

# 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](http://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](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup> @ 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 30<sup>th</sup>**
  - 8:30 am - 1:30 pm
  - Youngker High School

### 2025 AIA State Championship

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