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## Introduction to Formations

All offensive plays start from a formation that dictates where all five players line up prior to the start of the play. Our flag football playbooks focus on various formations, including spread, trips, stack, doubleback and single-back. There are always adjustments and changes a coach can make to these plays (including sending a player in motion), however it is important when coaching young players that you focus more on basic fundamentals of the game and less on complicated formations and motions. Teams that do just a few things very well will be more successful than teams that do many things less than well.


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## PLAY-CALLING

When calling an offensive play in the huddle, give the formation first, then the play. Example: "Split Back Right End Around" would refer to a Split Back Right formation and the End Around play.

Note: Play names included in this playbook are suggestions. Feel free to adapt the play names to fit your needs and the mental capacity of your players. USA Football recommends picking a few plays that your team can run well rather than implementing the entire playbook.

| $=$ quarterback | $-=$ athlete's intended movement |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\square=$ center | $\cdots=$ movement with the football |
| $\mathrm{O}=$ handoff | $\mathrm{O}=$ running back or wide receiver |

## Split Back Right

Two running backs line up next to each other and behind the quarterback; the receiver is right of the center.
i. Lead

ii. Trail


Split Back Right
(continued)
iii. End Around

iv. Reverse

v. Boot Left Ladder


Split Back Right
(continued)
vi. All Out

vii. Boot Right Cross

viii. Boot Right Wheel


## Strong Right

The running back is lined up to the right of the quarterback with one receiver on each side of the center.
i. Reverse Fake

ii. Reverse


Strong Right
(continued)
iii. Boot Right Ladder

iv. Boot Left Cross

v. Oppo


## Strong Right

(continued)
vi. RB Choice

vii. QB Choice

viii. " X " Under


## I Formation

A running back lines up behind the quarterback with one receiver on each side.
i. QB Throwback

ii. RB Choice

iii. RB Pass

iv. Fake Reverse

v. Right Reverse


I Formation
(continued)
vi. Left Reverse

vii. All Out

viii. Cross



[^0]:    Note: Like play names, formations can be adjusted to fit your needs. For example, "Strong Left Twins Right" can refer to a formation in which two receivers are lined up to the right of center with the running back to the left of the quarterback.

