

Volunteer Frequently Asked Questions: *Recreation Division*

1. What steps do I need to take to begin the volunteer process?

1. Submit questionnaire to volunteer department.
2. Volunteer department will attempt to place you with your request.
3. Once the volunteer department places you, a park employee will contact you with specific details including the necessary paperwork that will need to be completed (i.e. background check).

2. Can I confirm a volunteer position prior to applying?

No, all volunteers must apply, pass a background check and be selected by MPRB staff prior to volunteering.

3. Who do I report to?

We have full time staff assigned to each recreation center. MPRB full time staff (park directors) will be your supervisor while volunteering for the MPRB.

4. Can I choose where and when I volunteer for a MPRB sport / event?

Yes, you will be able to choose your volunteer opportunity. We offer a variety of special events and youth sports leagues throughout the city. Examples: Coaching, Senior Programs, Art Classes, Tutoring Programs, Events, Park Clean-Up, Gardening and Sports Councils.

5. What youth sports are offered by MPRB?

Fall (Aug - Oct): Soccer, Football & Volleyball
Winter (Dec - Mar): Basketball, Wrestling & Hockey
Spring (Feb - May): Gymnastics
Spring (April - June): Baseball & Fast Pitch Softball
Summer (June - Aug): Track, Tennis, Fast Pitch Softball & RBI Baseball

6. What is a volunteer's time commitment?

We have volunteer opportunities for all levels of time commitment. We have opportunities for a few hours (special event) or a few days per week (coaching a youth sport).
Volunteer coaches: On average a team practices two times a week with one scheduled game. As a coach you will work with the park director to schedule times that work for both you and your team.

7. Does every MPRB park have a team and host games?

No, we have 48 recreation centers and not all parks will offer a sport. However, we will help place you with a park in your requested area.

8. How long and how many youth sports games per season?

Each team is scheduled between 8 to 12 games. An average season will last between 8 to 12 weeks (including practice and tournaments).

9. Do I need to attend a coaches' clinic or certification prior to coaching?

Yes, all coaches must be MPRB certified to coach. A coaches certification consists of a background check, overview of MPRB rules and completion of MPRB Code of Ethics. Most sports offer a hands-on training for all coaches. This will give coaches the opportunity to be trained by a knowledgeable clinician in the basic skills of the sport.

10. What is the start date for youth sports practices?

Practice begins approximately 3 to 4 weeks prior to the first game. See question 5 for sports seasons.

11. Will there be a tournament at the end of a youth sports season?

Yes, most sports will offer an invitational tournament at the end of the season. Your team will have the option to register for the invitational tournament throughout the regular season.

12. I'm going on vacation for one week during the season, can I still coach?

Yes, we recommend informing your park director as soon as possible with the dates you will be unable to coach. This will help the coach and the park director find a substitute coach during your vacation.

13. I've never coached before, can I apply?

Yes, many of our coaches started their coaching career with our programs. We are looking for enthusiastic, dependable and energetic people who enjoy working with youth.

14. What is the difference between a head coach and assistant coach?

A head coach will run the team and an assistant coach will help the head coach. Both coaches will work together to coach the team. Not all teams will have both a head coach and assistant coach.

15. What MPRB parks are in my area?

Southwest Locations

Armatage	57 th & Penn Ave. S.	370-4912
Bryant Square	3101 Bryant Ave. S.	370-4907
Kenny	1328 West 58th St.	370-4901
Kenwood	West Franklin Ave.	370-4941
M.L. King	4055 Nicollet Ave. S.	370-4908
Linden Hills	3100 West 43rd St.	370-4913
Lynnhurst	1345 W. Minnehaha Pkwy	370-4914
Pearl	414 E. Diamond Lk. Rd	370-4906
Pershing	3523 West 48th St.	370-4928

South Locations

Brackett	2728 39 th Ave. S.	370-4924
East Phillips	2315 – 17 th Ave. S.	370.4932
Hiawatha	4220 – 44 th Ave. S.	370-4952
Keewaydin	3030 E. 53 rd St.	370-4956
Lk. Hiawatha	2701 East 44 th St.	370-4930
Longfellow	3435 – 36 th Ave. S.	370-4957
Matthews	2404-28 th Ave So.	370-4950
Powderhorn	3400-15 th Ave So.	370-4960
Pearl	414 E. Diamond Lk. Rd	370-4906
Sibley	1900 E. 40 th St.	370-4954

North / Northeast Locations

Audubon	1320 - 29 th Ave. NE	370-4910
Bottineau	2000 – 2 nd St. NE	370-4958
Creekview	50 th and Morgan Ave. N	370-4965
Farview	609- 29 th Ave. N.	370-4922
Logan	690-13 th Ave. NE	370-4927
Northeast	1615 Pierce St. NE	370-4920
Windom	2251 Hayes St. NE	370-4905
Harrison	503 Irving Ave N.	370-4951
Luxton	112 Williams Ave S.E.	370-4925
Van Cleve	901 – 15 th Ave S.E.	370-4926
Webber	4400 Dupont Ave. N	370-4916