

# MISSISSAUGA TOUCH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## 2012 SEASON INFORMATION PACKAGE

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### Annual General Meeting:

**Date:** Thursday, March 29, 2012

**Time:** Registration .....7:00 p.m.  
Meeting .....7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Mississauga Valley Community Centre  
1275 Mississauga Valley Blvd  
(Hazel McCallion Room)

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Mississauga Touch Football League (MTFL) is one of Ontario's, longest established adult men's touch football leagues. We pride ourselves in both our exclusive membership and for being a very well-run, not-for-profit organization.

Welcome back to all returning teams and also to teams looking to become Members of the MTFL for the 2012 season.

We are heading into our 41<sup>st</sup> season. The Executive Committee wishes to express its sincere gratitude to its Members and Executives, both past and present, for making this League as successful as it has been. It is our hope that we will have your continued support and cooperation going into the 2012 season, and beyond.

## 2. 2012 MTFL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The 2011 **Executive Committee** would like to propose the following individuals to fulfill the 2012 executive roles:

**JOHN SCHIEBEL**

*League President, Player Registrar, Secretary*

**BILL CHAN**

*Vice-President, Treasurer, Web Site Administrator, Director of Marketing & Community Partnership*

**GLENN STEVENSON**

*Discipline Coordinator, MOA Liaison, Scheduler*

Jeff Ingram, who was a member of the 2011 Executive Committee, will be taking a leave of absence for the 2012 season and has plans to return for the 2013 season.

Upon a majority of Membership approval, the AGM and 2012 season will proceed.

Should a majority of the roles not be approved as proposed, the AGM will conclude and as per the League Dissolution Procedure, the League will immediately dissolve.

Anyone looking to become an active volunteer Member of the Executive Committee is welcome to speak with any Executive Committee any time after the AGM or during the season.

## 3. 2011 SEASON IN REVIEW

2011 was another great year for the MTFL. The League expanded to 37 teams from 33 a year ago. The league remained comprised of five divisions. The weather was very cooperative throughout the most of the season, with exception of the opening week and final two weeks where some rescheduling was required due to City of Mississauga's rain-out policy.

Our League entered a partnership with the **Mississauga Football League** to grow and promote football at the grass roots level, in hopes of building a bigger presence in the community.

**Boston Pizza Square One**, as usual, was an outstanding Community Partner in providing great food to our AGM, MTFL Friendly, first-ever Skill Competition and hosting our Year-End Social.

**The Mississauga News** was out once again providing valuable coverage of our games along with fantastic news articles which were available on their web site and in their newspaper.

A well-deserved Congratulations to all the 2011 Division Champions on their winning seasons: **Trojans** ('AA'), **Reapers** ('A'), **Ashanti Warriors** ('B'), **Bulldogs** ('C') and **Wolves** ('D').

**2011 FINAL STANDINGS**

<b>'AA' STANDINGS</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>PF</b>	<b>PA</b>	<b>Diff</b>
SPARTANS	9	1	0	0.900	286	122	164
TROJANS*	7	2	1	0.750	238	154	84
HAWKS	5	5	0	0.500	247	217	30
GRIDIRON	5	5	0	0.500	208	216	-8
ENFORCERS	3	7	0	0.300	178	240	-62
COBRAS	0	9	1	0.050	113	321	-208

**TIEBREAKERS:**

- 3rd Seed**  
**Hawks & Gridiron**
- *Head-to-Head:*  
Hawks win season series (2-0)

<b>'A' DIVISION</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>PF</b>	<b>PA</b>	<b>Diff</b>
REAPERS*	9	1	0	0.900	271	127	144
HUSTLIN' OWLS	7	2	1	0.750	184	117	67
ANGELS	6	4	0	0.600	238	228	10
NEW WORLD ORDER	5	4	1	0.550	233	197	36
DIRRTY BIRDZ	4	5	1	0.450	204	179	25
IRISH	3	6	1	0.350	138	200	-62
SAINTS	2	8	0	0.200	123	274	-151
STEELERS	2	8	0	0.200	138	208	-70

**TIEBREAKERS:**

- 7th Seed**  
**Saints & Steelers**
- *Head-to-Head:*  
Saints win season series (2-0)

