

MANATEE PAL "THUNDERCATS"

2027 NFL FLAG FOOTBALL

Registration for the Manatee PAL THUNDERCATS NFL FLAG 2027 Winter Season is set to begin SUNDAY November 1, 2026.

The 2027 THUNDERCATS Winter league consists of 4 playing divisions, **8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U**. The **Winter 2027** season falls within the **2026 youth football age guidelines** and uses the **July 31, 2026**, cutoff date for athlete's birthday. **THE PLAYER'S AGE ON JULY 31, 2026, WILL BE THE PLAYING AGE FOR THE 2027 NFL FLAG WINTER SEASON**. Pre-season camps will be conducted to determine player's individual skill levels. All players are urged to attend as many camp days as possible to be properly evaluated. Players will be placed on teams at the conclusion of the preseason camps. Spots are limited, so registrations are accepted on a 1st come 1st serve basis. **PLEASE REGISTER "ONLINE" EARLY**. Coaches will be permitted to bring in their own team should they choose. **All Teams MUST have a minimum of 6 players and a maximum of 10 players.**

*** LEAGUE GAMES ARE PLAYED ON TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY NIGHTS***

<u>ALL DIVISIONS</u>			
<u>Divisions</u>	<u>Age on July 31, 2026</u>	<u>Preseason Camp Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>
14U	13 – 14 Years Old	Jan 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, and 20, 2027	630pm – 830pm
12U	11 – 12 Years Old	All Players are Issued NFL FLAG Game Jersey and Shorts	
10U	9 – 10 Years Old		
8U	6 - 8 Years Old		

A **\$75** player fee will be due upon submission of the "ONLINE REGISTRATION". Parents must create a **SPORTS CONNECT** account through the PAL Website then register the player in the appropriate age group. **(manateepal.org)**

Click on **PROGRAMS** then scroll down to **2027 NFL FLAG Registration (web link)**. Hover over **REGISTRATION INFO** then click on **Available Program**.

(NO REGISTRATION FORMS ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAID FEES)

VOLUNTEER COACHES are needed for all divisions, so anyone interested is asked to contact Deputy Ralph Bryant (941) 747-3011 ext. 1191 or (941) 737-7861. Background screenings are a **MANDATORY REQUIREMENT** for ALL Manatee PAL and NFL FLAG FOOTBALL Coaches.