www.teamsideline.com/sites/newlenoxparks/home

- **Games are on Saturdays, beginning August 8 and ending October 10**
- **There will be no games on September 5 (Labor Day Weekend) and September 19 (Quilt Show)**
- **There are games scheduled for Sunday, August 23rd**
- **Additional start times and Sunday games may be scheduled if needed for any cancelled games. You will be notified in advance of any make-up game days**

Weather Cancellations

In the case of severe weather, game cancellations will be posted on the following platforms:

- NLCPD Facebook Page – www.facebook.com/NLCPDPage
- NLCPD Team Sideline website – www.teamsideline.com/sites/newlenoxparks/home
 - It will be listed under the "Cancellations" logo

Coaches will make cancellation decisions for the practices during the week.

Picture Day

Picture Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 22, located at Walker Country Estates Park. Pictures will be taken before your game. You can order pictures by ordering them online. The picture day schedule and online order link will be emailed to you before picture day.

If there is rain in the forecast for picture day, you will be notified of an alternate location or date.

All pictures will be shipped to the address listed on the order. An order link will be provided.

Flag Football Raffle

Each year, we do a raffle to help with the development of the Flag Football League and our scholarship program. It is not required to sell raffle tickets, but the raffle is vital as all proceeds go to purchasing new equipment and the park district scholarship program. In the past we purchased scoreboards, bleachers, player benches and other necessary equipment to benefit the Flag Football League. By participating in the Flag Football raffle, you will have the chance to win a cash prize! There will also be a prize for the player that sells the most tickets out of the entire Flag Football League!

Each player will have a white envelope labeled with their name on it and filled with a book of ten tickets. The tickets are \$2 each or \$20 for the book of ten tickets. After selling the tickets, please place the money into the same white envelope with the ticket stubs. This envelope must be returned to the concession stand no later than **Saturday, Sept. 12**. If you would like additional tickets to sell, you can come to the Administration Building (701 W. Haven Avenue).

When filling out the ticket stub, it is very important to fill out each line with legible handwriting to ensure the tickets sold go to the right player!

Volunteer Coaches Make It Happen!

We are extremely grateful for the volunteer coaches in our leagues! These programs do not have success without them. Throughout the season, they may ask for help at practice or on game day. If you can, please step up and volunteer to help the team. At registration, each household paid a \$30 volunteer fee. Families can earn that fee back by volunteering to coach or signing up for a volunteer shift during a game. You can volunteer to help at the concession stand for 1 hour or help at the score table during a game for 1 hour. To sign up for game day shifts, visit the

Volunteer Fee Information

When registering, each family was charged a \$30 volunteer fee to encourage people to help with the Flag Football League. When this is completed, you will receive \$30 credit to your Park District household account. Any volunteer must be at least 14 or older to score keep and at least 15 or older to volunteer in the concession stand. An email will be sent out every week for details on how to sign up for one of the volunteer spots. All sign-ups must be completed a week before game day to ensure proper staffing for open slots.

Below are the following spots that are available to volunteer:

- 2 spots every hour for the concession stand (1 hour shift)
- 2 spots every hour as a scorekeeper (1 hour shift)

When showing up to your shift, make sure to check in with the NLCPD staff at either the concession stand (if volunteering for concessions) or the scorer's table for your designated field (if volunteering for scorekeeper). When checking in you will have to sign our volunteer waiver. This will be provided by our staff.

I'm looking forward to a great season!
Let me know if you have any questions!

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