



# PYSA

## TACKLE FOOTBALL TEAM FORMATION GUIDELINES

### PYSA ELIGIBLE TACKLE PARTICIPANTS

To be eligible for participation in the Prosper Youth Sports Association (PYSA) tackle football program, **all players must meet at least one of the following criteria:**

A. **School Attendance:**

The player is currently enrolled in and attending a Prosper Independent School District (PISD) campus;

**or**

B. **Residential Zoning:**

The player's primary *legal residence* is located within Prosper ISD attendance boundaries.

\*TYFL recognizes players that are ISD eligible. Therefore, no players that are eligible to attend other TYFL ISDs are allowed to play on a PYSA tackle team.

\*PYSA is not allowed to accept players from those ISDs under any circumstance unless the participants qualify as noted above.

### POTENTIAL DIVISIONS

- 2nd Grade
- 3rd Grade
- 4th Grade
- 5th Grade
- 6th Grade

The PYSA Tackle Commissioner will create grade pure teams that will compete in the grade pure division. As of 2026, TYFL no longer recognizes combo teams (3/4 and 5/6).

## TEAM FORMATION PROCESS

2026 tackle players that desire to return to their prior season's tackle team are allowed to do so provided that the team qualifies as a "Returning/Legacy Team". Any such "Returning/Legacy Team" is identified as a team that has 10 or more players from the prior season that formally elect to return to the team for the upcoming season (this does not include new players added to the roster). In that case, the team would be categorized as a "Returning/Legacy Team". As a "Returning/Legacy Team", the Head Coach is allowed to accept requests by qualified players to be included and added to the base of their existing Legacy team. Incoming flag teams do not qualify as a "Returning/Legacy Team".

Returning head coaches must submit their proposed roster by Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. The proposed roster should include the players that confirmed they intend to return as well as any players that have indicated a preference to play with the "Returning/Legacy Team" that the Head Coach has **mutually accepted**.

Players may request to play for a certain Head Coach. However, the only way in which PYSA will recognize such a request is if the Head Coach of such team has officially notified the PYSA Tackle Commissioner that such player is qualified to be added to the roster. The PYSA Commissioner will notify the head coach confirmation if such a request is made outside of the Head Coach's initial roster submission prior to registration.

If at the end of registration PYSA deems that there aren't sufficient players on a "Returning/Legacy Team" to compete in the TYFL, then PYSA will address the deficiency by forming teams for each applicable division whether it is at the division. The PYSA Commissioner will determine the size of the rosters for each team/division provided that the size is within the TYFL guidelines. After registration is completed, PYSA will attempt to balance the roster sizes of any teams within the same division provided that there are draft eligible pool players that aren't previously committed to an existing team within that division. Teams are typically rostered to 18 players, any addition roster spots after that is at the coach's discretion but needs commissioner approval.

The PYSA Commissioner will assign draft pool players to teams that do not have a sufficient number of players. PYSA will make every attempt to level the playing field to based on the following:

- Eligible to carry ball or not (weight limit restriction)
- School attended (will make every attempt to add to team with other teammates in same school)
- Experience

**Under no circumstances are coaches permitted to host tryouts.** PYSA is structured to ensure that all athletes have the opportunity to participate in tackle football regardless of skill level or experience. Any activity where athletes are evaluated for the purpose of being selected, excluded, or "cut" is strictly prohibited.

Any coach found to be hosting, advertising, or participating in a tryout will be subject to **disciplinary action as determined by the PYSA Board of Directors**, up to and including suspension or removal.

## RECRUITING, TRY-OUTS & SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

PYSA is a **non-recruiting youth football organization**. Team formation is designed to provide equitable access to participation and a positive development experience for all athletes.

- **There are no tryouts** in PYSA tackle football.
- Coaches, assistant coaches, parents, or team representatives **may not host, advertise, organize, or conduct tryouts**, evaluations, or “invite-only” practices for the purpose of selecting or excluding athletes.
- **Recruiting players is strictly prohibited**, including but not limited to direct outreach, third-party communication, or informal efforts to persuade athletes to join a specific team.
- **Social media posts, group messages, emails, or online communications** that promote or encourage athletes to join a particular PYSA team are not permitted.
- Team-related communications may only occur **after rosters are officially approved** by the PYSA Tackle Commissioner.

Any team or coach found to be hosting, advertising, or participating in a tryout or recruiting activity will be subject to **disciplinary action determined by the PYSA Board of Directors**, which may include suspension, removal from coaching duties, or additional sanctions.

## POACHING PLAYERS

In alignment with PYSA's non-recruiting policy, coaches may not actively pursue players currently or previously rostered to another PYSA team. Transparency is paramount between coaches and the PYSA Tackle Commissioner and coaches are encouraged, if pursued by a player's family, to reach out to the commissioner and other coach to confirm that they have in fact spoken with their previous coach to let them know that they would like to play for a different coach. All coaches are expected to ask any families/parents who approach them if they in fact already spoken to their previous coach. This should be done before discussing adding the player to their roster for the upcoming season.

## KEY DATES

### **BEFORE REGISTRATION OPENS:**

Head coaches are required to have sent out an email requesting each player's intention as to whether they plan to:

- A. Elect to Return to Prior Season's Team
- B. Elect to Play on a Different Team (if available)
- C. Elect to Not Play PYS A Tackle
- D. Elect to Play PYS A Flag

No response confirmed by the head coach 7 days after the email is sent will eliminate A (referenced above) as an option for that player going forward.