



ODFL New England GM / Franchise Agreement Contract

Article I – Purpose

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish the responsibilities, commitments, and financial obligations of each GM/Franchise within the ODFL New England for the 2026 season.

Article II – Divisions of Play

Each GM/Franchise agrees to field teams in one or more of the following sanctioned divisions: 8U (Optional) , 10U, 12U, 14U, 15U/9th Grade (Optional)

Age Cut July 1st 2026 - National Sports ID

Article III – Financial Commitment

1. Franchise Fee: A one-time organizational franchise fee of \$4200.00 is required.
2. Payment Schedule (2026 Season):

November 8, 2025

- GM/Franchise Agreement submission due.
- Registration officially opens.
- Deposit 25% (\$1,050) of total balance due to ODFL.

December 31, 2025

- Second payment of 75% (\$3,150) of total balance due to ODFL.

Submission of the following

- Practice field, tryouts, and workout information.
- Coach certifications & National Sports ID compliance. (January 1 2026)
- Franchise home game dates (4 submitted / minimum 2 awarded).

Article IV – Season Timeline

February 1, 2026

Official first day of preseason workouts (no football equipment).

March 1, 2026

Official first day of season practices:

Day 1: Helmets only

Day 2: Helmets only

Day 3: Uppers (helmets + shoulder pads)

Day 4: Uppers

Day 5: Full pads

Day 6: Full pads

Day 7: Open day (available for joint practice)

- ***April 5, 2026*** : League Jamboree (TBA).

- ***April 12, 2026*** : Regular season begins (Schedule TBA).

- ***May 24, 2026*** : Semifinals (TBA).

- ***May 31, 2026*** : Championship (TBA).

Article V – Responsibilities of the GM / Franchise

1. Ensure compliance with ODFL bylaws, rules, and regulations.
2. Provide proper equipment, certified coaches, and safe playing conditions.
3. Submit and maintain all required documentation by established deadlines.
4. Promote sportsmanship, safety, and development for all participants.

Article VI – Enforcement & Termination

- 1. Failure to meet financial obligations or league requirements by stated deadlines may result in forfeiture of franchise rights.
- 2. The ODFL Executive Board reserves the right to revoke franchise membership due to violations of bylaws, misconduct, or non-compliance.

Article VII – Acknowledgment & Agreement

By signing below, the GM/Franchise acknowledges that they have read, understood, and agreed to all terms of this

Agreement and commit to the 2026 ODFL season under these conditions.

ODFL Representative:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

GM / Franchise Owner:

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____