

## **2024 Spring Flag Football bulletin**

DIVISION	AGES	DAYS OF PLAY	Notes
11U OPEN	9/1/12-9/1/14	SAT/SUN & WEDNESDAY	PLUS 5 <sup>TH</sup> GRADERS WITH A BIRTH DATE BETWEEN 6/1/11-8/31/11
13U OPEN	9/1/10-9/1/12	SAT/SUN & WEDNESDAY	PLUS 7 <sup>TH</sup> GRADERS WITH A BIRTH DATE BETWEEN 6/1/09-8/31/09
15U OPEN	9/1/08-9/1/10	SAT/SUN & WEDNESDAY	PLUS 9 <sup>TH</sup> GRADERS WITH A BIRTH DATE BETWEEN 6/1/07-8/31/07

Unless noted, players are eligible to up waiver one division of their specific age division.

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Date	
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Team declaration due
Week of April 21-27	Regular season games begins
May 15	Final Rosters due on Global Drive
TBD	Post Season Tournament

# **Administrative Rules by Division**

	11U	13U, 15U & 18U
Field	30 x 70 yards	30 x 70 yards
# Players on the Field	5 Players	5 Players
Game Ball	Junior	Junior (13U), Youth (15U), Regulation (18U)
Timing	(2) 20-minute halves	(2) 20-minute halves
	Clock stops for timeouts or injuries	Clock stops for timeouts or injuries
Half Time	3 minutes	3 minutes
Time Outs	1 per half - 30 -seconds	1 per half - 30 -seconds
	1 floating time-out per game to clarify a call	1 floating time-out per game to clarify a call
Mercy Rule	If a team gains a 28-point advantage, the	If a team gains a 28-point advantage, the game
	game will end.	will end.
Tie Games	Regular season games that are tied after	Regular season games that are tied after
	regulation will remain a tie – No Overtime	regulation will remain a tie – No Overtime
Season Length	7 regular season games	7 regular season games
	No Post Season	Post Season Invitational Tournament

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#### MPRB Flag Football Schedules:

- 1. Spring Flag Football schedules will be viewable through our online league management software. It is a web-based program and can be viewed from anywhere.
- 2. Park directors will be notified when they are available for viewing you will then use the following steps to get your team's schedule.
- 3. Website: <a href="https://www.teamsideline.com/sites/minneapolisparks">www.teamsideline.com/sites/minneapolisparks</a>
  - a. On the top menu bar, click on Game Schedules Choose your Division
    - o Teams can also use the "Find Team Schedule" search bar
  - b. Teams can view the whole season schedules, or they can click on "teams" and just view the schedule for their team (great tool for parents & coaches)
  - c. Special notes will be displayed above the standings (i.e. tournament information)
  - d. Teams can check scores of other games & view standings once the scores have been reported.

#### **Administrative Rules:**

- Team Rosters and Coaches
  - Maximum 10 players per roster Extensions must be approved by League Director
  - Maximum of 2 non-Minneapolis residents per roster
  - Maximum of 3 MPRB certified coaches per team. This includes all team personnel (photographers, first aid, etc.)
- Coaches must remain on the sideline the entire game.
- Participation Rule
  - Every player dressed and attending a game **MUST** play a minimum of **4** plays per half. Players must participate in at least 3 regular season games to be eligible for the post season tournament.
  - **Team Forfeit Rule:** Teams must have 5 players ready to play by game time or a forfeit will be declared.
- **Jewelry shall not be worn by players during warm-ups and/or competition.** (Medical alert bracelets are not considered jewelry and must be taped to the body and alert may be visible).
- Ejections: Any ejection (player or coach) will be reviewed by the League Directors and may result in additional suspension of penalty.
- Please see the <u>Youth Sports Team Policies and Guidelines</u> for additional MPRB rules & guidelines.

### **Playing Rules:**

- The MPRB plays by rules published by the NFL Flag Football.
- The NFL Flag Football rulebook can be found at the following link
  - o Download- https://www.teamsideline.com/sites/minneapolisparks/downloads
  - o PDF Version- 2023 NFL Flag Rulebook



# 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

Help keep kids in sports! Support!

