



STATE TOURNAMENT DATES AND TIMES

OPENING ROUND week of May 26-30 at Home of Top seed.
Note Teams playing Canadian sides in plate games may play on June 6th.

SEMI FINALS AND CONSOLATION GAMES JUNE 7 AT NATIONAL SPORTS CENTER (BLAINE) Fields L1 - L4

Similar Schedule to last year at National Sports Center (Blaine)
Complete Bracket to follow.

FINALS JUNE 8TH: NOTE FINAL TIMES AFTERNOON AND EVENING.
NSC STADIUM (Arguably the best Rugby Pitch in the State)

Championship games

2:00 Boys U17

6:00 Girls Cup

3:15 Girls Plate

7:30 Boys Cup

4:30 Boys Plate

IF YOUR Team was in the league and you are not going to be in the tournament let me know immediately. BOYS U17 in particular.

ALL DUES AND FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE TOURNAMENT

\$125/team State Tournament entry fee

\$10/person fee to Minnesota Union Participant Fee Reaffirmed by AGM if not paid yet.

FUND RAISER CHAMPIONSHIP TICKETS

Girls and Boys Championships are probably the biggest rugby games that are played in the State and we think should have a crowd worthy of that. Tickets at the gate will be sold for \$10.00, 12 and under free. We will provide each School(Club & Team) with tickets that can be sold at a discount. Basic idea you sell ticket for \$8.00... \$5.00 go back to MARF and \$3.00 go to your club. You can sell for ten if you want and make \$5.00. **If you can sell 100 tickets your club can make \$300.00**, and help put fans in the stadium. An award for the team that sells most and most per capped players. Watch for next e-mail to get tickets.



Banquet June 11th

We are moving the banquet closer to the majority of our teams, so this year it will be at the **Earle Brown Heritage Center**, starting at 6:30 pm, price to be same as last year, a table of 10 for \$25.00 per person, Individual 30.00. Watch for e-mail invite and instructions.

ALL STATE

You will receive an all-state ballot for your input on who should be all State. I will also be looking for Coaches to nominate a Junior Forward and Junior Back (if you have twins you are considering talk to me). For an all-state Junior team. The idea is most of us follow a sport better if we know personalities. This will help us know who stand outs on next years teams are.

BOYS U17

Before you have your first tournament game you must submit a list of all players eligible to play for the U17. They must meet the following criteria:

1. Under 17 years of age as of Sept 1, 2007 (Born Sept 1, 1990 or latter all 91, 92.....eligible) Most juniors and all younger should be eligible.
2. Did not start in more than 3 league games for U19
3. Coach submits and sign list.
4. Any player challenged and proven not to meet these criteria will eliminate team from path to championship game.

COACH'S MEETING

Immediately following the banquet we will have a quick (Try to hold to 15 minutes) coaches meeting to get you input. In the next few weeks we will put that agenda together. Subjects recruiting, season length, team growth league growth, additional coaches, Fields, Location and time of State tournament, Midwest tournament. Separate. Girl's league structure, boy's league structure.

MARF SCHOLARSHIPS

Make sure you fill out the form for you kids to earn a \$1,000.00 Scholarship from MARF. Two boys will get \$1,000.00. Don't have one of your players miss this opportunity because it's too much work to fill out a form.