



Special Olympics Florida Sunshine Bowl

Flag Football Division Descriptions

The Sunshine Bowl Flag Football Tournament is a 6 v 6/5 v 5 competitive experience. Teams are allowed up to 12 players and guaranteed three games played where the pros play at Raymond James Stadium, home to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Divisions

Heroes (Law Enforcement/Military/Fire/EMS (6 v 6)): Our Military and first responders play in a friendly competition. Players must be current or retired LE/Military/Fire/EMS who play on a semi-regular basis or have limited organized football experience.

Recreation (6 v 6): Enjoy competition with other flag football teams playing to win! This division consists of players with a mixed level of playing skills. Some teams may play on a semi-regular basis or have limited organized football experience.

Corporate (6 v 6): Do you think your company is the best? Prove by engaging in a friendly competition. All players must be actively employed with the corporation/ organization. This division consists of players with a mixed level of playing skills.

High School Boys (6 v 6): This is a great opportunity for high school boys to hit the field and play for a purpose. The minimum age for this division is 15 and all players must be currently in high school.

High School Girls (6 v 6): Girls flag football has really taken off in recent years. Put your skills to the test and see who can walk away as champions of the first-ever girls high school division for the Sunshine Bowl. The minimum age is 15 for this division and all players must be currently in high school.

Unified (5 v 5): An inclusive sports program that combines an approximately equal number of Special Olympics athletes (individuals with intellectual disabilities) and partners (individuals without intellectual disabilities) on teams for competition.

Please note that based on the sign-up of teams, we may combine divisions as needed to ensure all teams are given an equal opportunity and 3 guaranteed games. Any changes in divisions will be communicated in advance. Brackets and schedules will be sent to captains no later than 2 weeks prior to the tournament.