



MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

2008 Men's Touch Football
(Seven Players)

The season will start the week of August 18.

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** (applies to registration times)

Player's registration required for all teams: (Maximum of 20 players per team roster)

A team roster sheet must be filed with the MPRB before teams are eligible. Roster sheet must be filled out completely with signature of both player and manager before being added to a league. The last day to add new players is FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2008

Teams that have not submitted their roster by their final registration date will be declared ineligible and dropped from the program as well as forfeiting their entry fee.

2. **DIVISION - CLASSIFICATION - ENTRY FEE:**

League Classifications:

Men's Touch: Teams in men's touch will play an eight (8) game schedule. (3 Officials). No playoffs. League champions and runner up will be awarded trophies.

Entries will be accepted in the following 8-team leagues. Games will be played at 6:30, 7:30 8:30 and 9:30PM

Tuesday

Class B – Parade Stadium

Thursday

Class B Touch - Nokomis

Class B Touch – Bossen

Wednesday

Class B– NEAF

***League classification is subject to change depending on team classification entries.**

TEAM ENTRY FEE: \$500.00 (3 Officials)

Entry Fee:

4. **REGISTRATION:** Check, Cash and Credit cards are accepted

Entries for the 2008 football season will be accepted and processed as follows: By mail, in person or over the phone. Please mail entries to or stop in at the MPRB Headquarters located at 2117 West River Road N., Minneapolis, MN 55411. Entries will be taken over the phone only when paying with credit card, please call 612-230-6495. Entries can be submitted between the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Registration Dates

- **July 28th – August 1st:** Teams desiring to play in the same league and classification as last year.
- **August 4th –8th:** Teams in last year's program that want to transfer leagues.
- **Start August 11th –15th:** New teams and late entries until league is filled.
- **August 11th-15th:** If vacancies exist for teams desiring to play a second night. Teams playing a second night must compete with same roster as first night.

Make check payable to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board; if mailed, forward with entry fee and team registration card to: Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, 2117 West River Road North, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55411.

5. CHAMPIONSHIP

In determining position in the league standings, a win will count as two points, a tie is one point, and a loss will be zero points. If two or more teams tie for a league championship, duplicate trophies will be awarded to each team. Class B leagues will have league championship and league runner-up trophies.

Tie Breaker with two teams
Head to Head during regular season
Fewest points allowed during regular season

Tie Breaker with 3 or more teams
Fewest points allowed during regular season

State Tournament Entry

Minneapolis teams desiring to enter the State Tournaments sponsored by the Minnesota Recreation and Parks Association must register with the MRPA.

Minnesota Recreation and Park Association (MRPA) – (763) 571-1305 ext. 106

6. GENERAL RULES: (Seven Players)

A. PLAYING FIELD AND EQUIPMENT:

1. The Playing Field: The field shall be divided into four equal zones by the twenty and forty yard lines. The latter shall be in the mid-field line. The end zones shall be ten (10) yards.
2. Equipment: No special equipment is required. Football, baseball and track shoes are prohibited. The official shall be the sole judge of whether or not gear is suitable and safe. Cleat shoes are acceptable only if cleats are soft rubber, nondetachable, and molded as part of the sole of the shoe. Flags and belts will be provided.
3. Game Ball: Teams must supply official size ball for games. Leather or rubber covered balls are acceptable. Teams may use their ball on offense.

B. PLAYING RULES:

All games will be governed by the Minnesota Touch Football Rules with the following exception: The length of the game shall be 40 minutes divided into two periods of 20 minutes. The first 18 minutes of each period shall be running time. If the difference in score is, or become, 12 points or less at any time during the final two minutes of each half, then stop time shall be employed. (Running time shall be resumed if the difference in score becomes greater than 12 points). A team, which is ahead by 13 points or more during the final two minutes of the game, may not be granted a time-out. If the score is tied after regulation playing time, the score will be recorded as a tie. A win will count two points, a tie one point, and a loss will receive zero points. The ball will be put in play at the 25-yard line at the start of each half -- After touchdowns and safety. An ejected player will be suspended from that game plus the next game.

C. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF ELIGIBILITY RULES:

THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATING THE ELIGIBILITY RULES IS THE SUSPENSION OF THE PLAYER FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON AND ALSO THE SUSPENSION OF THE MANAGER IF HE WAS AWARE OF THE VIOLATION, AND THE LOSS OF ALL GAMES BY THE TEAM WITH WHICH HE PARTICIPATED WHILE INELIGIBLE PROVIDED WRITTEN PROTEST HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE FOOTBALL DIRECTOR WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT (48) HOURS OF THE DAY OF THE GAME WHEN THE VIOLATION WAS COMMITTED. A PROTEST MUST BE FILED BY NOON OF THE FOLLOWING DAY DURING PLAYOFFS. Losses of games previous to the protested game do not alter the standing of the other teams.

D. PROTESTS:

Protest on violations of eligibility rules **ARE INITIATED BY THE MANAGERS OF THE TEAMS**. Protests must be submitted in writing, to the MPRB office within forty-eight (48) hours of the day of the game, and by noon of the following day during playoffs. When protesting the eligibility of a player, the manager must request that the player(s) signature(s) be given for comparison with the registration filed in the MPRB office. A request for a player's signature must be made in the presence of the referee. The refusal of a player to cooperate by completing a duplicate registration card or facsimile will be considered proof that the player is ineligible and shall result in the forfeiture of the game upon receipt of written protest.

***Assaults and indignities to players or officials is automatic suspension from participating in Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board athletic competition until reinstated by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board.**

***Consumption of any alcoholic beverage on MPRB property is prohibited.
Persons caught are subject to citation.***

Officials

Touch/Flag football officials needed. \$20.00 per game/3-4 games, \$60.00-\$80.00 per night. Experience needed - mandatory training session mid August. Call Kent Brevik @ (612) 230-6495.

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