



2021 FLAG FOOTBALL AND SOCCER LEAGUE INFORMATION SHEET



THIS SHEET CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DATES ABOUT OUR FLAG FOOTBALL PROGRAM. PLEASE READ ALL THE INFORMATION.

Thank you for choosing to participate with us at First Baptist. We hope you enjoy this season and it will be a positive experience for your family. If we can be of any assistance to you or minister to you or your family in any way, please do not hesitate to call.

Team evaluation is a process by which our coaches try to evaluate a player's ability in order to divide the teams as fairly as possible. This is not a tryout. Unless you contact our office in advance, **failure to be present for your evaluation time may result in your cancellation from the league.** In case of an emergency and you cannot be here, you need to contact our office at 596-4108. At least one parent of every child participating needs to be present.

The following chart will let you know when you are to be present.

<u>LEAGUE</u>	<u>EVALUATION DATE</u>	<u>Last name starts with</u>	<u>TIME</u>
FLAG FOOTBALL 1 st - 7th Grade	Thurs., Aug. 19 th - field # 3	A – I	6:45 pm
		J – Z	7:00 pm
SOCCER K4 – 5 th Grade	Thurs., Aug. 19 th – field #5	A – I	6:45 pm
		J – Z	7:00 pm

Come dressed to play in athletic wear and cleats. We will be running each player through a series of basic drills in order for the coaches to make an evaluation. In case of bad weather, please call the Sports Information Hotline at 699-4448 before you assume that the evaluations have been canceled.

The evaluation process should last no more than 1 hour. After this, the coaches will contact you by August 29th as to what team you are on and when you will practice. If you have not heard by that date, please contact our office.

Each team will play eight games. Game times will rotate during the day on Saturday. Rain-outs may also be made up on weekdays when possible.

Practice days and times are Monday, Tuesday or Thursday at 5:30 or 6:30 p.m. If you cannot practice at one of these times, you must mark that information on the conflict line of your registration form ON or BEFORE your evaluation date.

Practices will begin the week of August 30th. Practices are limited to 1 hour in length and the times and days are dependent upon the coach. All practices and games will be held at the FBC ballfields located at 3060 Huntington Dr, Spartanburg, SC 29302.

The registration fee for Flag Football covers a jersey, shorts, flag belt, referees & awards. Players must furnish their own mouthpiece and shoes. The registration fee for Soccer covers the jersey, shorts, socks, referees & awards. We suggest you wear rubber-molded cleats. Steel cleats are not allowed in any league. First Baptist Church will supply all the balls and field equipment that will be needed for practices and games. Players are encouraged to bring a water bottle (with his/her name on it) with them to games and practices.

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Please be advised that in order to instill Christian values and good sportsmanship, we have instituted a rule that reads: "Any coach or player that makes a comment to a referee or about his officiating will automatically be ejected from the game and must leave the church grounds." We hope parents and spectators will also abide by this rule.

First Baptist Church of Spartanburg offers a supplemental insurance policy for each participant for an additional fee. The coverage is good until August 31, 2022, and is the only coverage that we offer.

IMPORTANT DATES

First GameThursday, September 18th
Picture DaySaturday, September 25th

CONCESSION STAND

Our concession stand will be open during games. Food items include *Chick-fil-A* biscuits, sno-cones, chips, candy, and other items. Drinks include Gatorade, soft drinks, coffee, and water

COACHES

If you or someone you know is interested in being a coach or an assistant coach, please contact our office as soon as possible or sign up online at www.fbs.org/football. A coach must be a Christian, 18 years or older (except for junior coaches), and willing to view flag football as a means to minister to children and their families rather than a competitive sport. Coaches must attend our training meeting.

REFEREES

The Recreation Ministry strives to secure and train qualified men and women to serve in the capacity of an official. If you would like to be a referee, please contact our office before August 29th. A referee must complete a training course as well as training with other officials during a real game. Qualifications include being a Christian, basic knowledge of the game, a willingness to help players learn, and a heart for the Lord and His children.

PRAYER MINISTRY

If you would like to be a part of our prayer team that prays daily for the players, the coaches, and their families, please call our office. Also, if you have prayer requests during the season, please take the time to fill out the card located at the concession stand and drop it in the prayer request box.

Directions to FBC Ballfields

From the church, take Union St. (Hwy 56) south.
Remain on Hwy 56 as it becomes Cedar Spring Rd. (Cross over 295 by-pass)
Just past the SC School for the Deaf and Blind turn left at the traffic light at the intersection of Carolina Country Club Rd.; Go to the stop sign at the bottom of the hill continue straight up the hill (this is Huntington Dr.) - Ballfields will be on your left

RECREATION STAFF

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If you have any questions, please call us at 596-4108.