

MISSISSAUGA TOUCH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, April 2nd, 2008
Time: Registration 6:30 pm
Meeting..... 7:00 pm
Location: Mississauga Valley Community Centre
1275 Mississauga Valley Blvd.
(Program Room 3)

Agenda:

1. Introduction..... Tom Mulford
2. MTFL 2008 Executive Committee Tom Mulford
3. MTFL Constitution & By-Laws John Schiebel
4. 2007 Season in Review Tom Mulford
5. Team Registration John Schiebel
6. Team Rosters & Player Waivers..... John Schiebel
7. Mississauga Officials Association (MOA) George Zielinski
8. League Discipline Bill Chan
9. Divisional Alignment & Scheduling Tom Mulford
10. Game Sheets John Schiebel
11. Game Equipment..... John Schiebel
12. City & Fields John Schiebel
13. Prizing Bill Chan
14. Financials Tom Mulford
15. Web Site Bill Chan
16. Conclusion & Other Business Tom Mulford

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1. INTRODUCTION

Welcome back to all returning veteran teams, as well as all potential new teams attending the MTFL Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The MTFL is one of Ontario’s most successful and longest running adult men’s touch football leagues that began back in 1972.

As we head into our 37th season, the Executive Committee wishes to thank you for helping to make this League as successful as it is and we hope to have your cooperation and support to continue in that tradition of excellence for many more seasons to come.

2. 2008 MTFL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The 2007 Executive Committee would like to propose the following individuals to fulfill the 2008 executive roles:

- League President **Tom Mulford**
- Vice-President, Player Registration & Secretary **John Schiebel**
- Vice President, Web Site Administrator & Discipline **Bill Chan**
- League Representative **Jeff Ingram**

3. MTFL CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

The Executive Committee would also like to hold a vote on proposed changes to the League’s Constitution and By-Laws.

4. 2007 SEASON IN REVIEW

The 2007 season saw 4 new teams enter the League including one that went through some re-organization. We said goodbye to 3 others, keeping the League at 28 teams. The League was once again aligned into four divisions as it was prior to 2006 for the regular season. Both the A and C divisions were made up of eight teams whereas the B and D division were made up of six teams.

The B and D divisions began their playoffs one week early with the top two teams in the division receiving a first-round bye, the A and C divisions began a week later with all 8 teams in action. All four divisional playoff were exciting and each division hailed new champions ending the run of some heavy favourites who were planning repeating.

At the end of the season, we saw our first-ever Friendly Scrimmage where players representing many of the teams played in a very competitive, but more relaxed type game. The event was a great success and we hope to build on this for years to come.

2007 FINAL STANDINGS

| DIVISION 'A' | W | L | T | Pct | Pts | PF | PA | Diff |
|--------------|---|---|---|-------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Rebels | 7 | 3 | 0 | 0.700 | 14 | 290 | 229 | 61 |
| Hawks | 7 | 3 | 0 | 0.700 | 14 | 260 | 194 | 66 |
| Gamecocks | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0.600 | 12 | 276 | 230 | 46 |
| Saints | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0.500 | 10 | 155 | 190 | -35 |
| Bomb Squad | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0.400 | 8 | 229 | 248 | -19 |
| Jaguars | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0.400 | 8 | 225 | 285 | -60 |
| Mean Machine | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0.400 | 8 | 186 | 237 | -51 |
| Angels | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0.300 | 6 | 275 | 283 | -8 |

TIE BREAKERS:

Hawks vs. Rebels

- Split season series (1-1-0)
- Head-to-Head, Point Differential, Rebels win; Rebels 35, Hawks 34

Bomb Squad, Mean Machine & Jaguars

- Split season series (2-2-0)
- Head-to-Head, Point Differential, Bomb Squad 10, Jaguars -2, Mean Machine -8

| DIVISION 'B' | W | L | T | Pct | Pts | PF | PA | Diff |
|---------------|---|---|---|-------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Chargers | 7 | 2 | 1 | 0.750 | 15 | 217 | 153 | 64 |
| Hustlin' Owls | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0.600 | 12 | 157 | 170 | -13 |
| Razorbacks | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0.600 | 12 | 211 | 179 | 32 |
| Gridiron | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0.500 | 10 | 184 | 191 | -7 |
| Gators | 4 | 5 | 1 | 0.450 | 9 | 220 | 199 | 21 |
| Bears | 1 | 9 | 0 | 0.100 | 2 | 130 | 228 | -98 |

