

## Officiate Girls Flag Football

## 2025 Season Information for Officials

Girls flag football is one of the fastest growing sports across the country. In Minnesota we had a handful of schools participating in 2024. Now, with the help of the Minnesota Vikings, we expect upwards of 40 schools to have either a school sponsored or club team in the spring of 2025. With this expansion of teams and games comes a need for officials.

We are actively recruiting officials, especially women, to officiate high school girls flag football this spring. **The season is a four week regular season, starting Sunday, April 27th** with regular season games being played on Sunday evenings. Games are doubleheaders and officials can expect to work both games when assigned. The state tournament and championship will be held at TCO Performance Center on Saturday, June 7th.

No previous officiating experience, or football officiating experience, is necessary and there will be training provided prior to the season on Sunday, March 30th. **Officials will be paid \$75-\$80 per game**, and each game takes about 50 minutes to complete.

All rules and mechanics will be provided prior to the season. New officials will be paired with an experienced official for games. Regular season games will be officiated by two-person crews and post-games will be officiated by three-person crews.

## Uniform and Equipment Needed

- The MSHSL FB short sleeve shirt. If it is cold weather you can wear black long sleeves underneath or you can wear the MSHSL football long sleeve shirt, but you are not required to purchase long sleeve shirt.
- Black pants or shorts. If you already have football officiating pants, you may use those.
- Football officiating hat is optional. If you choose to wear one it should be black with white piping.
- Dark colored turf shoes or running shoes.
- A penalty flag
- Whistle and black lanyard
- Down indicator
- A timing device such as a watch for timing games, halftime, and timeouts.

(Note: there may be an opportunity for officials to purchase the necessary uniform and equipment as part of a package deal through a local supplier. If this becomes available, information will be sent out to officials.)

If you have questions or are interested in getting on the officials roster and being informed of training and assignments email Jeron Schmidt at jeron.schmidt@gmail.com by March 1.