



GOPHER STATE FOOTBALL LEAGUE MEETING

10

**MARCH 3, 2025
BLAINE BANDSHELL - FLEX ROOM**

LEAGUE UPDATE

- **LEAGUE NAME**
- **COMMITTED ASSOCIATIONS**



ANDOVER



ANOKA



APPLE VALLEY



ARMSTRONG



BLAINE



BLOOMINGTON



BROOKLYN CENTER



BROOKLYN PARK



BURNSVILLE



CENTENNIAL



CHAMPLIN



COL HTS



COOPER



COON RAPIDS



FRIDLEY



MPLS PHELPS



OSSEO



SHAKOPEE



STP FROGTOWN



SPRING LK PK



CHISAGO LAKES



ELK RIVER



FOREST LAKE



MONTICELLO



NORTH BRANCH



ST. FRANCIS



ROGERS



**7th/8th
Grade**

- **OTHER PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS**

LEAGUE LOGO OPTIONS?



ASSOCIATION GOVERNANCE

- **GSFL ADVISORY GROUP**

- **Each participating association will appoint a representative to serve on the GSFL Advisory Group**
- **Associations enrolling teams in both Grades 2-6 and Grades 7-8 must designate two (2) representatives**
- **This Advisory Group will oversee and govern the league, ensuring collaboration and effective decision-making among all participating associations. This Advisory Board would be facilitated by the Managing Directors of the League**
- **Specific Playing Rules to be presented, discussed and finalized during April and May Advisory Group Meetings**



MYAS LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES



- **REGISTERPLAY PLATFORM**
 - **Association Home**
 - **Staff Member Capabilities**
 - **Inviting Association Staff Members**
 - **Creating Teams**
 - **Inviting Coaches**
 - **Team Enrollment**
 - **Roster Submission**
 - **League Website**
 - **Support & Assistance**

ASSOCIATION ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ✓ **All associations must agree to a series of “Best Practices” that fosters a safe, positive and productive experience for the youth football players participating in this league.**



Standards-

- **Bona fide (consisting of multiple teams)**
- **Perpetual (intended to exist from year to year).**
- **Democratic (bylaws, free election of officers, open coach selection process, and open forums)**

TEAM & PLAYER ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

- **Community-based teams are comprised of players who are from the community in which their parents or legal guardian reside or in which they attend school.**
- **Recognize teams if they are derived from a bona fide association (consisting of multiple teams of perpetual nature) or a school program within their boundaries according to their bylaws**
- **Player Documentation- Associations are responsible for collecting documentation that proves what grade each athlete is in and also what school they attend.**



Ineligible Teams: Open/All Star & Independent Teams

ASSOCIATION & TEAM MGMT GUIDELINES

- **TBD – Team Composition Policy & Roster Size Recommendation**
- **Promotion of Best Practices & Safety through Trusted Coaches, equivalent program and/or USA Football**
- **Minimum Requirements for Coaching Staff**
- **Required Coaches Meetings**



**Protect Your Athletes and Organization
with Trusted Coaches.**

BETTER COACHES. SAFER KIDS.

GAME OFFICIALS

- **SUPERVISOR of OFFICIALS**
- **VERIFICATION of GAME OFFICIALS**
 - **Trusted Officials Registered**
 - **MSHSL Certified**
 - **League Verified Status**
- **GAME OFFICIALS ASSIGNMENTS**

Training, Screening, and Education



PLAY DATES

- **FLEXIBLE START DATES**
- **REGULAR SEASON/BOWL GAMES:**
(August 25-October 12)
- **ADDITIONAL LEAGUE OPPORTUNITY:**
 - **Extended Season (October 21 – November 2)**



2025 GSFL PLANNING CALENDAR

CALENDAR UNTIL AUG 1, 2025



Day/Date	Grade 2 - 6 Event/Activitiy	Grade 7-8 Event/Activitiy
FRI 2/28	Initial League Commitment Deadline	Initial League Commitment Deadline
MON 3/3	The League Meeting – 1st Huddle	The League Meeting – 1st Huddle
MON 4/7	The League Meeting - Advisory Board	The League Meeting - Advisory Board
MON 5/19	The League Meeting - Advisory Board	The League Meeting - Advisory Board
FRI 7/7	Request for Association Game Hosts- Opens	Request for Association Game Hosts- Opens
	Request for Special Play Dates- Opens	Request for Special Play Dates- Opens
	Host Officials Assigners Identified and Confirmed	Host Officials Assigners Identified and Confirmed
MON 7/21	The League Meeting - Advisory Board	The League Meeting - Advisory Board
Week of 7/28-7/31	The League Coaches Clinic	The League Coaches Clinic
FRI 8/1	The League – Enrollment Deadlines	The League – Enrollment Deadlines
	Team Enrtry -Registrations Due	Team Entry -Registrations Due
	Game Hosts/Play Dates -Request Due	Game Hosts/Play Dates -Request Due

COMPREHENSIVE LEAGUE ENTRY FEES

- **Managing Director Fees**
- **MYAS League Management Services**
- **Game Fees (Officials/Assignors)**
- **Supervisor of Officials**
- **MYAS Bookkeeping Accounting**
- **Benefits of League Management Neutral Body**
- **League Website Support/Maintenance/Upkeep**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND DEDICATION

- **Questions?**
- **Action Items- Appoint Representative(s) to Advisory Board**
- **Next Meeting- April 7, 2025**
- **As Mr. Mike Hunter stated at our January Informational Meeting, “we have a special opportunity to work together. If you can find it in your heart and mind to come together, we are going to start something, and I promise you it will force everyone to change.”**

