



2026 NMYAFL Tackle Football Programs & Information



Tackle Football Programs

Age Groups

- Ages 7-14 (League age is child's age on July 31st of the current year.)
- Age Groups: Pee Wee – 7/8yr old's(8U), Rookies – 9yr old's(9U), Freshman – 10yr old's (10U), Sophomores – 11yr old's (11U), Juniors – 12yr old's (12U), Varsity – 13/14 yr old's (14U).

Teams and Districts

- Teams are divided by age and high school home district.
- **Upon team consolidation if your player's home district team does not form or if teams are full, your player may be moved to teams that have available space.**

Spring 8 Man Tackle Football Programs

- **Pee Wee (8U) USA Football 8 Man Rookie Tackle**
 - For ages 7 and 8 year olds.
 - USA Football's Rookie Tackle is part of the Football Development Model (FDM). It is small-sided (half a field) tackle football game designed to be implemented as a bridge between flag football and 11-on-11 tackle. The program includes many items that can help to create an age-appropriate, athlete-centered experience.
- **Rookie (9U) to Varsity (14U) 8 Man Tackle Football**
 - Spring 9U to 14U age groups participate in 8-man tackle football with shortened field and smaller team roster sizes to encourage more playing time.
 - Our spring tackle football program provides 6 regular season games and post season playoffs/championships.
 - **Players entering the 9th grade in the fall of the current year are not eligible to play Spring Tackle Football (please see the pre-high school 7 v 7 program.)**
 - The **Spring Season starts March 23rd, 2026.**

Fall 11 Man Tackle Football Program

- **Pee Wee (8U) to Varsity (14U) 11 Man Tackle Football**
 - Fall 8U to 14U age groups participate in traditional 11-man tackle football with normal team roster sizes.
 - Our fall tackle football program provides 8 regular season games and post season playoffs/championships.
 - The **Fall Season starts July 20th, 2026.**

- **All Divisions with the exception of the Varsity (14U) have a minimum play rule of 10 plays per game.**
- Coaches are required to make sure each player plays a minimum of 10 plays per game in all divisions except the Varsity (14U) division.

Tackle Football Equipment

- The tackle football registration fee includes the helmet, shoulder pads, pants, and mouthpiece.
 - Spring practice jerseys are included in the registration fee.
 - Fall practice jerseys are included if the option is selected by the Head Coach.

Tackle Football Equipment Deposit

- Every Varsity (13U+) level player must submit a \$150 equipment deposit prior to receiving equipment.
- Returning players who returned their equipment after December 4th, 2025, must submit a \$75 deposit to receive a helmet and or shoulder pads from NMYAFL.
- The equipment deposit is an incentive to return the equipment prior to November 5th of the current year. **It is not meant to be a replacement cost for the equipment.**

*****NEW Equipment Return Policy*****

- **NMYAFL issued helmet and shoulder pads are due to be returned at the field at the end of your last NMYAFL contest.**
 - **Any equipment returned after November 5th is considered late.**
 - **Any paid equipment deposit of the current year will be forfeited, and parents will have to pay a late fee of \$100.**
 - Anyone who returns their equipment after November 5th will also have a \$75 equipment deposit applied to the following year's registration.
 - If you do not return your players' NMYAFL equipment your player will not be able to register for the following year.

Practice and Games

- Fall Practices are 2 hours, 5 days a week the first 2 weeks, then goes to 4 days a week. Spring season practices are only 3 days a week. Practice times are determined by the coach but are usually between 5:30-7:30pm.
- 6 games in Spring, 8 games in Fall with the possibility of playoff game(s).

Minimum Play Requirement

- **Pee Wees 8U – Juniors 12U have a minimum 10 play per game rule.** Coaches are required to make sure each player plays a minimum of 10 plays per game in all divisions.
- **There is NO Minimum Play Rule for all Varsity (14U) Teams.**

Fall Tackle Transfer Information

***** Fall tackle transfers are no longer offered. *****

Fall Tackle Hardship Information

The New Mexico YAFL board of directors voted to implement a district registration model. Players will be placed according to the high school district in which they live. Players who registered during the returning player window will be returned to the previous fall teams any player who registers after returning player will be placed in their home district. If you would like to attempt to play for a team other than your home district you must complete a hardship form outlining the reasons you wish to move.