<b>'B' DIVISION</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>PF</b>	<b>PA</b>	<b>Diff</b>
ASHANTI WARRIORS*	9	1	0	0.900	349	88	261
SUPER TROOPERS	7	3	0	0.700	232	157	75
AXEMEN	6	4	0	0.600	203	244	-41
GREATEST SHOW ON TURF	6	4	0	0.600	209	129	80
TRAILER PARK BOYZ	5	5	0	0.500	150	186	-36
BOOEARNIS	3	7	0	0.300	131	235	-104
BEARS	2	8	0	0.200	118	224	-106
HOUNDS	2	8	0	0.200	105	234	-129

**TIEBREAKERS:**

- 3rd Seed**  
**Axemen & Greatest Show on Turf**
- *Head-to-Head:*  
Axemen win season series (2-0)

- 7th Seed**  
**Bears & Hounds**
- *Head-to-Head:*  
Bears win season series (1-0)

<b>'C' DIVISION</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>PF</b>	<b>PA</b>	<b>Diff</b>
BULLDOGS	7	2	1	0.750	236	138	98
THE UNIT	7	3	0	0.700	179	165	14
HURRICANES	6	4	0	0.600	236	192	44
DEATH FROM ABOVE	6	4	0	0.600	167	138	29
WOLVERINES	5	3	2	0.600	262	188	74
GANG GREEN	5	5	0	0.500	202	161	41
SHOWTIME	2	7	1	0.250	153	223	-70
WOLFPAC	0	10	0	0.000	90	320	-230

**TIEBREAKERS:**

- 3rd Seed**  
**Death From Above, Hurricanes & Wolverines**
- *Wins:*  
Death From Above & Hurricanes advance with 6 wins to Wolverines 5 wins, Wolverines awarded fifth seed
  - *Head-to-Head:*  
Season series split (1-1)
  - *Head-to-Head, Point Differential:*  
Hurricanes win 33-31, awarded third seed

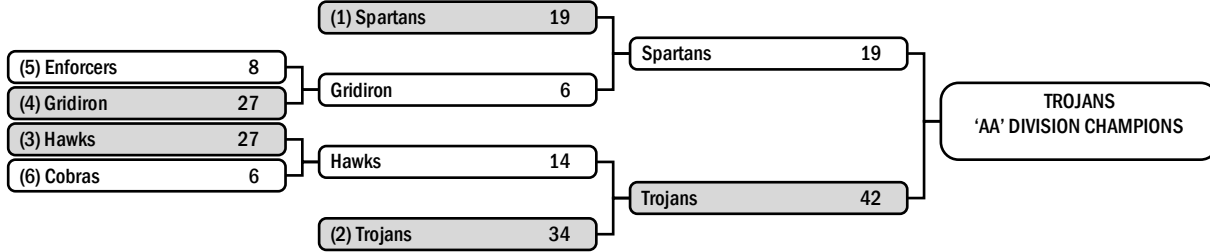
<b>'D' DIVISION</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>PF</b>	<b>PA</b>	<b>Diff</b>
WOLVES	10	0	0	1.000	396	65	331
GHOSTS	6	3	1	0.650	179	117	62
OFFERDAHL'S ORNERY'S	6	4	0	0.600	198	180	18
SENTINELS	6	4	0	0.600	217	135	82
THUNDERCATS	4	5	1	0.450	135	128	7
ARROWS	1	9	0	0.100	28	256	-228
STINGERS	1	9	0	0.100	19	291	-272

**TIEBREAKERS:**

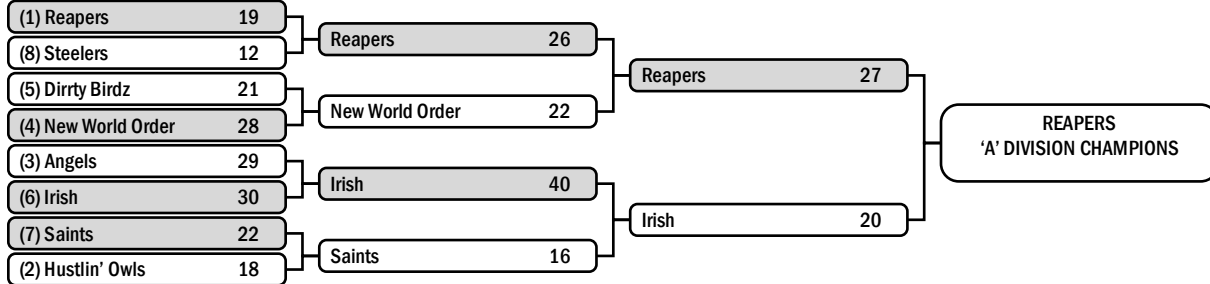
- 3rd Seed**  
**Offerdahl's Ornery's & Sentinels**
- *Head-to-Head:*  
Season series split (1-1)
  - *Head-to-Head, Point Differential:*  
Offerdahl's Ornery's win 48-46
- 6th Seed**  
**Arrows & Stingers**
- *Head-to-Head:*  
Season series split (1-1)
  - *Head-to-Head, Point Differential:*  
Teams tied at 7-7
  - *Head-to-Head, Point Differential, Division:*  
Arrows win -228 to -272