TIE BREAKERS:

Hustlin' Owls vs. Razorbacks

- Split season series (1-1-0)
- Head-to-Head, Point Differential, Hustlin' Owls win; Hustlin' Owls 32, Razorbacks 29

| DIVISION 'C' | W | L | T | Pct | Pts | PF | PA | Diff |
|-------------------|---|----|---|-------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Ghosts | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0.800 | 16 | 214 | 143 | 71 |
| Wolverines | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0.800 | 16 | 277 | 133 | 144 |
| Reggae Boyz | 6 | 3 | 1 | 0.650 | 13 | 178 | 148 | 30 |
| Gang Green | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0.500 | 10 | 215 | 211 | 4 |
| Trailer Park Boyz | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0.500 | 10 | 178 | 169 | 9 |
| Steam | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0.400 | 8 | 133 | 210 | -77 |
| Steelers | 3 | 6 | 1 | 0.350 | 7 | 142 | 194 | -52 |
| Hurricanes | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 126 | 255 | -129 |

TIE BREAKERS:

Ghosts vs. Wolverines

- Ghosts win series (2-0-0)

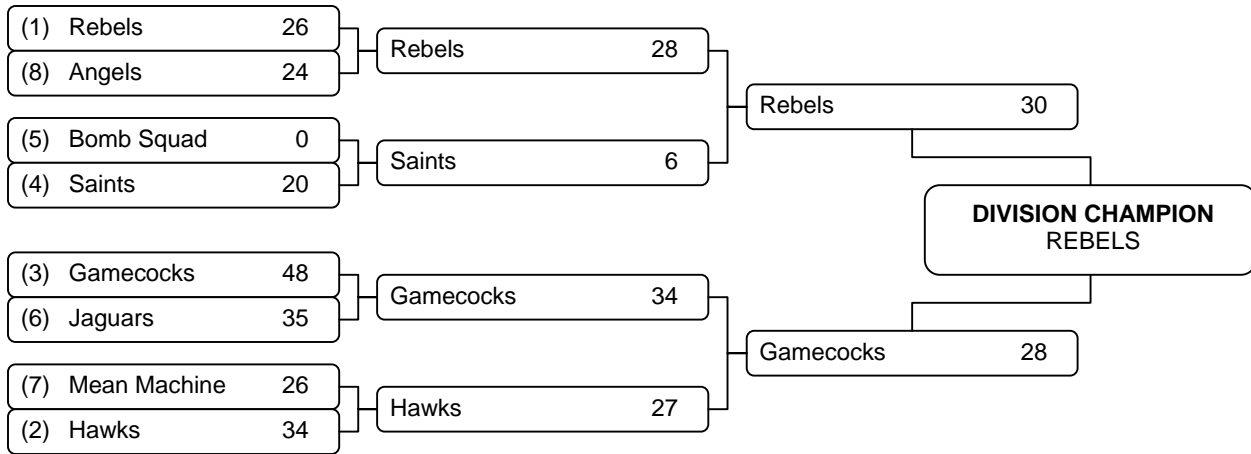
Gang Green vs. Trailer Park Boyz

- Split season series (1-1-0)
- Head-to-Head, Point Differential, Gang Green wins; Gang Green 42, Trailer Park Boyz 41

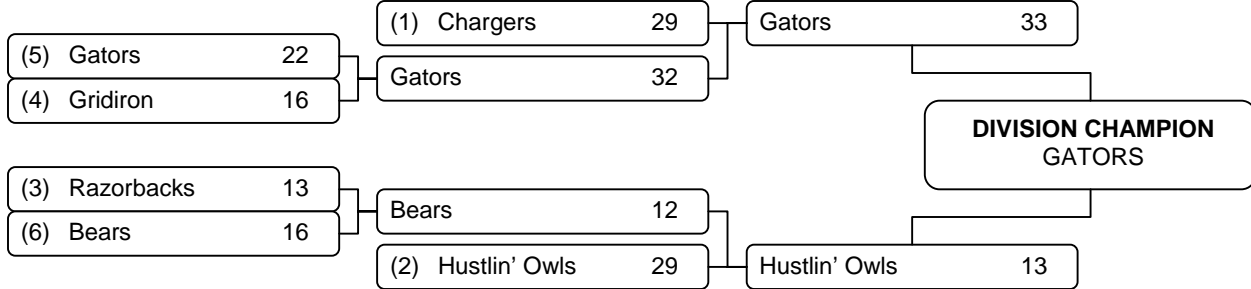
| DIVISION 'D' | W | L | T | Pct | Pts | PF | PA | Diff |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|-------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Meadowvale's Finest | 7 | 2 | 1 | 0.750 | 15 | 209 | 122 | 87 |
| Reapers | 6 | 3 | 1 | 0.650 | 13 | 185 | 103 | 82 |
| Cobra Kai | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0.600 | 12 | 162 | 132 | 30 |
| Blitz | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0.500 | 10 | 131 | 109 | 22 |
| Kings | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0.400 | 8 | 124 | 210 | -86 |
| Greatest Show on Turf | 1 | 9 | 0 | 0.100 | 2 | 63 | 198 | -135 |

