

MINNETONKA FOOTBALL



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Welcome to Tonka Football 2009

We are fast approaching the start of the 2009 TFA football season. Welcome to all new families and welcome back to the families from past years.

The practice season will officially begin at 6 pm on Monday August 17th. The game season will begin the Tuesday after Labor Day. Not all teams will have games on the first day.

A few key notes for the start of the season:

1. Please put your child's name on shoulder pads and water bottle.
2. Practices begin promptly at 6 pm. Practices will be moved up in September to 5:30 pm to accommodate for earlier sunset.
3. We will have game schedules to you as soon as the LMAA board has proofed and approved.
4. If you have any questions please feel free to talk to your player's coach, grade level coordinator, TFA Director or Secretary. Contact information is posted on the TFA website: www.minnetonkafootball.org
5. Please pay special attention to the Important Dates. Picture day and weigh in dates are listed.

**Players Play
Coaches Coach
Officials Officiate
Parents Cheer**

Important Dates

Final Equipment Handout/Sale Grades 3 - 8

Thursday August 13th
Pagel Activity Center
5:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Combine – Grades 6 – 8

Thursday August 13th
Minnetonka High School Stadium
6th Grade 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
7th Grade 7:15 pm – 8:15 pm
8th Grade 8:30 pm – 9:30 pm

The coaches from each grade will have the players run through various drills to assess any changes in their skill level. Players should wear shorts, t-shirts and cleats.

Fall Practice Begins (3-8)

Monday, August 17
3rd grade – Clear Springs
4th grade – Groveland
5th grade – Scenic Heights
6th grade – MME (baseball field)
7th grade – Veterans Field
8th grade - Veterans Field

7th & 8th grade will move practice locations on Tues., Sept. 8th to:
7th Grade – Minnewashta
8th Grade – MME (baseball fields)

Summer Practice Times

3rd grade: Mon, Tues, Thurs.
6 pm – 7:30 pm

4th – 8th grades: Mon – Thur
6 pm – 8:00 pm

Coordinators can opt for an optional Friday practice.

After Labor Day Practice Times:

All Grades: Mon, Tues, Thurs
6 pm - Unless a game is scheduled.

Picture Day

Tuesday August 25th
Players need to be at their practice field by 5:30 pm. Pictures will begin at 6:00 pm with team and individual photos. Coaches will distribute picture forms the first week of practice.

Skills & Drills Night

Tuesday August 25th
The High School Coaches will attend practice to answer questions and assist the TFA Coaches with drills or plays.

Adopt A Player Visit

Tuesday August 25th
A Varsity offensive and defensive player will be assigned to each TFA team. The players will attend practice on August 25th and help/mentor the players during practice. They will also be included in the team photos.

Coaches will try and coordinate a 2nd visit sometime during the season for the player to attend either a practice or game.

Weigh In Day – August 31st

Veterans Field.
No practice for 3rd – 6th grades.
7th/8th grade will have practice at 6 pm. Coaches and players should be ready 10 minutes before their grade's start time.
5:40 pm 3rd grade
5:55 pm 4th grade
6:15 pm 5th grade
6:45 pm 6th grade
7:15 pm 7th grade
7:45 pm 8th grade

If you are unable to attend the weigh in – please contact your grade level coordinator for alternate dates. If your player

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does not attend a weigh-in, he will be listed as a black striper.

Labor Day – Monday Sept. 7th
No practice – 3rd – 8th grades.

Tuesday September 8th
1st Day of Game Schedule

Tuesday October 13th
Last day of Game Schedule

Coaches Corner

Equipment Handout
Thursday August 13th

Please help! Set up starts at 4:30 pm. We need help with the various handout stations. Players start arriving at 5:15 pm.

Mandatory Rules Meeting
Wednesday August 19th
5:30 pm
Wayzata Central Middle School

If you were unable to attend the TFA Coaches Clinic the first week of August and need the Coaches Manual CD and Drills DVD please contact Amy at amyb@cambridge-commercial.com

Varsity Home Game – Player Check In.

Each player gets a free pass into the regular season home games. TFA Coaches are responsible for checking in players and selling tickets to parents of the TFA players. The Player check in table is responsible for checking in players from grades 3 – 10. The table is to be manned until half time. After half time players will need to pay to get into the game. Below is the schedule for the 2009 season:

9/11	Grades 7 & 8 (6 coaches)
9/17	Grades 3 & 4 (6 coaches)
10/2	Grades 5 & 6 (8 coaches)

10/9 All Grades (1-2 per grade)
ROSTERS – due Tues 8/18.

One coach from each team must turn in their roster to Amy no later than **Tuesday August 18th by 5 pm.** Please email them to Amy at amyb@cambridge-commercial.com

Varsity Home Game – Passes/Tunnel

Each youth player will be able to get into each regular season home game for free. We do ask that a parent or guardian attend the game with the player. The player is encouraged to wear their game jersey. The players will be required to check in at the TFA table (located outside the gates) to receive their ticket.

Each grade will have at least one opportunity to form the tunnel on the varsity field for the Varsity team to run onto the field through, **below is the schedule for the Varsity Home Game Tunnels:**

9/11	Wayzata	3 rd /4 th grades
9/17	Hopkins	5 th /6 th grades
10/2	Edina (HC)	7 th /8 th grades
10/9	Detroit Lakes	All grades

Coaches will organize the teams at 6:30 pm by the Stadium gate entrance (bottom of the hill). The players will run off the field after the Varsity team has run through.

