

Hello,

On behalf of the Kraft family and the New England Patriots Foundation, we're thrilled to welcome you to the Spring 2026 Girls Flag Football Season.

What began in 2023 as a pilot program with just 8 teams has quickly evolved into a movement. In 2024, we expanded to 23 teams, and by 2025, that number more than doubled to 51. Now, as we kick off 2026, we're excited to continue building momentum and shaping the future of girls flag football in Massachusetts and across New England.

As part of this groundbreaking initiative, you are helping lead the charge to grow the game—not just locally, but nationally. Your participation is vital in driving visibility, opportunity, and equity in sports.

To support first-year teams, the New England Patriots and Nike are proud to provide:

- \$2,500.00 to create and order Nike flag football uniforms
- Flag football starter kits Essential equipment to help launch your season with confidence.
- Patriots 2026 home game ticket raffle.

More details on uniforms, equipment kits, and the Patriots raffle shared below.

At the Patriots, we believe in the power of sport to teach resilience, leadership, teamwork, and excellence. Flag football offers athletes a unique opportunity to grow, compete, and connect—on and off the field. As we work toward making girls flag football a sanctioned varsity sport in all six New England states, your commitment and advocacy are key.

We're proud to have you on this journey and look forward to working together to create lasting impact and equal opportunity for women in sports.

Sincerely,

**Andre Tippett** 

Executive Director, Community Affairs Patriots Hall of Fame '99 Pro-football Hall of Fame '08 College Football Hall of Fame '21



As mentioned, each <u>**NEW**</u> team that has registered for 2026 will have access to design and order girls flag football uniforms through Nike. We are asking teams that participated in the 2023, 2024 and 2025 seasons to use their uniforms that they created in previous years, as you would for your other high school sports.

New teams will be able to design a set of embellished flag football tops and set of embellished flag football bottoms; each team will be allotted \$2,500.00 to complete their order.

- 1. Each new team will be sent a check from the New England Patriots Foundation for \$2,500.00, that is designated for girls flag football uniforms.
- 2. Each team should have their head coach login to niketeam.com using their Nike+ account, or by registering as a new user.
- 3. Please contact myniketeam@nike.com with questions and cc: KobyP@kraftse.com.
- 4. Please use uniform top SKU # HF7149; alternate jersey style SKU # DJ6142
- 5. Please use uniform bottom SKU # HF7152

<u>Please order uniforms as soon as possible to ensure that you have them in time for the</u> season.

#### **FAO**

- Turn Time: Embellished: 10 business days + transit
- Niketeam.com transacts from ATP only, no backorders

# Flag Football Equipment

**New teams** will be sent flag football kits. Kits will be sent to the head coach and address that is listed on the Sports Connect website PGHSF.org. Schools that participated in last years season are expected to utilize the USA Football kits they received last year.

Please provide your school's shipping address to Koby Porawski at KobyP@kraftse.com as soon as possible to receive your equipment kit in a timely manner

#### 2026 Patriots Ticket Raffle

Support Your Team - Win Patriots Home Game Tickets!

Each team participating in the 2026 Massachusetts Girls Flag Football season has the opportunity to raise funds by selling raffle tickets for a chance to win tickets to a 2026 Patriots home game.



# **How It Works**

- Each conference will receive one pair of Patriots home game tickets to raffle off.
- All money raised goes directly to the team to support essential needs like:
  - o Transportation fees
  - o Officials' fees
  - Coaches' stipends

#### Key Dates & Requirements

- Deadline to participate: Teams must notify their conference heads and league co-chairs whether they will participate no later than April 13, 2026.
- Raffle ends: June 30, 2026
- After the deadline, teams will submit their raffle sales to their conference heads, who will draw one winner per conference.
- Winners will be contacted by Patriots staff with ticket details.

# 2026 Girls Flag Football Regular Season

For any information regarding the scheduling, gameplay, or anything else regarding 2026 regular season, please contact our Massachusetts Girls High School Flag Football Committee, consisting of:

- Co-Chair: Jeff Johnson at Jeff@playfuturegen.com
- Co-Chair: Jack Reed at reed.jack@hotmail.com
- Northeast Conference: Amanda Alpert at <a href="mailto:alperta@chelseaschools.com">alperta@chelseaschools.com</a>
- Central/West Conference: Steve Kendall at <a href="mailto:skendall@asrsd.org">skendall@asrsd.org</a>
- Boston Conference: Shawn Polk at <a href="mailto:spolk@bostonpublicschools.org">spolk@bostonpublicschools.org</a>
- Merrimack Conference: Mike Nelson at <u>mnelson@glts.net</u>

# Thank you!

The New England Patriots Foundation