2007 MTFL DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

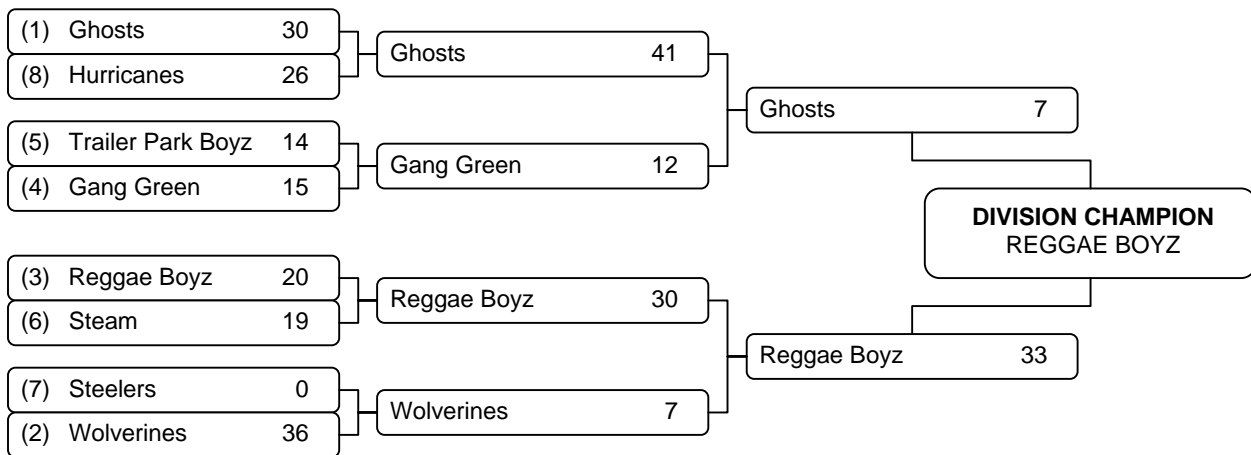
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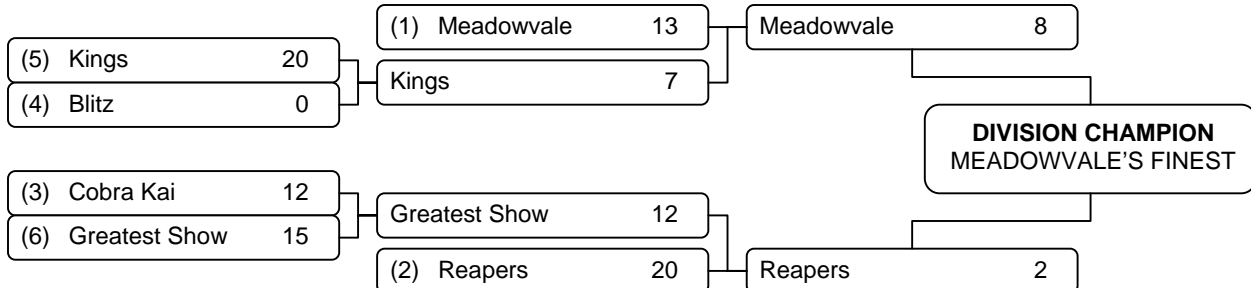
Division 'B'



Division 'C'



Division 'D'



5. TEAM REGISTRATION

The deadline to register a team is Friday, April 18, 2008.

Please note that the League is limited in the number of teams it can allow in a given season due the number of available fields and officiating crews. Priority will be given to returning teams in good standing and teams meeting our citizenship requirements.

