

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.

More details on uniforms and kits 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



Nike Uniform

We are asking teams that participated in the 2023, 2024 and 2025 seasons to use the uniforms that they created in previous years, as you would for your other high school sports. Schools should plan to cover any costs of additional jerseys needed.

Flag Football Equipment

Schools that participated in last years season are expected to utilize the USA Football kits they received last year.

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 regular season 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:
 - Transportation fees
 - 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.
- Game date to be mutually agreed upon by winner and Patriots staff.



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 alperta@chelseaschools.com

• Central/West Conference: Steve Kendall at skendall@asrsd.org

Boston Conference: Shawn Polk at spolk@bostonpublicschools.org

• Merrimack Conference: Mike Nelson at mnelson@glts.net

Thank you!

The New England Patriots Foundation

