



MCPS ATHLETICS

Girls' Flag Football Schedule Overview

Fall 2024

Following is an overview of the girls' flag football schedule for Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS).

Divisions

Divisions are based on geography and traditional rivalries. Divisions are named in honor of the groundbreaking efforts of our student-athletes with bringing girls' flag football to MCPS, along with the inspiring, historical accomplishments of female athletes - Trailblazers, Innovators, Dreamers, and Pioneers.

Trailblazers	Innovators	Dreamers	Pioneers
Montgomery Blair	James Hubert Blake	Bethesda-Chevy Chase	Clarksburg
Albert Einstein	Gaithersburg	Winston Churchill	Damascus
John F. Kennedy	Col. Zadok Magruder	Walter Johnson	Northwest
Richard Montgomery	Paint Branch	Quince Orchard	Poolesville
Northwood	Sherwood	Walt Whitman	Seneca Valley
Rockville	Springbrook	Thomas S. Wootton	Watkins Mill
Wheaton			

There will be a varsity team champion in each division. The champion will be the school with the best win/loss record against all division opponents. In the event of a tie, the team that has defeated the team(s) with which it is tied will be the champion. If there is still a tie, there will be co-champions. Each division champion will receive a trophy.

Schedule Highlights

The first three weeks of the season will consist of non-division showdowns between each division as follows:

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Trailblazers vs Innovators Dreamers vs Pioneers	Trailblazers vs Dreamers Innovators vs Pioneers	Dreamers vs Innovators Trailblazers vs Pioneers

Weeks 4-8 will consist of division play. All teams play at least 8 regular season games; 4 schools play 9.

Rivalry Week - Week 7 - each team will play an historical rival during the week of October 14-19, 2024.

Opening Day Play Dates and Celebrations

Opening Day will be Wednesday, September 4, 2024. All teams will participate in opening day ceremonies, with 24 schools playing 12 games at 4 host sites as follows (Northwood has a bye, but will participate in the ceremony at Richard Montgomery):

Host Site	Richard Montgomery	Wootton
3:30 - Game #1	Sherwood at Rockville	Poolesville at Walter Johnson
5:00 - Opening Day Ceremony		
5:45 - Game #2	Springbrook at Einstein	Northwest at Quince Orchard
7:00 - Game #3	Gaithersburg at RM	Clarksburg at Wootton

Host Site	Paint Branch	Seneca Valley
3:30 - Game #1	Kennedy at Blake	B-CC at Damascus
5:00 - Game #2	Wheaton at Magruder	Whitman at Watkins Mill
6:15 - Opening Day Ceremony		
7:00 - Game #3	Blair at Paint Branch	Churchill at Seneca Valley

The staggered opening day ceremonies allow for Ravens and Commanders personnel to transition between sites, as needed.

Scheduling

As part of the pilot season, games are scheduled at a variety of times. There are some instances when girls' flag games will be played as part of a doubleheader with tackle football games. Some games will be played along with other sports such as field hockey and soccer. Some games will be played as standalone games.

Spectator Admission

Admission will be charged for girls' flag games, similar to other stadium sports.

County Playoffs

The county tournament will be played following the regular season as follows:

1. The top four teams in each of the four divisions will qualify for the county postseason tournament (total of 16 teams). Ties will be broken using MPSSAA tiebreaking procedures as outlined in the [MPSSAA Fall Tournament Bulletin](#).
2. The 16 teams will be seeded in one bracket by overall regular season winning percentage. Ties will be broken using MPSSAA tiebreaking procedures as outlined in the [MPSSAA Fall Tournament Bulletin](#).
3. The top four teams (seeds 1-4) will host the first two rounds of the tournament, which will be conducted on the same day at each site.
4. The four site winners will advance to the county semifinals. Semifinalists will be matched-up based on their seeding (highest will play lowest).
5. The county semifinals and finals will be conducted at a predetermined site.
6. The team that wins the semifinals and finals will be crowned the county champion.
7. Sites and dates will be confirmed based on facility availability and in coordination with state competition.

State Competition

Information regarding potential state competition will be communicated when confirmed.

Season Timeline

Following is the season timeline. Postseason dates will be communicated when confirmed.

Date	Who	Notes
August 14, 2024	All	First Day of Fall Sports Practices/Tryouts
August 17	Scrimmages Allowed (for teams that start on August 14)	Scrimmages allowed on Day 4
Week of September 4	Week 1	Opening Games - central site(s) Ravens promotions Media day
Week of September 9	Week 2	
Week of September 16	Week 3	
Week of September 23	Week 4	
Week of September 30	Week 5	
Week of October 7	Week 6	
Week of October 14	Week 7	
Week of October 21	Week 8	
Week of October 28	MCPS County Playoffs	Could extend into the following week
Week of November 5	TBD	State format not determined

Promotions

MCPS will utilize the following platforms to promote the sport, build excitement, and capture key moments in history:

- Schedule release video
- Uniform unveiling promotions
- Opening day promotions
- Public Information Office - media promotions
- Social media
- Sports Insight
- Ravens & Commanders promotions