List of Forms:

- Individual Player Registration Form
- New Team Registration Form
- Individual Player Waiver Form

Payment Details:

- Make cheque or money order payable to "MTFL"
- List your team's name in the 'memo' area on the cheque.
- Submit your cheque to a member of the Executive Committee or mail it to the mailing address listed on the web site.

Important:

All teams must adhere to the League's payment schedule of paying in full at tonight's AGM or no later than Friday, April 18, 2008. Teams not paying in full by the deadline will not be a part of the MTFL for the 2008 season and will be required to re-apply for Membership reinstatement the following season.

6. TEAM ROSTERS & PLAYER WAIVERS

TEAM ROSTERS

It is the Team Captain's responsibility to ensure that all players abide these rules and are eligible for play for each game.

- A team's active roster cannot exceed 21 players. Teams can de-activate a player due to injury or any other specific reason to open up a roster spot for a new team member.
- Players may switch team during the season however they may not return to any team they played for previously that season.
- A player must play a minimum of three (3) games for their team in the current season, in order to be eligible for participation in the playoffs.

Reminder:

The MTFL is an adult men's league. A player must be 18 years of age prior to playing their first MTFL game. A player must be able to provide acceptable photo identification in order to ensure eligibility.

PLAYER WAIVERS

All players planning to participate in the MTFL for the 2008 season must complete a **'Player Registration & Waiver Form'** prior to playing their first game.

Players not having completed one of these forms are considered ineligible for play in an MTFL game, either regular season or playoffs.

A player cannot play or be registered for more than one team in the MTFL in the same season at the same time. A player may switch teams during the season and/or play for other leagues while playing in the MTFL.

New for 2008:

The League is now instituting a one-time registration policy. All players are required to complete a 'Player Registration & Waiver Form' this season and it will be kept on file for future seasons. Players new to the MTFL will be required to submit an acceptable digital copy of their photo identification.

7. MISSISSAUGA OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION (MOA)

George Zielinski and the Mississauga Officials Association will be providing officials for all our games. If you, a member of your team or anyone you know is interested in becoming an official, please contact George at gzielinski@cogeco.ca or a member of the Executive Committee. This is a paid position and as an added incentive, the League offers \$150 as a bonus* to any individual completing their very first five games as a game official in the MTFL.

* In order to qualify for the \$150 bonus, all five games officiated must be within the same season (officials are not given this bonus annually, one time only)

8. LEAGUE DISCIPLINE

OBJECTIONABLE CONDUCT

Individuals reported as exhibiting continuous fouls that are detrimental to fair play or are conducting themselves in a manner that is considered to be 'unsportsmanlike', may be contacted by a member of the Executive Committee, either directly or via their Team Captain about their behaviour and may be subject to possible League disciplinary action.

Individuals who accumulate three Objectionable Conduct violations in the same game will be automatically ejected from that game.

GAME EJECTION

Individuals that conduct themselves in such a way that a game official deems it necessary to eject the said individual from the game are suspended immediately from all future games until reinstated by the League.

The Team Captain (and/or designated assistant) is responsible for ensuring that the suspended player does not participate in future games until notified by the League.

In the event a player is ejected from a game, that individual is required to leave the field of play and the immediate area surrounding it. For example, the head official may even request a player to isolate themselves to a parking lot or other area removed from the game area. The head official is also allowed to declare the game a forfeit should any number of players act in a manner unsafe or detrimental to the continuance of the game consistent with the rules and policies of this League.

A player can be ejected at anytime prior to, during or after a game, regardless of the number of preceding personal fouls and/or objectionable conducts assigned to them in that game.

Players under the influence of, but not limited to; alcohol, illegal narcotics or other substances, or players engaging in or encouraging violence or excessive verbal abuse, are not welcome to play in any MTFLL game.

The MTFLL expects all players to conduct themselves in a good sportsmanlike manner and exhibit citizenship-like behaviours towards all other players, referees, fans and other individuals in the game area.

9. DIVISIONAL ALIGNMENT & SCHEDULING

Prior to the start of the season, the Executive Committee will align teams into divisions. The goal is to establish competitive division allocations.

Once the divisional alignment is finalized, the regular season schedule will be prepared and then announced in late April to early May.

DIVISIONAL ALIGNMENT

Alignment into divisions is based on several factors including, but not limited to; team's performance and results from the previous season, and the Team Captain's input on his team's anticipated performance for the upcoming season.

