

NFFLA Travel Program "One Atlanta"

FAQs

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Who is eligible to participate in the NFFLA Travel Program?

Anyone who has played at least 4 games in the most current or prior NFFLA season and is in good standing with the league. Some exceptions can be made by appeal to the NFFLA due to injury, relocation, team needs, etc.

Who runs the NFFLA Travel Program?

The NFFLA Board along with the Travel Team Governance Committee (TTGC). The Board appoints the TTGC. The TTGC acts as the General Manager of the Travel Program.

What is the vision of the NFFLA Travel Program?

The Travel Program serves as an extension of the league's mission, with an emphasis on building teams to compete at the highest level in their respective divisions. We aim to select players who represent the best of the NFFLA with teamwork, talent, sportsmanship, and inclusivity. The leaders and players embody a **"One Atlanta"** mindset where we work together to support the overall success of all of our travel teams.

How are team captains selected?

Each year around February/March, the Assistant Commissioner issues an application for team captains to serve for a tournament cycle. The NFFLA Board vets candidates and then the TTGC selects the captains.

The NFFLA tournament cycle includes Pride Bowl in June, Gay Bowl in October, with the option to continue with Sunshine Cup the following February. If the captain of a team chooses to end their service after Gay Bowl, then the TTGC will seek to fill the captain position for that team, for Sunshine Cup only. Filling that position will be based on feedback from player surveys (which include a section for players to nominate captains). If there is no clear nominee from the surveys, the TTGC will interview candidates to fill the position.

All captains will need to reapply for the next tournament cycle.

When is Sunshine Cup 2024?

February 15-19, 2024. Tournament play will take place on Saturday, February 17 and Sunday, February 18th at Central Broward Park and Stadium.

How are teams selected?

There are no official tryouts for Sunshine Cup. Team captains, across all teams, work together to assemble their rosters based on who filled out the Interest Form and the needs of the team.

If I don't get drafted for Sunshine Cup, can I still try again for other tournaments?

Absolutely. Teams are selected on a per tournament basis.

When will I find out if I got drafted?

Team captains will announce teams as they are finalized. We will try to have rosters finalized within 1 week of closing the Interest Form.

What is the practice obligation?

Practices are generally on Sunday mornings from 10am - 12pm. However, team captains may offer an additional weekday practice when possible.

Proposed practice schedule:

December 3, 10, 17
January 7, 14, 21, 28
February 4, 11

It is highly encouraged to attend at least 70% of practices.

Can I attend the tournament as a fan and NFFLA supporter?

Yes! We would love to have you there.

How many teams will you take to Sunshine Cup?

It depends on how many people fill out the Interest Form. We plan to take 5 teams - 3 Open Division teams and 2 Women's+ division teams. We will take all five teams if we have enough interest to fill a competitive roster for each team.

Is the competition similar to league play?

The tournaments are higher intensity in both competition and physicality.

Am I guaranteed equal playing time at the tournaments?

It is not guaranteed. However, travel captains make an effort to balance playing time while putting the team in a position to compete at their best. Captains try to select players they know will get to play.

Do I need to sign up for a particular team?

No. Team captains work together to draft players to the teams on which they will fit best. You may indicate your preference on the Interest Form. Sharing your preferences does not guarantee that you will be placed on any specific team.

How many new players does each team draft?

It varies. Team captains try to assemble competitive teams. A competitive team needs a mix of experienced players, position specific players (QB, safety, etc.), and athletes who simply fit the team culture who can play multiple positions.

Each team captain evaluates those needs and tries to assemble a team that will be both fun and competitive.

Unfortunately, we cannot draft everyone, but we are trying to build the program to include more teams across all divisions.

How much does it cost?

Cost varies per tournament. Below are some typical costs ranges (for economy style travelers):

Registration: \$85 - \$115

Practice Facility Fee: \$30 - \$50

Uniform/Custom Flags: \$100

Flight: \$200 - \$400

Accommodations: \$150 - \$300

Ride Share/Car Rental: \$50 - \$100

Food: varies

Anticipate \$700 - \$1,000.

Do the teams stay together at the tournaments?

Sometimes. There is no host hotel for Sunshine Cup. It is difficult to get an airbnb for an entire team. Players tend to link up with people who share similar sleep schedules and interests in the local scene. Players can stay where they want. Team captains help facilitate when needed.

How many nights do people stay at the tournaments?

It varies. We recommend arriving the day before the tournament at the latest. Some players arrive a couple of days in advance to tour the host city.

Please reach out to the Assistant Commissioner of the NFFLA for further questions.