

# Padded Flag FAQs

## **What is the difference between Flag, Padded Flag and Tackle Football?**

Flag football is typically zero contact and no pads.

Padded flag football has limited contact. All unnecessary physical contact MUST be avoided but there still will be contact through blocking. No tackling is allowed, we want to keep the kids on their feet as much as possible. This is fully padded, they use all the same equipment as tackle, however players still use flags to “tackle.” **Padded Flag is an 8 vs 8 player league.**

Tackle football is fully padded, full contact & tackling players to the ground. **Tackle is 11 vs 11 player league.**

## **Do padded flag players get the old left-over equipment?**

Absolutely not. All equipment is fully certified in accordance with NOCSE guidelines. The equipment is the same if the player is registered for padded flag or tackle.

## **Is blocking and hand checking allowed?**

Yes. Players can be skill positions and linemen.

## **Is there a weight limit to carry the ball?**

No. No tackling means no weight limit.

## **How many kids on a team?**

We want to keep all teams as small as possible to maximize the playing time. This is an 8 vs 8 player league. Team sizes will depend upon registration numbers.

## **How are teams split?**

By numbers and ability. We want even numbers and even talent teams. This will be done with the assistance and guidance of the board as well as coaches during the first week of practice.

## **Is this an in-house league?**

No. Our plan is to play teams in the Badger East Youth Football League that also offer padded flag.

## **Who will coach padded flag?**

We will be interviewing coaches the same as we do for the tackle program. All coaches will be required to be approved by the McFarland Youth Football board, pass a background check and then be USA Football Certified. They will also have to follow our overall Coach's Code of Conduct.

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## **What type of Offense and Defense will be run?**

Coaches will have full access to McFarland High School football coaches, and will begin to implement the high school playbook, with room for adaptations as necessary. The emphasis is on keeping things simple, developing fundamentals, and having fun.

## **What are the field dimensions?**

40 yards long and 30 yards wide.

## **Where will we play our home games?**

We will play on Bill Rice Field, at Lloyd Schneider Stadium – aka the High School Stadium

## **When does the Season start?**

Practices will begin mid-August.

## **What are game times?**

This is up to the host location and depends on field as well as official availability. Many locations play in early to mid-afternoon 1:00pm, 2:00pm starts. Home game weekends, we will try to have game times precede or follow 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade games depending upon field availability.

## **When will practices be and where will they be held?**

This will be determined by the coaching staff and impacted by their availability; however, an ideal practice schedule would be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings. Practices will be held at the Waubesa Intermediate School (WIS) field.

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