

## Frequently Asked Questions: 6U & 8U Sport Leagues

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### Registration

**1. How do I register?**

Contact your local **Recreation Center** directly for 6U & 8U sport league registration information and details. Online > <http://teamsideline.com/sites/minneapolisparcs/home>

**2. What is included in the program fee?**

Typically our sports registration fees cover all or part of the uniform cost and/or equipment supplies and upgrades. We do not provide footwear, shin guards, or gloves.

**3. Will I need to purchase additional equipment in order for my child to participate?**

Equipment needs vary by sport and/or Recreation Center. Please check with your Recreation Center prior to registration.

**4. What if I can't afford the program fee?**

Minneapolis residents who cannot afford instructional fees because of economic need may apply for fee assistance. Prior to registering contact your Recreation Center and ask to speak with someone regarding fee assistance.

**5. How is my child's age division determined?**

Age verification in the form of a birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunization card, certification from school administration, etc. is required for participation.

**6. Are the leagues inclusive for children with disabilities?**

**YES!** All of our programs are open to inclusion. Every registrant is entitled to an assessment to determine the best inclusion supports. The family of the participant is the most valuable resource in planning. If you or someone you know has a disability and is interested in learning more on inclusion and how to access MPRB programs, please contact Sarah Thorsen at [sthorsen@minneapolisparcs.org](mailto:sthorsen@minneapolisparcs.org) / 612.230.6478.

**Questionnaire Online** <http://teamsideline.com/sites/minneapolisparcs/content/11354/INCLUSION-ADAPTIVE-REC>

**7. My child does not have sports experience, can they still participate?**

**Yes!** You do not need experience in any of our youth sports leagues.

**8. What 6U & 8U sports are offered within what season?**

Winter: Basketball

Summer: T-ball, Coach Pitch, Softball

Fall: Soccer, Flag Football.

## Practice and Games

### **1. When is my child's practice?**

Fundamental practices are scheduled based on the volunteer coach and park field availability. Please plan on 1 practice a week:

### **2. How many games will my child play?**

On average, the team will play games 1 time per week, for a total of 8-10 games per season.

### **3. Where will my child practice and play games?**

Practices will take place at your Recreation Center or at a nearby field/court/rink. The majority of games will be played within the area where you registered to play.

### **4. How will I receive information about practices and games?**

Information about practices and games will come from your Recreation Center and coach.

### **5. What time are games played?**

Saturday morning games will be played between 9:30am and 12:30pm. Weeknight games will be scheduled between 5:30pm and 6:30pm.

### **6. How will I know if a practice or game is cancelled?**

Practice cancellation information will be provided by your Recreation Center.

### **7. Can my child wear jewelry, head decoration, or other headwear?**

All players must remove all jewelry during games and practices including: rings, watches, bracelets (including friendship), earrings of any kind (including starters), chains or necklaces. Any player who fails to remove his or her jewelry may not participate until it is removed.

Please note: hard items worn on the head such as beads, barrettes and bobby pins are prohibited.

The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Exceptions:

- *For medical or cosmetic reasons* – In the event a participant is required by a licensed medical physician to cover his/her head with a covering or wrap, a physician's statement is required before the MPRB can approve a covering or wrap which is not abrasive, hard or dangerous to any other player and which is attached in such a way it is highly unlikely that it will come off during play.
- *For religious reasons* – In the event there is documented evidence provided to the MPRB that a participant may not expose his/her uncovered head, the MPRB may approve a covering or wrap which is not abrasive, hard or dangerous to any other player and which is attached in such a way it is highly unlikely it will come off during play.

## Coaching

### 1. Who is my child's coach?

Youth Sports teams are coached by volunteer coaches. Coaches are certified by the MPRB. All coaches and assistant coaches are required to pass a comprehensive Background Check and are expected to adhere to the MPRB Coaches Code of Ethics.

### 2. What if I witness a coach exhibiting unsportsmanlike behavior or violating the Code of Ethics?

If a situation arises where a coach violates the Code of Ethics an **incident report** will be filled out by the Park Director or person filing the concern/complaint. The report will be processed by the Park Director. Discipline will vary dependent on circumstances and could include probation, removal or other measures. Infractions will carry over from sport to sport and will be kept on file.

### 3. Can I coach my child's team?

**Yes!** You will be required to complete the MPRB Coaches Certification which includes sports specific rules training, concussion management training, and a Background Check. More information about coaching can be found here:

<http://teamsideline.com/sites/minneapolisparcs/content/9872/Become-a-Coach>

**MPRB League Directors reserve the right to make additions and/or changes for the betterment of the program.**

*The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is an Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. In accordance with the requirements of Title II with the **Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)**, the MPRB will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs or activities.*

# *You are joining the MPRB Kids Zone*

**By registering your child in MPRB Youth Athletic leagues you are joining the *MPRB Kids Zone* and agree to the following:**

- Kids are #1
- FUN is more important than winning
- Let the coaches do the coaching
- Fans cheer positively (no public displays of anger)
- Respect the officials
- Inappropriate language will not be tolerated
- Keep the facility & grounds clean
- All parks and schools are tobacco & alcohol free
- Be a positive role model

**Thank you for supporting MPRB athletics!**

**The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board will provide all participating youth with a positive and safe environment. We welcome your ongoing support of our program.**

**Help keep kids in sports! Support! Encourage! Care!**