

Maple Grove / Rogers / Elk River / Zimmerman Football Meeting

The meeting began with Maple Grove talking about their philosophies as a league. Their basic belief is that everybody plays, and to teach the fundamentals to each player. 7th and 8th grade season is 10 games.

Playing time

Maple Grove playing time rule for 7th and 8th grade leagues is as follows: Each player must play 1 quarter per half. The exception to this is if the player does not make it to practice.

Season start and end date

Maple Grove is planning to send their teams to the USA football Classic and they have moved their season ahead one week to give these teams a chance to prepare for the USA football Classic on August 23 –26.

- Practice Start Date: August 14
- Season End Date is Oct 29th

Number practices per week

6 football dates per week (Practices/games) before school starts
5 football dates per week (Practices/games) after school starts

Number of players on team

7th Grade : Minimum of 20 –22 players per team
8th Grade: Minimum 25 players per team

Playoff

No playoffs in 7th and 8th grades

Draft process

Maple Grove has used 2 different types of draft methods in recent years.

Tryout based draft

- Tryouts are based on drills the players are ran through.
- Players are judged by coaches from another grade level.
- Scores for each drill are compiled on a master spreadsheet.
- Players are grouped by weight

Equi-draft

- Coaches from last years team completes a evaluation Of last years players. These evaluations include a ranking of the player (1 to 5). What position the player played on offense last year, and general comments about the player.
- Once the registration is completed, the board conducts a blind draft.

- Players are split up by size; the heaviest are split up evenly to each team.
- The lightest players are split up evenly to each team.
- Then the coach's kids are assigned to an each team.
- The remaining players are assigned to each team by the player rankings. Care is taken that the players are evenly distributed and that the draft is blind.
- If a player was not ranked last year then the player is ranked a 3.
- The coaches are issued their team.

Game Nights and Game times

7th Grade: Most games are on Thursday's; some games will be played on Saturday's. 7th grade games will be played in Maple Grove, Rogers, Elk River and Zimmerman

8th Grade: Most games are played on Sunday's with some games on Tuesday's. 8th grade games will be played in Rogers, Maple Grove, Elk River, Zimmerman, and one other community.
(Possible St Francis)