8th Grade Locker Room Visits

Each 8th grade team has been invited to attend the pre-game prep in the Varsity Locker Room before each home game. The players will

also be allowed on the Varsity Field for pre-game warm ups. Coaches for each team will help supervise and organize the teams prior to the visit. Players should meet at the Locker Room entrance at 5:30 pm.

The players will receive a voucher to have dinner.

9/11	Team 1
9/17	Team 2
10/2	Team 3
10/9	Team 4 & 5

Concession Stand – 6th – 8th grade parents

Each 6th – 8th grade parent is responsible to work a shift at one Varsity Home Football Game. Each shift will be assigned to a team. Team Parents will be in charge of organizing their volunteers. We need 15 – 20 volunteers per shift to handle the concession stands (home and way sides) and apparel stand. The shifts are 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm and 7:30 pm to 10 pm (or when clean up is complete). The schedule is below for the 2009 season:

Date	1 st Shift	2 nd Shift
9/11	6 th Team 1	7 th Team 1
9/17	8 th Team 5 8 th Team 3	6 th Team 4
10/2	7 th Team 4 7 th Team 5	8 th Team 1 8 th Team 2
10/9	6 th Team 2	7 th Team 3
10/27	7 th Team 2	8 th Team 4
10/31	6 th Team 3	6 th Team 5

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Game Schedules 3rd Grade

3rd grade teams will play against St. Louis Park, Hopkins and other Minnetonka Teams beginning Tuesday September 8th. Weeknight games (Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday) will be at 6:30 pm and Saturday games will be in the afternoon starting at 1:30 pm.

Game Schedules 4th – 8th Grade

4th – 8th grade teams will complete against Mound/Westonka, Orono, Wayzata, St. Louis Park, Hopkins and in 6th – 8th grade, Cooper/Armstrong. Games will be at either 6:30 pm or 8:00 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays. Saturday games will be played at 9:00 am, 10:30 am, Noon and possibly 1:30 pm if the scheduled.

Field Rules

We ask that parents, visitors and fans observe the rules of each area's fields. At the Minnetonka Stadium & Veterans Fields:

1. No animals are allowed on the fields or in stands (unless it is a service animal).
2. No food or drinks allowed on Veterans or Stadium Fields
3. No folding chairs allowed on Veterans or Stadium field.
4. Parking – Please park in the west lot and either walk down the stairs or hill to the fields.

These are the rules given to us from the Minnetonka School District.

Please follow the rules posted at each venue your team plays at.

Touchdown Club

We encourage every family to join the Touchdown Club this year. The Touchdown Club has three primary goals:

- To support the football program financially
- To support special projects such as the game program
- To enhance the football experience for our players.

We appreciate your support!

2009 Varsity Schedule

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9/4	Fargo North	Away
9/11	Wayzata	Home
9/17	Hopkins	Home
9/25	Armstrong	Away
10/2	Edina (HC)	Home
10/9	Detroit Lakes	Home
10/16	Stevens Point	Away
10/21	Wayzata	Away
10/27	6AAAAA Quarterfinals	
10/31	6AAAAA Semifinals	
11/6	6AAAAA Championship	
11/12	State 5A Quarterfinals	
11/20	State 5A Semifinals	
11/27	Prep Bowl	

Video Production

We are looking for volunteers to help with video production of our Varsity games. If you have an interest in helping capture the games for our team, please contact Amy Barth at amyb@cambridge-commercial.com

We are looking for help from directing, cameras, editing and final production. Help us preserve

our Football Tradition for years to come!!

Equipment Room

During the first week of practice, if you are having equipment issues, the equipment room will be open from 5 pm to 6 pm the following dates:

Monday August 17th
Tuesday August 18th
Wednesday August 19th

The room will be closed:

Thursday August 20th
Friday August 21st

Vikings Tickets

The Minnesota Vikings have offered TFA players free tickets to one of two preseason games. Parents, family, friend and Vikings Fans can purchase tickets at a discount. A portion of the ticket price is given back to TFA. The order form is attached. If you have a group that wants to sit together – order your tickets on one form.



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Minnesota Vikings Football

2009 Tonka Football Fundraiser

- Come see the Vikings and help Tonka Football raise money
- Tonka Youth Football players will receive a Free ticket
- \$10 of every ticket sold will benefit Tonka Football

Please return this form with full payment to:

Minnesota Vikings
 Attn: Tonka Youth Football
 500 11th Ave S
 Minneapolis, MN 55415
 Fax: (612) 333-0458

Date: _____

Account #: _____
(office use only)

DETAILS:

- Tickets will be discounted to \$25, normally \$48-\$86 each (save up to \$61), are located in the **upper level** of the Metrodome. Orders will be filled on a first come-first serve basis with the best available tickets at the time the order is received.
- **Act fast! Quantities are limited.** Offer valid while supplies last.
- Return this order form via mail or fax (612-333-0458) only. Your tickets will be mailed to the address below.

Name: _____ TFA player names(s): _____

Address: _____ TFA player names(s): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Office :(_____) _____ Fax :(_____) _____ Home :(_____) _____

Email Address: _____

ORDER:

Friday, August 21st vs. Kansas City Chiefs @ 7PM # _____ @ \$25 per ticket = \$ _____

_____ Tonka player tickets FREE

Friday, September 4th vs. Dallas Cowboys @ 7PM # _____ @ \$25 per ticket = \$ _____

_____ Tonka player tickets FREE

*Orders must be received by the Monday prior to each game.

Handling + \$ 4.00

Total # of Tickets _____ **Total Due** = \$ _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT (credit card only):

CHARGE #: _____ EXP. DATE: _____

Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

Signature: _____

(NOTE: Your credit card order cannot be processed without a signature)