

GOPHER STATE FOOTBALL LEAGUE



July 21, 2025
Virtual Outreach

Upcoming Deadlines & Important Meeting Dates



- **July 30- GSFL Coaches Clinic | [FREE Registration Now Open](#)**
Great for:
Coaches *not* USA Football certified
Coaches who missed a local high school clinic
Coaches seeking additional skill and character training
Hosted in partnership with the Minnesota Football Coaches Association
- **August 1 League Enrollment Deadline**
- **August 1 Game Day Survey Submission**
Reminder: NO PLAY dates and SPECIAL PLAY dates
- **Grade-Level Coaches Meetings**
Attendance required for at least two coaches/ reps per team:
*August 3: 5th–8th Grade | *Irondale HS Auditorium*
4:00, 5:00, 6:00 & 7:00
*August 6: 3rd–4th Grade | *Fridley HS Auditorium*
6:30 & 7:30
*note updated times
August 11: 2nd Grade | Location TBD

Other Nuggets



- **Open Line of Communication**

We are here to support you every step of the way.

Questions, issues, or clarification needed? Please contact:

Dawson – dawson@myas.org Kevin – kevinjohnston13@aol.com John –

jcswanson@msn.com **Or reach out to the League Representatives, Adam Cook and Eric Rathke at football@myas.org**

- **Resources**

Direct all coaches and parents to www.gopherstatefootball.org .

Coaches' Corner, GSFL Handbook, GSFL Rules, League updates & news, League Calendar, etc.

- **GSFL Media Partner**

Let's Play Football will provide content throughout the 2025 season.

REGISTERPLAY Updates & Reminders



- **# Associations in the system**
- **# teams/grades signed up**
- **Creating Teams & Team Enrollment**
 - ***League Enrollment Fees by 8/1***
 - ***Alternative payment option***
- **Inviting Coaches**
- **Roster Invitations**
 - **48 hours before 1st game**
 - **Roster Freeze deadline: September 9**

Support & Assistance – Football@myas.org

Game Day Survey Concepts



- **Game Day Survey for Team Hosting, Special Dates, and No Play Dates/Times**
- **All requested information must be returned by 8/1 for consideration as scheduling grid work begins.**
- **Field/Facility Preparation**



- **Division/Opponent Development**
- **Staggered Schedule Release/Staggered Start Dates**
 - **5th-8th Grade Schedule Release: Starts 8/17**
 - **2nd-4th Grade Schedule Release: Starts 8/24**
 - **2nd-8th Grade GSFL Opening Weekend @ NSC: 9/6 & 9/7**
 - **Regular Season/Bowl Games**
(August 25-October 12)

RECOMMENDED Roster Size

- Associations are **strongly discouraged** from rostering more than **30 players** on a single team. Excessively large rosters often lead to limited playing time, which is not in the best interest of player development.

GRADE LEVEL

2nd Grade – 9-Man

3rd -6th Grade – 11-Man

7th-8th Grade – 11-Man

MAX ROSTER SIZE

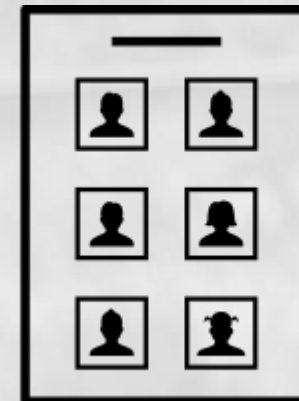
18 Players

22 Players

33 Players

**Roster Options? Contact a
Managing Director**

Player Waiver Process



Trusted GSFL Coaches' Requirements

- Two (2) members of a team's coaching staff (entire coaching staff is recommended) must be recognized as **Trusted Coaches** or an equivalent program that provides verified concussion certification, child safety training and background checks.
 - **Background Checks**
 - **Concussion Certification**
 - **Child Abuse Training (aka SafeSport)**



Get ahead—contact adam@myas.org to set up your Trusted Coaches season.

- **Sport Specific Training**
 - **USA Football, The GSFL in-person coaches' clinic to be held on July 30 @ Spring Lake Park HS or A coaches' clinic hosted by the high school football program and sponsored by the association**
- **GSFL required preseason coaches' meetings:** (minimum of two coaches per team)

GSFL Game Officials/Assigning Games



- **Supervisor of Officials**
- **Consistency in Game Fees**
- **Verification of Game Officials**
 - GSFL Registered, MSHSL Certified, or League-Verified
 - Screened, trained, and in compliance with GSFL officiating policies
- **Game Officials Assignments**

**Thank You for Your Time and
Dedication to Youth Football!**



We are here to assist:

dawson@myas.org

kevinjohnston13@aol.com

jcswanson@msn.com

football@myas.org