

Fall 2025 Girls' Flag Football Tournament Bulletin

MARYLAND GIRLS' FLAG TOURNAMENT FINALS – NOVEMBER 8, 2025 – M&T BANK STADIUM

GIRLS' FLAG TOURNAMENT SEMIFINALS – NOVEMBER 7, 2025 – M&T BANK STADIUM

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
August 13	First Practice Date	October 30-November 1	First Round & Region Quarterfinals
September 3	First Play Date	November 4-5	Region Semifinals & Region Finals
October 27	Last play date for seeding consideration	November 6	Team Tournament Roster Forms
October 28	Tournament seeding date	November 7	Tournament Semifinals
October 29	Last Play Date	November 8	Tournament Finals
October 29-30	County Championships		

I. General information

1. The state girls' flag football committee is the official governing body for the girls' flag football tournament. Plans for the tournament were formulated by the state girls' flag football committee and approved by supervisors of athletics from participating jurisdictions.
2. Participating school systems for the Fall 2025 season include: Baltimore City and Calvert, Charles, Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George's, and Washington counties.
3. Fall 2025 Maryland Rules:
 - A. Rules and regulations stipulated in the *NFHS Girls' Flag Football Rules Book* will be followed, with modifications outlined in the [2025 Maryland Girls' Flag Football Rules Summary](#).
 - B. Additional resources for coaches include:
 - a. [2025 Maryland Girls' Flag Football Rules](#) (full version)
 - b. [2025 Maryland Girls' Flag Football Rules](#) (abbreviated version)
 - C. Highlighted rule modifications and changes include:
 - a. Belts – the approved belt has 2 popping style flags, positioned on each hip. Color must be different than team shorts.
 - b. Timing – games will be two 24-minute halves with traditional stoppages beginning at and under 2-minutes in each half.
 - c. Penalties – see the resources in Section B above.
 - D. The official game ball is
 - a. Composite: [the Wilson GST Speedskin HEIR](#) Size: "Women's Official"
 - b. Leather: [Wilson GST Game Football](#) Size: "Youth"
4. Regular season policies and procedures:
 - A. Season Limitations – A maximum of 10 regular season games may be played, along with a county/conference championship game, which does not count for seeding in the postseason tournament.
 - B. Games postponed during the regular season shall be made up on the first available date and in the order originally scheduled to the extent possible. Subsequent games shall not be moved. Local supervisor(s) of athletics shall be consulted and will make final decisions on postponed games.
 - C. Tie-breaking overtime procedures are outlined in the NFHS Rules Book.
 - D. Timer and scorer: if there is a visible working scoreboard, it shall be used as the official clock.
 - E. During the regular season, each team will supply their game balls.

II. Postseason Tournament Entry

1. Schools choosing to enter the postseason tournament have the responsibility for reading and adhering to the applicable rules and regulations stated in the General Policies and Health and Safety sections of the [MPSSAA Fall Tournament Bulletin](#), as well as those appearing within this girls' flag football bulletin.
2. Eligibility rules for all participants are defined in MPSSAA bylaw .02, found in the current [MPSSAA Handbook](#).
3. Tournament Overview
 - A. Every school is automatically entered in the region tournament unless the state committee receives written notification to the contrary. Request for withdrawal shall be by letter signed by the school principal, sent to the local supervisor of athletics.
 - B. A team entry form utilized for the tournament semifinals, and finals must be filled out by teams winning their region final.
 - C. Each region will conduct a single elimination tournament, with the champion advancing to state play.

III. Region Tournament

1. Tournament Organization
 - A. The region director/host athletic director are responsible for the assignment of officials and the notification of schools as to the tournament bracket, site, and starting times.
 - a. The region director/host athletic director shall employ local officials to the game site, plus qualified adults as scorers and timers.
 - b. The region director shall inform the State Committee of the schedule established for competition.
 - B. The seeding meeting for bracket positions will take place Tuesday, October 28th via conference call. Tournament pairings will appear on the [Baltimore Ravens website](#) later that day.
 - a. Region directors will verify and submit to the state committee chair the official records of all teams for regular season games played through October 27.
 - b. All teams in each region will be seeded as determined by regular season winning percentage, excluding any city, county, or conference championship.
 - c. Teams with less than eight varsity games played will be seeded based on a regular season winning percentage using a divisor of eight games.
 - d. Ties among teams in a region will be first broken by head-to-head competition to determine the higher seed. This applies if all tied teams meet the criteria. If head-to-head does not break the tie, a coin toss will be used to determine the order of seeding.
 - e. The higher-placed team is defined as one who occupies the lower-numbered line position, (the favored position), on the bracket in any given round.
 - f. Teams are seeded into a 16-line region tournament bracket.
 - C. Pod Play
 - a. The region tournament will consist of pod play, with three/four teams playing two rounds at the site of the highest seed in the pod.
 - b. First Round and Region Quarterfinal games will be played at the sites of the top four seeds in the region bracket (October 30-November 1). Schedule:

