2027–28 PLAYER & PARENT AGREEMENT PROPOSED

Competitive travel program · 10U, 12U, 14U and High School · 2027–28 season

PROPOSED — NOT YET IN EFFECT. Published for families to review. Terms, fees and dates may change before 2027–28 registration opens, and only the final version included in the 2027–28 TeamLinkt registration will apply. Families registered for 2026–27 remain under the terms they accepted at registration.

This agreement is between Tennessee STARS Flag Football ("TN STARS" or "the Club") and the athlete and parent or legal guardian who sign below. Once adopted, it applies when a family accepts a 2027–28 competitive roster position and stays in effect for the whole season. It works together with the Terms and Conditions and Refund Policy accepted at registration in TeamLinkt and with the TN STARS Athlete and Parent Codes of Conduct. Where this agreement and an accepted registration term address the same subject, the term that gives the family more protection applies.

1 Season commitment

- Accepting a roster position is a commitment to the **entire season**, not month to month. Season fees are a full-season fee; any monthly payment is an installment of that fee, not a membership charge.
- **2027–28 season (proposed):** August 1, 2027 through May 31, 2028. Teams that qualify continue playing through the end of the NFL FLAG season, including the NFL FLAG Championships.
- Leaving the team, stopping attendance, removing a card on file, or asking a coach to cancel does not end the commitment or the remaining balance.

2 Fees and payment

Item	Terms
Season fee	**$1,100** per athlete, all divisions (proposed; same as the 2026–27 fee). The final 2027–28 fee is published on tnstarsflag.com/fees and in the TeamLinkt registration form before tryouts.
Payment schedule	**Half the season fee is due when the roster position is accepted.** The other half is paid in equal monthly installments on the 1st of each month, with the **final installment due no later than November 1**. Families may also pay in full at acceptance.
Payment-processing fees	Charged by the payment processor at checkout, separate from the season fee, and not refundable.
Travel and personal costs	Not included: hotels, gas, flights, meals, personal gear (cleats, mouthguard, gloves), spirit wear and optional training. Each family pays its own.

The fee covers the full uniform kit, team tournament and event entry fees, player insurance, coaching, strength and conditioning with our training partner, fields and facilities, equipment, and the registration and team-communication platform. These costs are committed for the full roster before and during the season.

3 Late payments and account standing

- An account is **past due** when any amount is not received by its due date.
- **14 days past due:** a **$10.00** late fee is added automatically.
- **More than 45 days past due:** the athlete is suspended from all team activities (practices, games, tournaments and tournament rosters) until the account is current, and a **$50.00** reinstatement fee applies.
- A returned or reversed payment (insufficient funds, closed account) carries a **$25.00** fee.
- An unpaid balance from a prior season must be paid before an athlete may register, try out or be rostered for a new season.
- Disputing or charging back a payment for fees that are owed under this agreement does not cancel the balance, and the athlete is treated as past due until it is resolved.

4 Withdrawal, refunds and release

- **In writing only.** Withdrawal and refund requests must be sent in writing through tnstarsflag.com/contact (or to the program email on the registration confirmation). Telling a coach is not a withdrawal. The Club normally responds within 10 business days.
- **Nonrefundable once paid or committed:** tryout and registration fees, deposits, the at-acceptance payment, uniforms, equipment, player cards, league and tournament fees, travel expenses and payment-processing fees.
- **Voluntary withdrawal:** amounts paid are generally nonrefundable and the remaining season balance stays due. The Club may reduce it only if the roster spot is filled by another qualified player, the Club actually avoids costs budgeted for the athlete, or the Club approves a documented medical, relocation (more than 50 miles) or serious family hardship exception. Any reduction is based on costs actually avoided and is not guaranteed.
- **Release to another program:** before the Club releases an athlete or signs off on a roster transfer to another team, the account must be paid for the full season and current on any other amounts owed.
- **Removal:** no refund is ordinarily issued when an athlete is suspended, dismissed or released for unpaid fees, repeated absences, misconduct, rule violations or conduct that threatens others' safety. If the Club releases an athlete for any other reason, it will give a fair prorated refund or cancel unpaid installments, less costs already incurred for that athlete.
- **Club-canceled activities:** if the Club cancels a substantial part of the season without a reasonable replacement, families receive a prorated credit or refund after nonrecoverable costs. Single events canceled for weather, facility, league or opponent reasons do not qualify.
- Nothing in this agreement limits rights that cannot legally be waived.

5 Discounts and assistance

- **Sibling discount:** families with three or more athletes registered in the same competitive season receive **5% off the season fee for the third athlete** (and each additional athlete).
- **Need-based assistance:** limited assistance toward the season fee is available by request through tnstarsflag.com/contact. It never covers travel, personal gear or processing fees. Families receiving assistance must stay in good standing: Codes of Conduct, attendance, and payment of their share on time.
- **Long-term injury or illness:** an athlete who cannot take part in any team activity for more than 45 consecutive days may request that installments for that period be waived, credited or adjusted. Submit the request in writing with a statement signed by the athlete's physician.

6 Playing time, team placement and attendance

- Paying fees does not guarantee playing time, position, starting status, team assignment, coaching assignment, tournament selection or advancement. Coaches decide these based on development, attendance, effort, conduct, team needs, safety and competition, and playing time is measured across the season, not game by game.
- Disagreement with a coaching or placement decision is not grounds for a refund.
- Practices and team events are expected. Report any absence to the coach in TeamLinkt as early as possible. Unexcused absences can affect playing time and tournament rosters, and repeated absences can lead to removal.