New teams will be aligned based on interviews with the Team Captain and/or an assessment of their capabilities based on their play in other leagues if applicable.

Teams looking to move up or down division from the previous season should submit a request to the Executive Committee as soon as possible for consideration in the final divisional alignment. Typically when a team wins a division, they are encouraged to move up a division for the following year.

SCHEDULING

Upon finalizing the divisional alignment, a schedule is prepared in which every attempt will be made to accommodate your preferred night of the week for games, however nothing is guaranteed.

A good rule of thumb is to expect at least three regular season games to be scheduled on a non-preferred night.

The MTFL is a 'summer' league that runs from May to July, with the playoffs taking place in August. Teams are scheduled to play 10 regular season games plus at least one playoff game.

Rescheduling:

- The League recognizes there will be the occasional need to reschedule a game. We ask that these requests be made only if your team is at risk of forfeiting the game. Please be aware that rescheduling games puts pressure on; a) the other team, b) officiating assignments and c) league field resources.
- All requests to have a game rescheduled must be received via email at ***mtfl_mississauga@yahoo.ca*** with a minimum of 72 hours notice from the start time of your game. This gives the League adequate time to inform your opponent and the crew officiating the scheduled game being rescheduled.
- The League grants every team, one (1) complementary game rescheduling per season. Each additional game rescheduling will be assessed a \$50 fee. Requests in the final two weeks of the regular season will not be granted and requests will not be granted at any time of the season for vacations.

10. GAME SHEETS

Team Captains are responsible for printing off the weekly game sheet and bringing it to each game for submission to the game officials. During halftime, the Team Captain is responsible for clearly crossing out players that are not playing in that particular game for the purpose of attendance records, and validating that the roster is accurate and only eligible players are participating.

Game Sheet Submission:

- The second half can begin as soon as both team captains submit the game sheet for their team.
- Failure to submit the game sheet on a timely basis (prior to the start of the 2nd half) may result in a delay of game penalty. At the Head Official's discretion, a team's refusal to submit a game sheet may result in a forfeit.

Qualifying for Game Attendance:

- Only players present prior to the start of the second half will be credited as having participating in the game (game attendance).
- Injured players can receive game attendance credit providing they are on the sidelines for a minimum of one half.

Game officials will perform a head count at each game to ensure accuracy. Players arriving after the start the game sheet has been submitted, are permitted to play in the game in the second half, however do not receive credit for participation/game attendance. Game attendance is important for the purpose of playoff eligibility.

Team Captains are responsible for verifying the accuracy of their attendance records of each player from the game sheets posted on the League web site.

Revised for 2008:

Captains have 14 days beginning from the day after the game to appeal any discrepancies with their roster's game attendance data.

11. GAME EQUIPMENT & ATTIRE

GOAL POST PADS

Every team is required to provide goal post pads for each game. Failure to do so, results in a game forfeit.

JEWELLERY

Players are not permitted to participate in games wearing any sort of jewellery. This includes, but is not limited to; bracelets, earrings, watches and necklaces. Game officials will assess teams a penalty where a player in violation of this until the jewellery has been removed. Earrings can be covered up with tape.

ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT

All athletic support braces (of a hard substance) are required to be fully covered. Game officials will not allow players to participate in a game who are wearing an exposed (hard substance) brace. For example, neoprene sleeves, long sleeved sweaters and/or jogging pants should be used to resolve this issue.

12. CITY & FIELDS

The MTFL is affiliated within the City of Mississauga. With this affiliation, we can obtain preferred permits from the city for field use. The League's annual budget is approximately \$4000 for the exclusive right to use of these fields on designated game nights and it pays for the maintenance of these fields in acceptable playing condition.

Should you see a field in a condition that you feel is unsafe, such as requiring the grass to be cut, please report it to the game official and they will include it in the game report. We will in turn contact the city to help in resolving this issue.

13. PRIZING

Last year we awarded each Division Champion a football and a team jersey for every player with 'Division Champion' on one shoulder and the MTFL logo on the other. The Finalists each received t-shirts with the League logo. The prizing for the Champions and Finalists was well received by many.

14. FINANCIALS

League finances remain in good order. Details can be found on Appendix A.

15. WEB SITE

The web site will be kept up-to-date on a weekly basis. Teams can find their division's schedule, standings and game sheets here

Feel free to contact Bill about other changes to the web site you feel would be beneficial to everyone.

