

TONKA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION



Football for Grades 3 - 8

July 2008 - Part 2

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Important Player Dates

July 22	Passing League 5 th /6 th grades
July 22	Equipment Handout 3 rd /4 th graders Pagel Act. Ctr. 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
July 24	Passing League 7 th /8 th grades
July 22	Equipment Handout 5 th – 8 th graders Pagel Act. Ctr. 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
July 28 - July 31	TFA Camp 7 th – 8 th graders 4:00 – 6:00 pm MHS Stadium
July 28 - July 31	TFA Camp 3 rd – 6 th graders 6:00 – 8:00 pm MHS Stadium
Tue Aug 5	Kicking, Punting Long Snapping 6:30 – 8:30 pm 5 th – 8 th graders MHS Stadium
August 7	Equipment Handout All grades. Pagel Activity Ctr. 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
August 7	1 st Annual Combine 6 th – 8 th graders MHS Stadium Details included in this newsletter
August 11	Practice Begins 6:00 p.m. 3 rd – Clear Springs 4 th – Groveland 5 th – Scenic Heights 6 th – MME 7 th – Veterans Field 8 th – Veterans Field
August 14	Picture Day. Pictures are taken at each grades practice field.

Equipment Handout

The Season is almost here!

We are beginning to ramp up for the season. Equipment handouts are next week, the TFA Camp is coming up on July 28 – 31 and the first practices are not far behind.

Equipment Handout/Sale Dates for Players

July 22 nd	3 rd & 4 th graders	Pagel Activity Center	5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
July 24 th	5 th – 8 th graders	Pagel Activity Center	5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
August 7 th	All grades	Pagel Activity Center	5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Please remember you deposit checks (\$100 – 3rd-5th grade, \$200 – 6th – 8th grade)

Players must attend the handout to have equipment fitted properly.

Need shoulder pads, mouth guards, or other equipment? We provide one stop equipment handout and sale. Steichens Sporting Goods will be at each handout with a wide selection of shoes, mouth guards, shoulder pads, etc. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.

1st Annual TFA Combine

Thursday Aug 7th

All Players in **6th – 8th grade** will attend the 1st Annual Combine. The players will have an opportunity to run through various football drills and meet their coaches.

Please note the times for each grade:

6th Grade

5:30 p.m. – 5:35 p.m. Introduction/Instructions
5:35 p.m. – 6:40 p.m. Drills

7th Grade

6:40 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. Introduction/Instructions
6:45 p.m. – 7:55 p.m. Drills

8th Grade

7:45 p.m. – 7:55 p.m. Introduction/Instructions
7:55 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Drills

Players wear cleats, shorts & t-shirts. Please report to Minnetonka High School Stadium at the appropriate grade level time listed above.

Players – equipment handout is also between 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Pagel Activity. You can pick up your equipment the same night. Either come before or after your scheduled time.



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Important Coaches Dates

July 22	Equipment Handout. Coaches to help.
July 23	Mandatory Rules Mtg All TFA Coaches. Wayzata Central Middle School 5:30 p.m. pictures 6:15 p.m. rules
July 24	Equipment Handout. Coaches to help.
July 28	TFA Coaches Clinic 3 rd /4 th grade coaches 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm MHS Team Room
July 29	TFA Coaches Clinic 5 th /6 th grade coaches 6:00 – 9:00 pm MHS Team Room
July 30	TFA Coaches Clinic 7 th /8 th grade coaches 6:00 – 9:00 pm MHS Team Room
August 7	Equipment Handout. Coaches to help.
Aug 11	Practice begins
August 13	Mandatory Rules Mtg All TFA Coaches. Wayzata Central Middle School 5:30 p.m. pictures 6:15 p.m. rules
August 14	Picture Day Individual & Team
August 14	Skills & Drills (gr. 3-6) Varsity Players & Coaches at practice fields.
August 19	Skills & Drills (gr. 7-8) Varsity Players & Coaches will be at practice

Minnetonka Football Night – MN Vikings Game

The Vikings have once again invited Tonka Football athletes, families and friends to participate in the 2nd annual “Youth Football Night”.

This year families have a choice of one of two games:

Friday August 8th – Vikings vs. Seattle Seahawks at 7 p.m. or
Saturday August 23rd – Vikings vs. Pittsburgh Steelers at 7 p.m.

MINNETONKA YOUTH PLAYERS RECEIVE A FREE TICKET TO ONE GAME.

FAMILY, FRIENDS AND VIKINGS FANS CAN PURCHASE A TICKET AT A SIGNIFICANT DISCOUNT. A portion of each ticket is given back to TFA.

The NFL does not allow a section to be reserved for a specific group – so if your team or a group of friends wants to sit together – please send in your registration form(s) at the same time.

A portion of each ticket price will be donated to the Tonka Football Association.

Thank you to the Minnesota Vikings for their generous support of our athletes and football program!



TFA Practice

The TFA Practice season begins on Monday August 11th for all grades

Where:	3 rd Grade	Clear Springs Elementary	6:00 p.m.
	4 th Grade	Groveland Elementary	6:00 p.m.
	5 th Grade	Scenic Heights Elementary	6:00 p.m.
	6 th Grade	MME	6:00 p.m.
	7 th Grade	MHS – Veterans Field	6:00 p.m.
	8 th Grade	MHS – Veterans Field	6:00 p.m.

The grade level coordinators will be sending out grade level specific information before the start of the first practice.

Players will need helmet, shoulder pads, shorts, cleats and water bottle for the first day of practice.

Official Weigh-In

Minnetonka

Each player must attend an official LMAA weigh in.

Minnetonka's weigh in is scheduled for

Wednesday August 27th at MHS Veterans Field.

The players are weighed in **as a team.**

Players will have practice at MHS NOT their usual practice fields.

If you are unable to attend the Minnetonka weigh please email Amy Barth, amyb@cambridge-commercial.com and she will give you alternate dates and locations.

If a player does not attend an official weigh in – player will be designated as a black stripper.

Varsity Football Game
 Home Opener against Rochester Mayo Spartans
 Thursday August 28th at 7 p.m.
 Minnetonka High School Stadium
 Youth Tunnel – 5th and 6th graders (please be at MHS by 6:30 p.m.)