

Gay Bowl - Austin

Frequently Asked Questions

When is Gay Bowl Austin?

October 31 - November 3, 2024

<https://ngffl.org/gaybowl>

How are teams selected?

Team captains work together to assemble their rosters based on who filled out the Interest Form and the needs of their team. Deadline to fill out the form is July 31st.

The draft for travel teams is a multi-day process that requires captains to collaborate to build all One Atlanta rosters.

Do I need to tryout for a team?

Our travel team captains believe that league play is the best way to determine if/how a player fits on their team. However, we are offering a Player Showcase on Sunday, July 21st from 10am-12pm at Anderson Park, 120 Anderson Ave NW, Atlanta, GA 30314

The Player Showcase is a time for newer league members to meet our travel captains and veteran travel players. This will include drills and a scrimmage. Everyone interested in attending Gay Bowl Austin is invited to participate. Attending the Player Showcase is helpful, but not mandatory in order to be selected to a team.

If I don't get selected for Gay Bowl, can I try again for other tournaments?

Absolutely. Teams are selected on a per tournament basis.

When will I find out if I got selected to one of the teams?

Team captains will announce teams as they are finalized. We 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 additional weekday practices when possible.

Proposed practice schedule:

August: 11, 18, 25

September: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

October: 6, 13, 20, 27

Players interested in Gay Bowl need to commit to a minimum of 7 Sunday practices. Commitment to practice will impact the draft and playing time.

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

Yes! We would love to have you there. We had a big turnout for Pride Bowl Chicago and it was really fun for the players and fans. We have affectionately dubbed our fans the "Queerleader Squad." We are working on fan apparel.

How many teams will you take to Gay Bowl?

It depends on how many people fill out the Interest Form. We anticipate 1-2 Open division teams and 1-2 Women's+ division teams.

Please note that the NFFLA has changed our league division name from Women's+ to WTNB (Women, Transgender, and Non-binary). The name has not been changed at the national level. Teams will compete in either the Open Division or Women's+ Division at Gay Bowl.

Is the competition similar to league play?

The tournaments are higher intensity. Expect 4-6 very physical, very intense games over a 2-3 day period.

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. Attendance to practice will also impact playing time.

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. It is a starting point for team captains.

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.

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. 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.

Gay Bowl Austin has a host hotel with discounted rates. Use this link to reserve your room.

<https://book.passkey.com/event/50843846/owner/50320471/home>

This is all the information we have right now. If more info comes out from Gay Bowl, we will let you know.

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.