**2011 MTFL DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF BRACKETS**

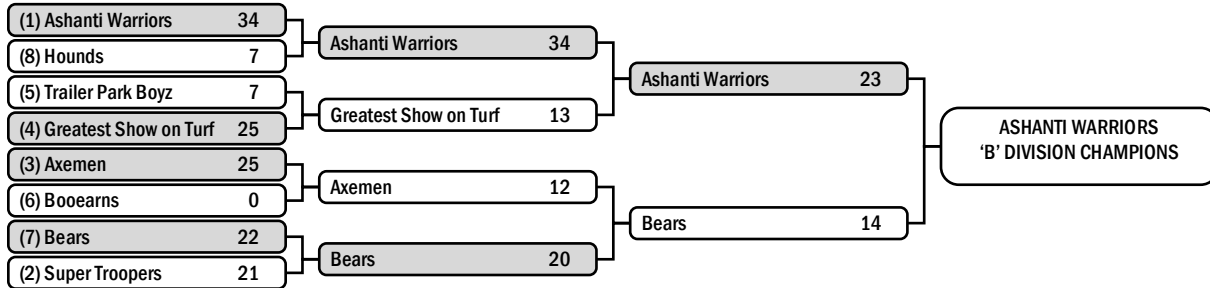
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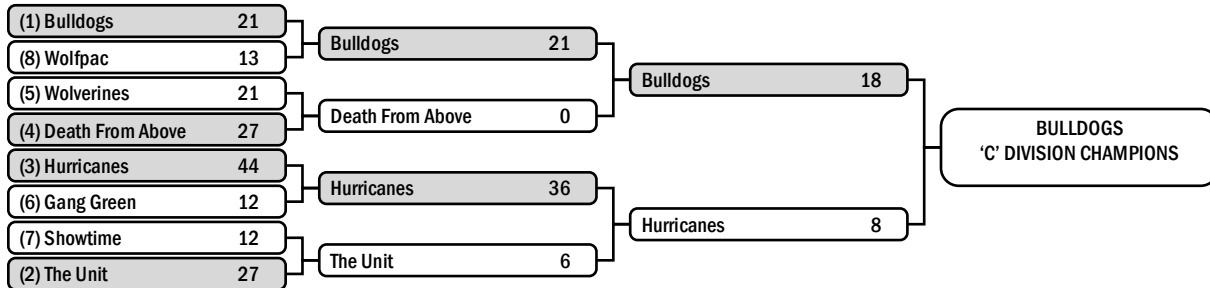
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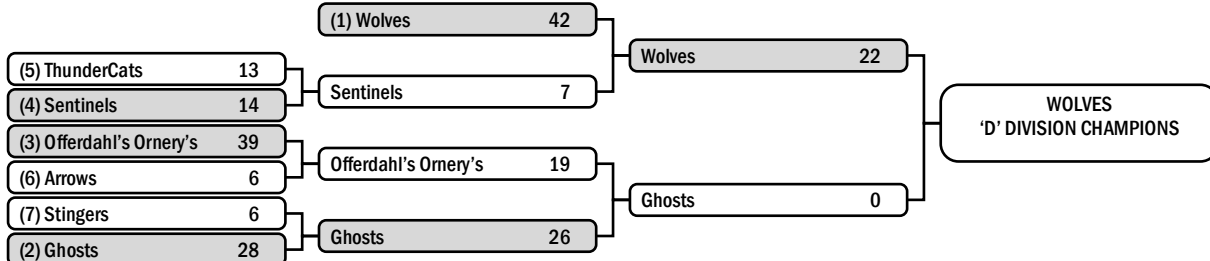
**'B' Division**



**'C' Division**



**'D' Division**



## 4. 2012 TEAM REGISTRATION

In any given season, the League is limited in the number of teams it can accommodate. Some of the determining factors include: length of season, the number of available fields and number of available officiating crews. Priority will be given to returning veteran teams in good standing.

### List of Forms:

- Team Registration Form – Both new and returning teams must complete this form and submit it to the Player Registrar at the AGM. This form is an important tool in assisting the Executive Committee to develop the divisional alignment.
- Player Registration & Waiver Form – All returning players planning to participate in an MTFL game must have a completed form on file with the League. All new players must complete one of these forms prior to playing their first game.