16. CONCLUSION & OTHER BUSINESS

The League now opens the discussion for any other business any of the League Members would like to address and answer any questions by new and returning teams.

All of the MTFL policies and procedures can be found on the League's web site and as an addendum to this package. It is up to each and every Team Captain to familiarize themselves with them as well as to inform all of their team members to do the same.

Appendix A Closing 2007 MTFL Financial Statements

Mississauga Touch Football League Income Statement

For the Period January 1, 2007 to October 31, 2007

Revenues:

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| League Fees (28 teams @ \$1,100/team less \$100) | \$30,700.00 |
| Performance Bonds (6x\$200) | 1,200.00 |
| Pads Fees | 90.00 |
| In-Season Performance Bond | 200.00 |
| Interest | 2.67 |
| Total Revenues | \$32,192.67 |

Expenses:

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Mississauga Official Association | \$16,640.00 |
| City of Mississauga Field Permits | 4,790.84 |
| League Insurance (Touch Football Ontario) | 3,500.00 |
| Playoffs (Prizing, Supplies, MTFL Friendly) | 4,000.08 |
| Executive Meetings | 640.07 |
| P.O. Box Rental | 274.54 |
| AGM Costs (Paper and Stapling, Kicking Tees) | 193.88 |
| Web Site (Server Hosting & Domain Name) | 120.00 |
| Performance Bond Refunds | 600.00 |
| Officials Incentive Program | 400.00 |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | 45.39 |
| Total Expenses | \$31,204.80 |

Operating Difference

\$987.87

Mississauga Touch Football League Cash Statement

For the Period January 1, 2007 to October 31, 2007

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|---|--------------------|
| Opening Cash, January 1, 2007 | \$9,377.42 |
| Difference in Operating Income | \$987.87 |
| Operating Cash, October 31, 2007 | \$10,365.29 |

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|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Actual Cash, October 31, 2007 | \$10,612.33 |
| Less: Unpaid Expenses | |
| MTFL Friendly | \$177.04 |
| MTFL Executive Meeting | \$70.00 |
| Total Unpaid Expenses | \$247.04 |

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| Actual Cash October 31, 2007 | \$10,365.29 |
| Difference in Operating vs. Actual Cash | \$0.00 |

Mississauga Touch Football League Balance Sheet October 31, 2007

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|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Assets | |
| Operating Cash, October 31, 2007 | \$10,365.29 |
| Liabilities | |
| Performance Bonds (28x\$200) | \$5,600.00 |
| Balance | \$4,765.29 |

Appendix B Projected 2008 MTFL Financial Statements

**Mississauga Touch Football League
Income Statement**
For the Period January 1, 2007 to October 31, 2007

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|--|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Revenues: | | |
| League Fees (28 teams @ \$1,200) | | \$33,600.00 |
| Performance Bonds (4x\$200) | | 800.00 |
| Pads Fees | | 90.00 |
| Total Revenues | | \$34,490.00 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Mississauga Official Association* | \$18,312.00 | |
| City of Mississauga Field Permits** | 4,934.57 | |
| League Insurance (Touch Football Ontario) | 3,500.00 | |
| Playoffs (Prizing, Supplies, MTFL Friendly) | 4,200.00 | |
| Executive Meetings | 600.00 | |
| P.O. Box Rental** | 282.77 | |
| AGM Costs (Paper and Stapling, Kicking Tees) | 100.00 | |
| Web Site (Server Hosting & Domain Name) | 120.00 | |
| Performance Bond Refunds | 800.00 | |
| Officials Incentive Program | 600.00 | |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | 50.00 | |
| Total Expenses | | <u>\$33,499.34</u> |
| Operating Difference | | <u><u>\$990.66</u></u> |
| * 9% increase | | |
| ** estimated 3% increase | | |

**Mississauga Touch Football League
Cash Statement**
For the Period January 1, 2007 to October 31, 2007

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|--|----------------------------------|
| Opening Cash, January 1, 2008 | \$10,365.29 |
| Difference in Operating Income | <u>\$990.66</u> |
| Operating Cash, December 31, 2008 | <u><u>\$11,355.95</u></u> |

**Mississauga Touch Football League
Balance Sheet**
October 31, 2007

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Assets | |
| Operating Cash, December 31, 2008 | \$11,355.95 |
| Liabilities | |
| Performance Bonds (28x\$200) | <u>\$5,600.00</u> |
| Balance | <u><u>\$5,755.95</u></u> |