All Hardships must be submitted by June 1st at 2:00pm!

******* Hardship Requests during Open Registration *******

Returning Registered Fall Football Players who registered on or after January 23rd can submit a Hardship request to try to move to a different team for fall tackle football! But there are a few guidelines. Please see below:

- Player **MUST** be registered for the current fall season first before the Hardship Request to a new team can be submitted.
- Hardship Request forms can be completed in the parent portal. Once submitted the form is timestamped and sent to the NMYAFL Office.
- **Hardships are reviewed by the hardship committee and are not guaranteed.**
- **Hardships will only be reviewed for teams that are viable.**
- Hardship Forms **will be available from January 23rd**, the first open registration day through **June 1st at 2:00 pm.**
- Hardships will begin to be reviewed by the hardship committee on April 1st.
- **Hardship Requests are NOT guaranteed.**
- Request **MUST** be approved first before the move is made. If approved, the record will be updated, and parents will be notified.

***** Hardship Requests are NOT Guaranteed *****

*****Just a reminder. There are NO Refunds *****

**Open Online Registration will continue from
January 23rd 2025 until June 30th 2026**

NMYAFL / NMYAC 2026 Programs and Pricing

Pay in full or take advantage of the Payment Plan.

Initial Payment for all Football & Cheer products is \$50. See registration product below for balance info.

Balance payments can be made in any amount by visiting the Parent Portal at www.nmyafl.org. Stay on track towards a complete registration by paying \$30 towards your balance weekly!

Football Programs

Spring

NFL Flag (Coed - 5 to 12U)	\$140.00	Balance must be paid in full in order to receive equipment for spring.
NFL Flag (Girls - 5 to 14U)	\$140.00	
7V7 (12 to 14U)	\$150.00	
Tackle (7 to 14U)	\$210.00	

Spring and Fall

NFL Flag (Coed - 5 to 12U)	\$280.00	Balance must be less than or equal to the amount indicated in order to receive equipment for spring.
NFL Flag (Girls - 5 to 14U)	\$280.00	
Tackle (7 and 8U)	\$415.00	\$180.00
Tackle (9 to 14U)	\$465.00	\$230.00

Fall

NFL Flag (Coed - 5 to 12U)	\$140.00	Balance must be paid in full in order to receive equipment for fall but no later than June 1 2026.
NFL Flag (Girls - 5 to 14U)	\$140.00	
Tackle (7 and 8U)	\$230.00	
Tackle (9 to 14U)	\$280.00	

Tackle Football Registration Fees Include:

Helmet, Shoulder Pads, Game pants, Game Jersey, Mouthpiece & Chin Strap

Tackle Football Ages

Ages 7 thru 14 years old

Players League Age is their Age on July 31st of the Current Year. Must not be attending HS in the Fall of the Current Year.

NFL Flag Coed/Girls Registration Fees Include:

Flag Game Jersey, Flags & Mouthpiece

NFL Flag Coed/Girls Ages

Ages 5 thru 14 years old

Players League Age is their Age on July 31st of the Current Year. Must not be attending HS in the Fall of the Current Year.

7 V 7 Football Registration Fees Include:

7v7 Game Jersey, Soft Helmet, & Mouthpiece
Pre HS 7v7 12U & 14U

Cheer Programs

Spring

Junior Cheer (5 to 6U)	\$135.00	Balance must be paid in full in order to be fitted for spring uniform.
Cheer (7 to 14U)	\$135.00	

Spring and Fall

		Balance must be less than or equal to the amount indicated in order to be fitted for spring uniform.
Junior Cheer (5 to 6U)	\$255.00	\$95.00
Cheer (7 to 14U)	\$300.00	\$140.00

Fall

Junior Cheer (5 to 6U)	\$145.00	Balance must be paid in full in order to be fitted for fall uniform but no later than June 1 2026.
Cheer (7 to 14U)	\$190.00	

Cheerleader & Junior Cheerleader Registration Fees Include:

Spring: Uniform Polo, Uniform Skort & Pom Poms

Fall: Uniform, Uniform Bottom, Uniform Bloomers & Pom Poms

Cheerleader Ages

Ages 7 thru 14 years old

Junior Cheerleader Ages

Ages 5 and 6 years old

Cheerleaders League Age is their Age on July 31st of the Current Year. Must not be attending HS in the Fall of the Current Year.