2027 Michigan Girls High School Flag Football League

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Thank you for your interest in hosting a **Michigan Girls High School Flag Football** team at your High School during the spring of 2027. The Detroit Lions are here to make this possible for your school. We are thrilled about the growth of the game of **Michigan Girls High School Flag Football** and the opportunities it has created for girls in the state of Michigan! Below are answers to frequently asked questions to help your school prepare for the upcoming 2027 season.

Adding Girls Flag Football to your school's list of sports programs provides additional opportunities for girls to compete, stay active, strengthen friendships, and generate lifetime experiences. For some, it may even provide opportunities to earn scholarship money to receive an education while playing Flag Football at the next level! Several colleges and universities in Michigan have added Women's Flag Football to their school as a club or varsity sport! Only the beginning!

1) League Commitment and Registration

Q: Can you have more than one team per school?

A: Unfortunately, only one team will be allotted a spot in league play.

Q: What schools are eligible to participate?

A: Any interested school looking to bring a girl's flag football team to their school.

Q: Can student athletes from other schools be on the same team?

A: Yes, since this is a pilot league which makes it a club sport, student-athletes from different schools in the same district can be on one team.

2) School and Team Requirements

Q: Who should serve as our school's primary contact?

A: Each school should designate one to two primary points of contact such as an athletic director, coach, or school administrator to receive league communications.

Q: If I am hosting games at my school, what do I need to provide?

A: Schools hosting will be required to have a "down box" operator as well as an official down box marker. Electronic clock operator for each game. Parking for teams, officials, spectators, and buses.

3) <u>Season Schedule</u>

Q: When will the 2027 season begin?

A: The official season will begin the week of April 12th.

Q: When will the game schedule be released?

A: Matchups and scheduling information will be communicated with committed participating schools once the league schedule is finalized.

4) <u>Uniforms and Equipment</u>

Q: How do we obtain uniforms?

A: Uniforms are ordered through the **Michigan Girls High School Flag Football League** partner Nike. Uniforms designs are created by the school, then submitted to the Detroit Lions Football Education for approval. Uniforms orders are then placed by the Detroit Lions Football Education to Nike. Each team will also receive flag football kits through USA Football. These kits include footballs, flag belts, pylons, cones, and much more.

5) <u>Coaches and Participants</u>

Q: Do coaches need experience?

A: Coaches can be anyone who enjoys teaching, coaching, and presenting the game in a safe, educational, competitive, and fun manner. These roles **<u>DO NOT</u>** have to fall on the school's Head Football Coach and staff. It could be another coach within your athletic department or a teacher/administrator within the school district who does not coach and can only commit a short period of time but who loves the game and wants to work with, develop, and positively impact student-athletes.

Q: Are there any coaching resources available for schools that are new to the sport?

A: The Detroit Lions Football Education team will communicate available resources such as rulebooks and training opportunities once those details are confirmed.

6) <u>Participation Commitment</u>

Q: Does our school still have time to make a commitment?

A: Yes, our final commitment deadline is **<u>Friday, November 13th</u>**.

Q: Would my school's enrollment impact league play?

A: No, school enrollment **<u>has not</u>** been a factor in terms of competitive balance.