DCGFFL Spring Fling Tournament 2021

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

* How many games will we play, when, and where?

Pending receipt of permits, on Saturday and Sunday morning to mid-afternoon at Carter Barron fields. The first weekend will consist of 2 to 3 games for placement, and the second weekend will consist of a single elimination bracket, with the amount of games dependent on the number of teams fielded and how much your team wins.

* What’s the timeline for playing?
* April 20-27 - Registration period
* April 28 (Weds) - Captain selection and QB/Captain Pairing
  + Due to the abbreviated season and tight schedule, Captains and QBs will be paired by the Board selecting the most fair one of three random draws as was done historically for many seasons.
* April 29 (Thurs) and May 1 (Sat) - New Player Workshop
  + New players must attend a new player workshop to complete registration.  Veteran players are also invited to attend to shake off the rust!
* May 5 (Weds) - Draft
* May 6 (Thurs) - Virtual Team Announcement Party
* May 15 (Sat) - Pod Play Part 1
* May 16 (Sun) - Pod Play Part 2
* May 22 (Sat) - Single Elimination Tournament Part 1
* May 23 (Sun) - Single Elimination Tournament Semis/Finals
* What protections are in place to ensure player safety?

The DCGFFL has developed COVID-19 Player Safety Protocols based on CDC guidelines and the positive experiences of the New York and Denver gay flag football leagues in Fall 2020.  Players will be required to comply with these player safety protocols and will sign a statement and waiver to that effect. See separate document “DCGFFL COVID-19 Gameplay Guidelines.”

* How big will teams and the bracket be?

The 180 survey responses suggest roughly 100-150 participants, with 11-13 players per team, this would result in 8-12 teams, subject to application by sufficient numbers of quarterback and captain volunteers.

* How are teams selected?

During registration, you can sign up to be a captain or a quarterback, which are the leaders of each team. The DCGFFL Board selects captains, which then pair with quarterbacks and form teams using a round robin draft process (akin to the NFL) which is done to ensure teams are evenly and fairly matched. Every player who registers and pays the registration fee will be selected on a team. This season the draft will be held virtually, and team rosters will be announced at a virtual team announcement party.

* What’s the cost and what equipment do I need?

Registration cost: $30

Equipment *YOU* must provide: shorts with no pockets (required), cleats and football gloves (highly recommended), face coverings

Equipment the DCGFFL provides: flag belts, jersey, and field markers

Equipment team quarterbacks must provide: football

* What social events can we expect?

Due to current restrictions, it is not expected that official social events will be held, except as may be organized informally by each team. It is recommended that any team interactions be limited to outdoor activities and with small groups in accordance with CDC guidance.

* Do I need to be a football star to play?

No, all participants are invited, ranging from varsity footballers to people who have never played football to play! All LGBTQ+ athletes and allies are welcome. As the league motto says, “get off the bench and get in the game!”