SITE	#1 Seed	#4 Seed	#3 Seed	#2 Seed
First Round	#8 vs #9	#5 vs #12	#6 vs #11	#7 vs #10
Region Quarterfinals	#1 vs #8/#9 winner	#4 vs #5/#12 winner	#3 vs #6/#11 winner	#2 vs #7/#10 winner

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- c. Region Semifinal and Region Final games will be played at the site of the highest remaining team in the region tournament, among the four region semifinalists (November 4-5). The bracket will not be reseeded in the region tournament. Schedule:

Top Remaining Seed – Host Site

Region Semifinal Game #1

Region Semifinal Game #2

Region Finals – the winners of Game #1 & Game #2 play

- D. Unless a specific alternative plan has been approved, all teams in regional play will abide by the following guidelines.
 - a. All regional games will be played at the site of the higher seed throughout the tournament, in a pod structure, with two rounds played at the site of the highest seed in the region bracket.
 - b. If circumstances render a home site unplayable and the game is scheduled at any alternate site, the designated home team will remain unchanged.
 - c. The home team will wear dark colored uniforms.
 - d. During regional tournament games, the designated home team shall supply down markers.
 - E. The host school will determine game times, in alignment with local school system policies and procedures.
 - a. Rained-out contests must be played on the next available date, to ensure alignment with the tournament timeline.
 - F. The Girls' Flag Committee will approve for use only those sites that meet the criteria that follows. When a school cannot meet the game site criteria, the region director shall designate an alternate site after consultation with the local supervisor(s) of athletics.
 - a. Play must be on a regulation field, sized and marked as specified by NFHS Rules including marks for a team line.
 - b. There shall be a clearly defined spectator area. Spectators may not stand behind team benches.
 - c. Provisions should be made for adequate supervision and crowd control.
 - d. There should be the capability to control the gate.
 - e. Team benches should be provided.
 - f. For Region Finals and later rounds, the use of a public address system is recommended.
 - g. If at a neutral site, the school must be willing to host.
 - G. Local school districts will collect all revenue and pay all expenses. Site directors shall pay officials and required workers. When funds are not available, fees should be referred to the host district.
2. General Policies
- A. Individuals 7 years of age and older will be charged an admission of \$6. Admission procedures will comply with local school system accounting protocols.
 - B. Game scores should be reported to the region director immediately following the contest. Region directors should report the results to the state director.
 - C. Region champions will receive a team plaque and individual certificates.

IV. Maryland Girls' Flag Tournament

1. Tournament Semifinals

- A. The four region champions from each classification shall advance to the Tournament Semifinal round.
- B. The four region champions will be seeded 1-4 based on their regular season winning percentage used to seed each region. Ties among teams in the Tournament Semifinals will be first broken by head-to-head competition to determine the higher seed. This applies if all tied teams meet the criteria. If head-to-head does not break the tie, a coin toss will be used to determine the order of seeding.
 - a. #1 will play #4 and #2 will play #3
 - b. The winners of each game advance to the state finals.
- C. The Tournament Semifinal games will be played at 3:30, 5:00, 6:30 & 8:00 p.m. at M & T Bank Stadium in Baltimore. Specific times/matchups will be assigned by the state committee.

DATE	TIME	CLASS	SITE
Friday, November 7	3:30/5:00	2A-1A	M&T Bank Stadium (Baltimore, MD)
Friday, November 7	6:30/8:00	4A-3A	M&T Bank Stadium (Baltimore, MD)

- D. Postponements for the tournament semifinal games will be played the following day.
 - E. Each school participating in the tournament semifinals shall supply their own game balls.
 - F. Teams shall arrive at the game site dressed for participation.
 - G. The home team will utilize the sideline on the press box side of the stadium.
 - H. A three-person officiating crew and timer will be assigned to each tournament semifinal contest.
- ##### 2. Maryland Girls' Flag Tournament Finals
- A. The winners of the Tournament Semifinal round shall advance to the Tournament Finals.
 - B. The Finals will be played at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore, MD.
 - a. Directions to M&T Bank Stadium
 - C. Game times for the Finals at M&T Bank Stadium on Saturday, November 8, are as follows:
 - a. Class 2A-1A 5:30 p.m.
 - b. Class 4A-3A 7:30 p.m.

DATE	TIME	CLASS	SITE
Saturday, November 8	5:30	2A-1A	M&T Bank Stadium (Baltimore, MD)
Saturday, November 8	7:30	4A-3A	M&T Bank Stadium (Baltimore, MD)

- D. In the event of an unforeseen conflict, the tournament finals will be played at a member school site determined by the state committee.
 - E. Three officials and a timer will be assigned for each game.
 - F. Each school participating in the tournament finals shall supply their own game balls.
 - G. Teams shall arrive at the game site dressed for participation. Locker rooms will be provided.
 - H. There will be a formal introduction of teams prior to the start of each game. Check with the site director upon arrival to determine the procedure. Teams will also line up following the game. Coaches should keep their teams together and make their spectators aware of the ceremony. Spectators should remain off the field where the ceremony will take place.
- ##### 3. General Policies
- A. No admission will be charged at M & T Bank Stadium
- ##### 4. Region champions will be asked to complete a Media Information Form and bring the requested copies to the Tournament Semifinals.

