

**WELCOME TO THE**



**PROVIDENCE**  
**GAY FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**PROUD MEMBER CITY OF THE NATIONAL GAY FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE**





## ABOUT US

Providence Gay Flag Football League (PVDGFFL) is Rhode Island's premier co-ed flag football league serving the LGBTQIA+ community. We are a **501(c)(3) nonprofit organization** dedicated to promoting competitive recreational football in a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment.

Our vision is to create a space where individuals—regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression—can participate in a casually competitive team sport, build community, and develop lifelong friendships. Players of **all skill levels** are encouraged to participate, play, and volunteer.

Beyond the field, PVDGFFL is committed to giving back through **education, outreach, volunteerism, and community service**, strengthening both our league and the broader community we serve.

Learn more at [www.pvdgffl.org](http://www.pvdgffl.org)

## MORE THAN A GAME

We play not only because we love flag football, but to foster community and camaraderie, actively engage in the Rhode Island community, and serve as visible role models for the next generation of LGBTQIA+ youth—promoting acceptance, pride, and self-confidence.

Through our league, we build bridges and break down stereotypes both within and beyond our community by creating a uniquely welcoming environment grounded in integrity, inclusion, and sportsmanship.

## NATIONAL VISIBILITY THROUGH COMPETITION

Founded in 2002, the National Gay Flag Football League (NGFFL) has grown to include active leagues in major cities across the United States and Canada, including Boston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver, Phoenix, Atlanta, Toronto, and New York. In 2018, Providence proudly became the **23rd expansion city** in the NGFFL. Today, the NGFFL proudly includes 28 member leagues across North America.

As part of the National Gay Flag Football League, PVDGFFL competes on a national stage alongside leagues in major North American cities. Our participation in nationwide tournaments—including **Pride Bowl** and **Gay Bowl**—offers sponsors exposure beyond Rhode Island through travel, media coverage, and cross-league engagement.





## COMMUNITY

Community is at the heart of our league—both on and off the field. Players, captains, referees, and fans are regularly engaged in social gatherings and community service initiatives that strengthen connections within and beyond the league.

PVDGFFL actively partners with local nonprofit organizations to provide meaningful volunteer opportunities, donating time and resources to improve the lives of LGBTQIA+ individuals throughout Rhode Island. We encourage all members to give back and to be visible, positive contributors to the broader community.

## 2026 BUDGET

Our league operates on an annual budget of approximately \$80,000, overseen by an all-volunteer board of directors. Player registration fees cover only 50% of total expenses, making sponsorships, grants, and private donations essential to our success.

Since our inception, we have been committed to keeping our league affordable and accessible to all. We proudly offer financial assistance to players in need and remain firm in our mission to ensure that no one is turned away due to an inability to pay.

## ACHIEVING OUR GOAL

We invite your business to become a partner in supporting Rhode Island's LGBTQIA+ community – and its allies - by helping to continue bringing inclusive flag football to the Ocean State and Southern New England. We cannot do this alone. Your support is essential to enabling our league to grow and thrive.

Running a league for more than **350 participants** quickly exceeds what player fees and seasonal fundraising events can cover. Our budget depends on the generosity of local and national sponsors who believe in our mission and impact.

With your partnership, PVDGFFL can continue making a positive difference in the LGBTQ+ community while promoting our league, the City of Providence, the state of Rhode Island, and Southern New England on a local and national stage.

## SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

Supporting PVDGFFL promotes equality, celebrates diversity, and expands access to athletic competition for LGBTQIA+ individuals who might not otherwise have the opportunity to participate.

Our league engages with **thousands of local community members** and connects with teams from across the country through the National Gay Flag Football League (NGFFL), which includes **3,000+ participants across 28 member cities**. PVDGFFL participants represent a diverse range of ages, ethnicities, backgrounds, and professions.

Sponsorship provides your business with meaningful exposure to an audience that is **highly engaged, tech-savvy, and travel-oriented**, and that actively supports companies demonstrating authentic commitment to LGBTQIA+ inclusion and equality.

Based on your contribution level, your logo and business information may be featured across:

- League jerseys and apparel
- Website and digital platforms
- Monthly email newsletters
- On-field signage and event materials

Our loyal players, fans, and supporters will recognize your business as a valued partner in building an inclusive and thriving LGBTQIA+ sports community. Your sponsorship brings us one step closer to making PVDGFFL a lasting staple of the Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Southern Massachusetts LGBTQ+ community.

## WE ARE A PUBLIC CHARITY

Providence Gay Flag Football League (PVDGFFL) is a 501(c)(3) public charity and a Rhode Island nonprofit corporation. Our federal EIN is 83-2192377.

All or a portion of your contribution may be tax deductible in accordance with IRS regulations. We recommend consulting your tax advisor to determine deductibility.

PVDGFFL will provide a written receipt for all contributions to support your tax filing and reporting requirements.

## SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

### Anchor Level | \$250–\$999

- Public recognition via **Instagram, X (Twitter), and Facebook**
- Listing in all *Rhody Huddle* email newsletters, reaching 900 current and former league members and supporters
- Featured in the sponsor section of our website

### Commander Level | \$1,000–\$2,499

*All Anchor Level benefits, plus:*

- Logo printed on **all team jerseys**
- Logo printed on **volunteer, captain, and director t-shirts**

### Admiral Level | \$2,500–\$4,999

*All Commander Level benefits, plus:*

- Logo featured on the **homepage** of our website
- Logo displayed on **on-field signage**

### Presenting Sponsor | \$5,000+

*All Admiral Level benefits, plus:*

- Logo printed on **league banners and travel team jerseys**
- On-site business promotion at league fields
  - **One week in Spring and one week in Fall**
  - PVDGFFL provides tents and tables
- Exclusive recognition as a **Presenting Sponsor**, alongside organizations such as the **6-time Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots** and **Providence G Pub**.



## SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

You can complete your sponsorship agreement and submit your donation **online** using a debit or credit card, checking account, or PayPal. Visit our website: [www.pvdgffl.org](http://www.pvdgffl.org)

If you prefer to submit a **paper agreement and check**, please contact us and we'll make arrangements.

## THANK YOU

We are deeply grateful to you and your business for supporting PVDGFFL. If you have other ideas for sponsorship or wish to donate an **in-kind gift**, we're happy to work with you to create a meaningful partnership.

### 2026 Board of Directors

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