



MUSKOGEE ATHLETICS



The Rougher Youth Sports Academy (RYSA) is a cooperation between the Muskogee Public Schools Athletic Department and the Muskogee Police Department to provide year-round recreational sports programs to the City of Muskogee's youth. This partnership will bring together both city and school officials to create an organized and dynamic mix of sports offerings.

Purpose

RYSA is created to help shore up a community need for effective youth sports programs. Providing highly organized and dynamic programming for elementary and middle age school students is a community service both Muskogee Public Schools and the Muskogee Police Department care deeply about.



Educating students as early as possible is a core component to providing a great academic education and the same is true for athletics. RYSA enables MPS to reach students beyond the classroom and help develop positive habits (health/wellness, social/emotional skills, character) as well as sport-specific skills at an early age and convenient location. Similarly, establishing early connections with constituents is a key component of policing the City of Muskogee. As Officers form bonds with Muskogee youth and their families, the lasting connections will help create and sustain positive relations between citizens and Officers.

Logistics

RYSA will offer a variety of programs throughout the school year to students in grades 4th-7th. More grades will be included in future leagues. Students from all over the Muskogee community, including other districts, are welcome to participate. The leagues will be facilitated with zero to minimal cost to Muskogee families. Practices will range from one to two nights per week.

Season	Sport	Dates	Game Location
Fall	Flag Football	Sept 21-Nov 2	7th & 8th Academy at Benjamin Franklin Fields
Winter	Basketball	Dec 7-Feb 29	Various (Includes Travel)
Spring	Soccer	Mar 21-April 25	7th & 8th Academy at Benjamin Franklin Fields

How to Get Involved

Registration forms can be picked up and submitted to any Muskogee Public School Office. Flag Football Registration is due by September 28. Volunteer Coaches and workers are needed. Please denote your willingness to volunteer on the Registration Form. Parent/Coach informational meeting will take place at the 7th & 8th Grade Academy at Ben Frankling at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 11. Contact Lou Dawkins at lou.dawkins@roughers.net or at 918-684-3775 for more information.

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