7 Communication and concerns

- Schedules, changes and team messages come through TeamLinkt. Families are expected to keep notifications on.
- **24-hour rule:** wait 24 hours after a game or event before raising a concern, and never raise it at the field or in front of athletes.
- **Concern pathway:** (1) talk privately with the head coach; (2) if it is not resolved, write to the Program Directors through tnstarsflag.com/contact with the athlete's name, team, a description of the issue, the steps already taken and a proposed solution; (3) the Directors may meet with everyone involved. The Directors' decision on coaching and placement matters is final.
- Conduct concerns about a coach, staff member, volunteer, athlete or parent go directly to the Program Directors. They may be reviewed and acted on under the Codes of Conduct.
- Avoid "reply all" and group-chat debates about team decisions. Speak for your own family.

8 Athlete safety (zero tolerance for abuse)

- TN STARS has zero tolerance for physical, sexual or emotional abuse, bullying, harassment and hazing, including between athletes. Anyone who knows of misconduct and does nothing is also in violation.
- Tennessee law requires **every adult** to report suspected child abuse. Report to local law enforcement and the Tennessee Department of Children's Services (1-877-54ABUSE / 1-877-542-2873), then notify the Program Directors. Concerns may also be reported to the U.S. Center for SafeSport at uscenterforsafesport.org. The Club does not retaliate against anyone who reports in good faith.
- Coaches complete background screening and abuse-prevention training and follow two-deep leadership: no adult is alone and out of sight with an athlete who is not their own child.
- **Supervision:** do not drop an athlete off before a coach is present, and pick her up on time. Tell the coach if you will be late.
- **Health and concussions:** parents disclose medical conditions, allergies and emergency contacts. Under Tennessee law, an athlete with a suspected concussion is removed from play and may not return until a licensed health care provider clears her in writing. Athletes and parents sign the concussion information forms each season.

9 Electronic communication and social media

- Coaches communicate with athletes through TeamLinkt or group messages that include a parent or another adult. No private one-to-one direct messages, and no Snapchat or other disappearing-message apps.
- Coach-to-athlete messages are sent between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., except for game-day or travel logistics.
- A parent may ask in writing that the Club not contact the athlete directly, or not post the athlete's photo online. The Club will honor these requests.
- Players, parents, coaches and staff represent TN STARS online. Do not post content that disparages teammates, coaches, opponents, officials or the Club, or that shares an athlete's personal information. The Club may remove comments or block users on its pages, and violations are handled under the Codes of Conduct.

10 Travel

- Families arrange and pay for their own transportation and lodging. Carpools are encouraged; the athlete's parent confirms the driver is licensed and insured.
- A coach who is not the athlete's parent does not drive alone with an unrelated athlete.
- Overnight: athletes stay with their own parent or guardian, or with an adult the parent has named in writing. Coaches do not share a room with an athlete who is not their own child. Athletes 12U and younger are with an adult at all times; older athletes move in groups of three or more in public areas.
- Athletes follow the team itinerary, check-in times and hotel rules, and stay with the team unless a parent has made other arrangements with the coach.

11 Roster integrity, recruiting and guest play

- During the season, a rostered TN STARS athlete may not play for another flag football travel team in a tournament or league without written approval from the Program Directors, and NFL FLAG roster rules may also apply.
- Coaches, parents and athletes may not solicit or recruit TN STARS athletes to another program during the season, or offer free or discounted fees, gear or playing time to do so.
- Coaches may not require paid private training or use it in any team decision. TN STARS does not set fees for or receive money from private training.

12 Uniforms, name and logo

- TN STARS uniforms are worn only at Club-approved games and events. Nothing may be added to a uniform without Director approval.
- The TN STARS and Tennessee STARS names, logos and marks belong to the Club. They may not be used, printed or sold without written permission, and uniforms may not be used to present another team as a TN STARS team, during or after the season.
- Team sponsorships, advertising and fundraising go through the Club and need Director approval.

13 Photos and media

As accepted at registration, TN STARS may use photos and video of athletes taken at public team events on its website and channels. Athletes are not named without a parent's permission, and location data is removed. Parents may opt out in writing at any time (see section 9).

14 Conduct and discipline

- Athletes and parents follow the TN STARS Athlete and Parent Codes of Conduct, which are part of this agreement. No alcohol, tobacco, vaping or drugs for athletes at any time, and none for adults at team events.
- Violations may lead to a warning, a parent meeting, suspension from games or events, removal of the parent from Club events, or dismissal from the program, depending on how serious and how repeated the conduct is. Removal for conduct does not reduce the season balance (section 4).
- Payments, fundraising and sponsorships do not exempt anyone from these standards.

15 Acknowledgment and signatures

By signing, we confirm that we have read this Player & Parent Agreement, the Athlete and Parent Codes of Conduct, and the Terms and Conditions and Refund Policy accepted at registration; that we understand the season commitment and fee terms; and that we agree to follow them. The registration waiver, authorization and indemnification stay in effect. Tennessee law governs this agreement.

Athlete name (print)	Age group / team
Athlete signature	Date
Parent or guardian name (print)	Phone
Parent or guardian signature	Date
Second parent or guardian signature (optional)	Date

This is a proposed agreement. Do not sign it until the final 2027–28 version is issued with registration. Turn in the signed agreement to your head coach at the first practice, or upload it with your TeamLinkt registration. Questions: tnstarsflag.com/contact.