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Dear Biddeford Recreation Flag Football Families:

Football season starts later this month and we can't wait for fall sports! We are sharing this informational update with reminders to make sure everyone is prepared for the season and ensure the best experience for your child!

**Rosters:** Many variables are considered when determining teams to keep them balanced, and we thank you in advance for understanding that we are unable to take teammate requests or accommodate switching now that teams have been finalized. You will receive an email from Biddeford Recreation letting you know what team your child is on and instructions on how to access their schedules.

**Pre-K and Kindergarten Division Schedule:** As we have evaluated registrations for this brand new program, Pre-K & Kindergarten have been combined to help improve the experience and will now meet Saturdays **at** St. Louis field at 11:00am. Season Dates are September 13th, 2025 through October 25th, 2025. No football on Saturday, October 11th.

**Grades 1-3 Practice Info:** starts the last week of August, start date noted below. To accommodate school open house schedules and families who are on vacation, the first practices of the season are treated like pre-season – it is ok to miss these sessions or arrive late if needed! First practice will be Tuesday, September 2nd. Practices will be Tuesdays & Thursdays from 5:30pm – 6:30pm at Mayfield Baseball Middle Field.

**Games for Grades 1-3 Divisions:** games are anticipated to be scheduled mid-week. We will attempt to keep the schedule to Tuesdays & Thursdays and avoid play on the weekends that conflict with soccer. We will add those schedules to your child's roster under Team Info following the regional community meeting, typically held at the end of August.

**Fall Sports Picture Day:** Picture Day will be on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Doran Field. Players will have photos taken by Joe McKenney Photography. Please look for separate updates later this month about Picture Day with the team schedules and photo ordering information.

**Equipment Needed:** Cleats and mouth guards are recommended for 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

**Volunteer Coaches:** Our youth sports program rely on team volunteers and if you are available to volunteer as a coach this season, please includes this during your child's registration. Teams in Grades 1-3 must have a coach in place to start the season. If you did not initially sign up and would like to help, please contact Biddeford Recreation Sports Coordinator Mike Fecteau at <a href="mike.fecteau@biddefordmaine.org">mike.fecteau@biddefordmaine.org</a>. We will provide a coaches handbook and can supply practice plans. Thank you for supporting our programs!

**Cancellations:** practices and games may be impacted by weather throughout the season. Weekday practice cancellations are typically determined by 3:00PM and weekend cancellations are typically determined that morning. Updates are posted as an alert at <a href="https://www.biddefordrec.com">www.biddefordrec.com</a>. Whenever possible, we may also email or text schedule changes, so please make sure your contact information is current in your Biddeford Recreation household account online. Facebook will not be used to post schedule updates this season.

**Questions?** Please email Biddeford Recreation Sports Coordinator Mike Fecteau at mike.fecteau@biddefordmaine.org or Tyler Stewart at tyler.stewart@biddefordmaine.org

Thank you for taking the time to read through this! We look forward to a great football season and will see you all on the fields this fall!

Sincerely,

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