



Santa Barbara Friday Night Lights

SPRING 2020 FAQ / SOLD OUT

When does the season start?

Spring 2020 Season is set to run from February 28th - May 8th. Eight games plus playoffs. (No games on March 27th Spring Break Friday). End date of May 8th is subject to change due to reasons stated below**)

When are the games?

Games are always on Friday nights unless there are field closures and/or other conflicts. Some games may take place on Thursdays and/or Sundays due to a myriad of reasons. **** (i.e. weather, SBCC conflicts, Parks & Recs request, poor air quality, field conditions...etc)** In general, the younger divisions play earlier and the older kids play later. First round of games may start at 4:15pm. Games run about an hour.

When will my child have practice?

Practice day/time is completely up to your coach. However each team may only practice once a week, usually for about an hour. Most practices will be around 4:00 or 5:00 pm. Most coaches and teams do not have access to fields with lights.

Where are the games?

Games are played at Dwight Murphy and Pershing Park.

What equipment do I need?

Cleats, mouth guard, solid colored shorts (same as the rest of the team) with no pockets or stripes/designs. *Optional* FNL shorts (\$20) are available for purchase through your coach!

Can I volunteer to coach or be an assistant coach?

YES! Just email us your contact information to santabarbarafnl@gmail.com

Can I request a friend to be on my team?

You may request as many friends as you would like, however, friend requests are not guaranteed. **Keep in mind there can be no more than (5) kids on any team from the upper grade in any division.** For example, in our 5th/6th grade division, your team can only have a max of (5) 6th graders.

Can I request a coach?

Yes but as with requesting friends, again there are no guarantees. We will always do our best to honor all requests.

How can my Kindergartner play for free?

As part of our launch of the new, very FUN kinder division, FNL will provide **free** registration for the first (6) complete teams that register for our Spring season by **December 15th**. Teams must have a min of 6 / max of 8 players all enrolled in Kindergarten. Complete teams must have a head coach upon registration. Prior to signing up, the head coach must email FNL a list of the team players (*name, school and birthdate*) to: santabarbarafnl@gmail.com. Once confirmed, the coach will be provided a discount code that his/her players will use to register. All kindergarten teams must have a team sponsor confirmed by January 1st. Kinder division will play 8 min. quarters and only 6 league games. Games will be played during early, first rounds on Friday night. Individual kindergartners may sign up and request to play with friends and classmates and will be placed on additional teams at \$180 registration fee.

How much does it cost?

\$180 Kindergarten Division Only: November 15th - December 31st.

\$215 Early Registration November 15th - November 30th

\$230 General Registration December 1st - December 31st

\$280 Late Registration begins January 1st.

Is the uniform provided?

Yes, each player will receive a FNL Jersey, belt and flags.

Are there playoffs?

Kindergarten teams do not participate in playoffs. All other divisions participate in our single elimination playoff tournament right after the regular season concludes.

When will I hear from my coach?

Coaches will get their rosters late January or in early February and will begin contacting players soon thereafter. If you haven't heard from your coach by Feb 14, 2020 please email santabarbarafnl@gmail.com

How do I sign up?

You can sign up by going to www.santabarbarafnl.com and clicking on the registration tab.

Can my child play if he gets injured and is wearing a cast?

No.

What is the team sponsor fee?

Instead of raising the cost of registration, our business sponsors help offset the numerous expenses of running the league. FNL will never require parents to sell raffle tickets, referee a game, donate to a silent auction or set up a field. Instead, FNL hires people to do this and pays every referee! All we want our FNL parents to do is pull up a chair and watch their kid play flag football on Friday nights. Every team in FNL is required to secure a team sponsor. Coaches will ask all of the team parents to reach out to at least 1 local business or vendor to sponsor the team. FNL is a non profit and provides the sponsor with a TAX ID # that will provide a 100% tax deduction. If no one on the team wishes to secure a sponsor, then the families can together sponsor the team and split the \$275, which would cost approximately \$30 per family. We always want to keep our registration costs low and our parent requirements to a minimum.

How are sponsors recognized? Sponsors are recognized on our website for a minimum of 6 weeks and we put out an all-league email listing all sponsors and asking for league members to patronize them. Sponsors also get social media posts through Instagram and Facebook. On site and additional online opportunities are available on our website. FNL sponsors will also receive a plaque at the end of the season.

Are you, or your business, interested in becoming the title sponsor for Santa Barbara Friday Night Lights? There are only a couple of opportunities available each year for businesses that would like more exposure to our FNL families. Our youth sports audience is available throughout the Spring, Summer and Fall. Onsite sampling & couponing, social media marketing, naming rights, field signage and exposure to over 1600+ FNL friends and families from Goleta to Montecito. For more information, contact FNL at: (805) 980-1801 or [**santabarbarafnl@gmail.com**](mailto:santabarbarafnl@gmail.com)

