

Youth Sports Central Registration FAQ

How is Youth Sports registration changing?

Previously, MPRB youth sports were offered through individual parks, resulting in a long, confusing list full of dozens, or even hundreds of registration options across the park system, where not every park offered options for every age group. If a park didn't offer a specific age group or have enough participants signed up to create a full team, park staff would work to find spots on teams at other nearby parks.

Now, youth and families will go through a much easier and streamlined process. Simply choose a sport, age division, and three preferred sites. Then after registration closes, Youth Sports staff will review all registrations and create teams based on people's preferred sites to form teams into citywide leagues.

Replacing a decentralized approach with a more efficient and organized process helps ensure every child or teenager who signs up to play a sport is placed on a team. Everyone plays!

How do I sign up?

Go to minneapolisparcs.org/youthsports.

1. Choose a sport
2. Choose an age division
3. Choose three sites in prioritized order
4. Complete the registration online. People can also register in-person at any recreation center or call 612-230-6400 during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, 8 am-4:30 pm.

What happens after I sign up?

1. People will be emailed a receipt immediately following online registration.
2. After the registration deadline, MPRB Youth Sports staff will assemble teams, assign coaches, and create league schedules for each sport and division.
3. When teams and leagues are finalized, park staff and coaches will email team information to families.

How will park staff and coaches communicate with families?

The primary communication method will be through the email address families list on the registration form. Individual coaches or park staff may choose to use texts or calls. The MPRB is working on developing a communications system through the registration software, ActiveNet.

What are the benefits to this new process?

Easier Registration: All participants have the same registration process, experience, and fees

Fair Competition: To reduce disparities in skill level, no pre-existing teams will be allowed

Consistent Schedules: Days of the week for practices and games are set when registration opens for easier planning for families

Efficiency and Savings: More efficient scheduling for referees and facilities, along with cost savings and consistency in uniform and equipment ordering

Can I still sign up through my school, religious institution, or youth-serving organization?

Everyone participating in MPRB leagues must register individually through the new central registration process. No pre-existing teams will be allowed.

All volunteers and staff from athletic councils, schools and youth-serving organizations in Minneapolis are deeply appreciated, and everyone is encouraged to participate in this new process.

Associations and groups that organize their own teams are welcome to apply to rent space at MPRB facilities for their own practices, games, and leagues, but in order to participate in an MPRB league, everyone must follow the MPRB registration process.

Can youth request to play on a team with a friend, sibling, or other family member?

Siblings will be placed on the same team if requested during the registration process. Other requests to be placed on a team with someone else are not allowed.

Email youthsports@minneapolisparks.org to make the request following registration.

Can youth request to play for a specific coach?

Requests for specific coaches will not be granted, except for children of coaches.

Can coaches sign up to coach a team together?

Yes, most sports have a maximum number of two official coaches per team. Baseball and Softball can have a maximum of three official coaches.

What if I have a concern or a complaint regarding a coach?

If there's an immediate concern, contact the Recreation Supervisor for the park where the team is based. Every parent/guardian who completes a youth registration is sent a post-season evaluation form with room for feedback on coaches.

How does age verification work?

Parents or guardians must show a full-time Recreation staff member an official document with the youth's birth date. Examples of accepted forms of birth date verification: birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunization card, certificate from school administration or hospital birth record.

Players will not be allowed to play in a league game until their age is verified.

What equipment is provided by the MPRB?

Baseball/Softball: Jerseys, pants, hats, and catcher's gear are provided. Gloves and cleats are not provided.

Track and Field: Uniforms and all field equipment (shotput, javelin, etc) are provided. Track shoes are not provided.

Flag Football: Uniforms and player flags are provided. Gloves and cleats are not provided.