

Unified Flag Football Timeline

2025-26 Season



3-4 Months Before Competition

Coaches Training

- Complete all AIA requirements for Coaches' Clearance per Article 17 of the AIA Bylaws & Constitution.
 - For an outline of all training and certification requirements specific to high school Unified Sports coaches, please visit www.aiaonline.org/sports/unified
- Complete all district/school requirements for Coach's Clearance per district policy
- If needed, complete Unified Badminton Coaches' Training
 - Contact Thomas Miranda at Thomas@SpecialOlympicsArizona.org if you need to be trained

Equipment List

- Suggested equipment includes:
 - Intermediate One – piece three flag (youth football)
 - Mouthpiece

2-3 Months Before Competition

Meetings

- Attend **MANDATORY** Coaches Meeting
 - o **Wednesday, August 13th @ 4:00 PM**
 - Registration Link: <https://specialolympicsarizona.zoom.us/meeting/register/TJHLiCGpSe-hasnywr-HhA>
- Contact other schools to schedule regular season matches and the District Flag Football Tournament
- Hold a Parent Meeting

Collect Required Paperwork

- Athletes & Unified Partners must complete:
 - AIA Annual Pre-participation Clearance Packet
 - o Part One – Annual Preparticipation Physical Evaluation (Form 15.7-A).
 - o Part Two – Annual Preparticipation Physical Examination (Form 15.7-B).
 - o Part Three – Annual Preparticipation Acknowledgement (Form 15.7-C).
 - o Part Four – Consent to Treat Form (Form 15.7-D)
 - o Part Five – Unified Sports Participant Release (Form 15.7-E).

Practice

- Begin Practice (Must hold eight practices, at least 60 minutes in length)
 - Practice 1
 - Practice 2
 - Practice 3
 - Practice 4
 - Practice 5
 - Practice 6
 - Practice 7
 - Practice 8

2 Months Before Competition



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Regular Season Contests

- Compete in a minimum of two regular-season matches against two schools

Forms to be completed:

- SOAZ will send out Area/Sectionals Registration Paperwork
 - Teams must attend Area/Sectionals to qualify for the state tournament
- Request Transportation at your School

1 Month Before Sectionals

Forms to be completed

- Complete and Submit Area/Sectionals Competition Paperwork

Competition Dates

Regular Season Matches / District Tournament

- #1 _____
- #2 _____

2025 Sectionals (Qualification) Tournament

****Schools can attend the Sectionals Tournament, regardless of their school location.****

- **Thursday, October 30th**
 - 8:30 am - 1:30 pm
 - Youngker High School

2025 AIA State Championship

- **Thursday, November 13th**
 - 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
 - Estrella Foothills High School