



Welcome to Santa Barbara Friday Night Lights SPRING 2024 SEASON F.A.Q.

When is registration?

November 15th - December 31st, 2023. Late registration begins January 1st only if spots are available.

When does the season start?

Spring 2024 Season is scheduled to run from 1/29/24 - 5/3/24 (*pending final permit approvals*) Practices may start late January/early February. Opening night scheduled for Friday, February 23rd. Not all teams will play on 2/23. FNL will not play during Spring break on Friday, March 29th, 2024 or Sunday, March 31st)

Spring 2024 tentative dates: All teams will play on Fridays & Sundays.

Game dates: 2/23, 3/1, 3/8, **3/10**, 3/15, 3/22, 4/5, **4/7**, 4/12, 4/19, **4/21**, 4/26, **4/28** (*playoffs*), 5/3 (*championship night*). Please note the due to weather conditions and field closures, dates are subject to change.

Every team should plan to play 8 regular season games plus playoffs.

Where are the games?

All games are played LOCALLY. Games will be played on Fridays and Sundays this Spring. Locations *may* include: San Marcos High School, Dwight Murphy Field, Dos Pueblos High School and/or Earl Warren Showgrounds (pending permit approval).

Where and what time will practice be?

Practice times and locations are up to each volunteer coach. We do the best we can to match you up with a team in your area/ school but can not guarantee it. **Only 1 practice a week is allowed** and usually run 60-90 minutes.

Is there a draft or are there tryouts?

No. At FNL we want our players to play with friends, neighbors and classmates. In each division, FNL does its best to have returning/experienced teams play each other, and new teams and coaches play against each other in their division. After the regular season games, each division with at least 10 or more teams will be split up and re-evaluated to have the top performing teams compete in our 'upper brackets' during playoffs and lower performing teams play each other in their own bracket during playoffs, offering better competition and more fun for the kids.

What equipment do I need?

Only Cleats (No Metal Cleats) & a mouth guard.

What is included with registration?

High quality custom team jersey, FNL athletic shorts, new flags & belts. 8 season games plus playoffs. 1st place league trophies and Championship and League Runner-Up trophies.

How can I volunteer to coach?

Send an email to **santabarbarafnl@gmail.com** with the subject "Spring League Head Coach." Indicate what grade your player is in when you volunteer. Also include your cell phone, your player's grade and what school your player attends. You can also request to be a Head Coach during online registration.

How many players per team?

Minimum of 8 players, maximum of 9 players per team. (no exceptions)

Can I request to be on the same team as a friend?

Yes. We try our best to honor requests, however, this is not a guarantee that this request can be granted. Groups of 4 or more friends may not be placed on the same team unless a parent is willing to be the head coach.

How much does it cost?

KINDERGARTEN League registration is \$200.

COED League registration is \$285 from November 15th - December 31st.

COED Late Registration (if space is still available) is \$325 beginning January 1st.

GIRLS League registration in \$275

FNL CHEER registration is \$255. For more information about FNL CHEER, go to

<https://www.santabarbarafnl.com/page/show/7216349-santa-barbara-cheer>

What is the sponsorship fee?

Santa Barbara FNL is a registered non-profit youth flag football league. Each team is responsible for finding a local business to sponsor their team for \$275. This gives our local businesses a chance to contribute to the youth sports community while getting a tax deduction. The business receives a sponsor plaque, email blast, social media posts and is featured on the website for 6-8 weeks. This fee also keeps your registration costs down. If the team does not find a sponsorship, each team is responsible for splitting the cost by total number of players on the team. (approximately \$30-\$34 per family)

Can I get a refund?

Please see FNL refund policy on our website.

Are there playoffs?

Kindergarten division does not participate in playoffs. All other divisions in COED and Girls League (1st/2nd, 3rd/4th, 5th/6th and 7th/8th grade divisions) have a single elimination playoff tournament after the regular season, tentatively scheduled on Sunday, April 28th.

Please note that we can not accommodate scheduling requests for playoffs (other than coaches with two teams) and most teams will play at least 2-3 games to advance to our semi final and championship night at FNL.

When will I hear from my coach?

Coaches should get their rosters by late January. Coaches will begin contacting players soon thereafter. If you haven't heard from your coach by early February, please email **santabarbarafnl@gmail.com**

How do I sign up?

You can always find open registration links on our homepage at **www.santabarbarafnl.com** if space is still available.

Does every division get a participation trophy?

Kindergarten players all receive participation awards or 1st or 2nd place trophies. 1st/2nd, 3rd/4th, 5th/6th and 7th/8th & 9th/10th grade division players receive first place trophies for the regular season and will have the opportunity to win league runner-up and league championship trophies as well during playoffs.

Can my child play if he gets injured and is wearing a cast?

No.

Are dogs allowed on the fields at the games?

No. All local schools do not allow dogs on their campuses. For the safety of others, DOGS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

What is FNL Sportsmanship policy?

Please see Rules & Regulations. FNL has a zero-tolerance for poor sportsmanship and have rules in place that will strictly enforce unsportsmanlike conduct by any player, coach or fan.

*For additional questions, comments or concerns, please reach out to us at **santabarbarafnl@gmail.com***

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you this spring!