

Spencerport Athletic Department

**Flag Football Pilot
Spring 2022**



Why Flag Football?

The intent of the Athletic Departments previous three year growth plan was to expand opportunities for students in traditional and non-traditional sports. Currently, Spencerport offers three unique sports that are male dominate and they include football, wrestling, and ice hockey. There are two different seasons of cheerleading that are predominantly dominated with female participation. Girls Flag Football has the potential to equal the balance of athletic offerings and provide opportunities to a section of our student population interested in this sport. Football has a profound impact on the climate and culture of the school district in the fall and Flag Football has the potential to offer something similar in the spring.

Student Voice:
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Student interest meeting held in October 2021



Timeline

- September: Pilot Opportunity in partnership with the Buffalo Bills, New York Jets and New York Giants shared by NYSPHSAA. Officials Rules issued to Athletic Offices.
- October: Interest meeting held at High School; schools complete interest form from Buffalo Bills
- October: Bills will contact schools who will be offered Grant award
- November: Schools will commit to pilot program

Participating Schools in Section V

Section 5 – Buffalo Bills (8 schools)

Destiny Christian School
Rochester Academy Charter School
James Monroe Upper School
Edison Tech
Eastridge High School
Canisteo-Greenwood
Irondequoit High School
Spencerport High School



Timeline

- November – March
 - Coaches Trainings and meetings, Officials Trainings & Scheduling Meetings
- February: NYSPHSAA Announces Pilot Opportunity on Feb. 2, National Women in Sport Day
- April: First day of Practices - April 4
- April: First game - April 27
- June: Culminating event



The Rules:

The NYSPHSAA Has issued a 13 paged document outlining the officials rules for the 2021-2022 Pilot Season.

- **Roster & Athletes**
 - Games will consist of a 7 vs. 7 line up
- **Field Size & Equipment**
 - Minimum 40 yards; schools may use regulation size field
 - High School Football Field full field for our contests: HS Stadium
 - Youth Size Football
 - Certified Flag Belts for all athletes



The Rules Continued...

- **Length of Play**
 - 48 minutes total
 - Two 24-minute halves, 5-minute halftime
 - Overtime rules apply
 - Extra Point: 1 pt. from the 3-yard line, 2 pts. from the 10-yard line, or 3 pts. from the 20-yard line
- **Game Play Overview**
 - Four Downs to pass zone-line-to-gain or end zone
 - All players are eligible to catch a pass
 - When the flag is clearly taken from the runner in possession of the ball, the down shall end.





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We would like to sincerely thank the Board of Education for your support in providing this opportunity for our students!