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5. A total of 35 members of the official girls' flag football party will be admitted free – only players, coaches, managers, and athletic trainers.
 6. A maximum of 25 cheerleaders from each of the participating schools will be admitted free of charge only if they are in complete uniform and accompanied by a coach.
 7. The championship team and the finalist team will each be presented with a team plaque and 35 individual awards.
 8. The use of noisemakers and other distractions that disrupts the orderly progress of the game, (i.e., use of whistles or horns that are similar to those used by officials), are prohibited.
 9. Signs will be permitted for display on the sidelines only. Those signs must be stationary, self-supporting and should display a positive support of the school. Signs may not be carried through the spectator area as a means of taunting others. Faculty members of participating schools are expected to enforce this regulation. Derogatory or obscene signs will be confiscated.
 10. Coaches must remind their teams, parents, and spectators that no alcoholic beverages (or nonalcoholic substitute) are permitted on the state tournament property.

Projected Girls' Flag Football Championship Dates					
2026	TBD	2027	TBD	2028	TBD

STATE GIRLS' FLAG FOOTBALL COMMITTEE AND REGIONAL DIRECTORS ARE LISTED ON THE BALTIMORE
RAVENS WEBSITE AT:

<https://www.baltimoreravens.com/fans/rise/girls-flag/>

2025 Girls' Flag Football Classification Alignment

Class 4A-3A West			Class 4A-3A North			Class 4A-3A East			Class 4A-3A South		
1	Gov. Thomas Johnson	Fre	1	Western	Balt	1	Walter Johnson	Mtg	1	North Point	Cha
2	Urbana	Fre	2	Mervo	Balt	2	Bethesda-CC	Mtg	2	Parkdale	PG
3	Frederick	Fre	3	Digital Harbor	Balt	3	Winston Churchill	Mtg	3	Charles H. Flowers	PG
4	Tuscarora	Fre	4	Poly	Balt	4	Walt Whitman	Mtg	4	Duval	PG
5	Oakdale	Fre	5	Paint Branch	Mtg	5	Wootton	Mtg	5	Bowie	PG
6	North Hagerstown	Was	6	James H. Blake	Mtg	6	Richard Montgomery	Mtg	6	Eleanor Roosevelt	PG
7	South Hagerstown	Was	7	Springbrook	Mtg	7	Quince Orchard	Mtg	7	Northwestern	PG
8	Clarksburg	Mtg	8	Sherwood	Mtg	8	Gaithersburg	Mtg	8	Dr. Henry Wise	PG
9	Northwest	Mtg	9	Montgomery Blair	Mtg	9	Col. Magruder	Mtg	9	Bladensburg	PG
10	Seneca Valley	Mtg	10	John F. Kennedy	Mtg	10	Albert Einstein	Mtg	10	Suitland	PG
11	Watkins Mill	Mtg	11	High Point	PG	11	Wheaton	Mtg	11	Oxon Hill	PG
			12	Laurel	PG				12	Potomac	PG

Class 2A-1A West			Class 2A-1A North			Class 2A-1A East			Class 2A-1A South		
1	Williamsport	Was	1	Patterson	Balt	1	Largo	PG	1	Northern	Cal
2	Boonsboro	Was	2	Carver	Balt	2	Crossland	PG	2	Huntingtown	Cal
3	Smithsburg	Was	3	Dunbar	Balt	3	Fairmont Heights	PG	3	Calvert	Cal
4	Clear Spring	Was	4	Forest Park	Balt	4	Friendly	PG	4	Patuxent	Cal
5	Linganore	Fre	5	Edmondson/Westside	Balt	5	Central	PG	5	St. Charles	Cha
6	Walkersville	Fre	6	ACCE	Balt	6	CMIT North	PG	6	Thomas Stone	Cha
7	Middletown	Fre	7	National Academy Foundation	Balt	7	CMIT South	PG	7	McDonough	Cha
8	Brunswick	Fre	8	Frederick Douglas	Balt	8	International-	PG	8	Westlake	Cha
9	Catoctin	Fre	9	Reginald F. Lewis	Balt	9	International-	PG	9	LaPlata	Cha
10	Damascus	Mtg	10	Green Street Academy	Balt	10	College Park Acad.	PG	10	Henry E. Lackey	Cha
11	Poolesville	Mtg	11	Northwood	Mtg	11	Surrattsville	PG	11	Gwynn Park	PG
			12	Rockville	Mtg				12	Frederick Douglas	PG