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Top 10 Announced for the 2026 Arizona High School Flag Football Player of the Year Award

Ten standout student-athletes advance in the selection process

SCOTTSDALE (November 23, 2026) — The Arizona Sports & Entertainment Commission (ASEC) and its managed entity, the Grand Canyon State Gridiron Club (GCSGC), have announced the Top 10 for the 2026 Arizona High School Flag Football Player of the Year Award. Selected from the previously announced Top 25, these honorees take another step toward the award recognizing Arizona's outstanding high school girls' flag football player.

The Top 10 represent eight schools across Arizona. Each athlete earned a medallion during the season and now joins a select group recognized for the impact she has made on the field. This announcement celebrates the work behind those performances and the families, coaches and teammates who have supported these athletes along the way.

Campo Verde and North each have two honorees advancing, while Chaparral, Corona del Sol, Eastmark, Highland, Palo Verde and Salpointe Catholic each have one. Together, the honorees reflect the talent contributing to Arizona's girls' flag football community.

2026 Top 10 Honorees

Listed alphabetically by first name, down each column.

Honoree	School	Honoree	School
Amaya Moreno	Campo Verde	**Kendyll Dinh**	Chaparral
Avyanna Buchanan	North	**Lacie Nemchick**	Highland
Caleena Blackburne	Palo Verde	**Mikaela Oberstein**	Eastmark
Isla Collins	Salpointe Catholic	**Sofia Villone**	Corona del Sol
Jaiyana Bogan-Jacobs	Campo Verde	**Xxylina "X" Flores**	North

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About the Arizona High School Flag Football Player of the Year Award

Introduced by the Grand Canyon State Gridiron Club in 2024, the Arizona High School Flag Football Player of the Year Award annually recognizes the state’s top girls’ flag football player. Weekly medallions honor outstanding individual performances during the season.

About the Grand Canyon State Gridiron Club

The Grand Canyon State Gridiron Club (GCSGC) is Arizona's leading advocate for high school football, dedicated to recognizing the state's top student-athletes. The club presents the prestigious Ed Doherty Award to the most outstanding prep football player at the end of each season, and in 2024 introduced the Arizona High School Flag Football Player of the Year Award, now given annually to the state’s top girls’ flag football player. Through these initiatives, the club celebrates individual athletic, academic, and leadership achievements, promoting Arizona’s rich football tradition on a national stage.

About the Arizona Sports and Entertainment Commission

The Arizona Sports & Entertainment Commission (ASEC) is a non-profit organization created in 1988. The commission collaborates with hundreds of partners to help fulfill the mission of bringing national and international sporting events to the state; assisting in the promotion of existing events and Arizona sports teams; providing volunteer recruitment and organization for large-scale sporting events; and developing youth sports programs. In 2009, it assumed oversight of the Arizona Sports Hall of Fame, and in 2012, the Grand Canyon State Games and the Lori Piestewa National Native American Games. The ASEC was also the founding organization and owner of the 2015 NOVA Home Loans Arizona Bowl. The commission is also co-owner and strategic partner for Section 7, one of the most prestigious boys' and girls' high school basketball recruiting events in the country. For more information on the ASEC, please call 480.517.9700 or visit www.azsportsent.com.

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