### Payment Details:

- 2012 Season League Membership Fee – \$1450 (plus any other applicable fees)
- All payments made by cheque, certified cheque or money order are to be made payable to the **Mississauga Touch Football League**.
- Note your team's name in the 'memo' area on the cheque for tracking purposes.
- Submit payment to an Executive Committee Member or by mail.
- For NSF cheques, an additional \$50 administration fee will be required.

#### \*\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT NOTE \*\*\*\*\*

Mailed payments must be mailed in advance of the due date. Mailing the cheque close to or on the date of the deadline will be considered late, as payment must be received by the MTFL on the due date, not after.

### Payment Schedule:

- **March 29, 2012** – payment for the full amount of \$1450, dated for **March 29, 2012**.
- **April 7, 2012** – payment extension for the amount of \$1650 (\$1450 plus \$200 late fee).

#### \*\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT NOTE \*\*\*\*\*

All teams must comply with the League's payment schedule as stated. Any team that has not submitted the full payment by the April 7, 2012 deadline will not be a part of the MTFL for the 2012 season. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

### Performance Bond:

The \$200 Performance Bond is the League's assurance that a team is committed to show up and be ready to play each of their scheduled games. In the event a team is not ready to play (see Forfeit Policy), the team will lose their Performance Bond and **MUST** repay it before their next scheduled game. Otherwise, they will not be permitted to continue playing and will risk another game forfeit.

A majority of returning teams already have a Performance Bond on record with the league. New teams are required to pay this upon registration, in addition to the League Membership Fee.

Should a team choose to disband, only the 'owner of record' on file with the MTFL for the Performance Bond will be issued a cheque. Should the 'owner of record' on file with the MTFL for the Performance Bond no longer wish to continue with the team, an official transfer of ownership is required if another person is to take over ownership of the team.

New teams applying for 2012 Membership, and having submitted full payment at the 2012 AGM, will be notified by **April 13, 2012** if their application has been approved by the League after all payments from returning teams have been received, verified as deposited, and cleared.

## 5. 2012 SEASON INFORMATION

### DIVISIONAL ALIGNMENT

Once all team registrations and the League size have been finalized, the Executive Committee will align all teams into divisions of appropriate competitive calibre.

Divisions are aligned based on several factors including, but not limited to:

- The addition of new teams or the disbanding of veteran teams
- Recruitment or loss of players by veteran teams
- Performance and results from the previous season(s) in the MTFL
- Performance in tournaments and other leagues
- Team Captain's input on his team's anticipated performance

Teams new to the MTFL for 2012 will be aligned based on interviews with the Team Captain and/or an assessment of their capabilities and experience of players on submitted roster, and if applicable, any information obtained on their play in other leagues or tournaments.

Returning teams that are looking to move up or down a division should submit a request to the Executive Committee before April 2, 2012 for consideration in the final divisional alignment.

Every effort will be made to try to align its divisions in a competitively balanced manner. Ideally, divisions will be comprised of six teams to eight teams.

### SCHEDULING

After divisional alignment has been finalized, the 2012 regular season schedule will be prepared and then announced in late April.

The schedule is prepared such that every attempt will be made to accommodate teams' requested night of the week for games; however, nothing is guaranteed. If your team is intent on taking part for the 2012 season, your team **MUST** be prepared to play any night of the week in any time slot.

Some consideration may be given to availability based on preferences of teams in other divisions.

#### Example #1

Team '1' in Division 'D' prefers Monday; however, Teams '2', '3', '4', '5' and '6' all prefer Tuesday. Thus, there is a high chance that a majority of Team '1's games would be played on Tuesday, with a possible one or two games during the season on a Monday.

#### Example #2

Team '1' in Division 'A' prefers Monday; Teams '2' & '3' prefer Tuesday; '4' & '5' prefer Wednesday; and '6' prefers Thursday. One should expect the entire division's scheduled game nights to be scattered throughout the week during the season.

The MTFL regular season schedule typically begins in May and runs through to July, with the playoffs taking place in August and early September. All teams are scheduled to play 10 regular season games, plus a minimum of one playoff game as all teams qualify for playoffs.

#### REMINDER:

Game start times for the 2012 season will be 6:45 p.m. at all school fields, and triple-headers will be scheduled for the Mississauga Valleys with start times of 6:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

#### Playoffs:

The playoff schedule is announced around mid-June. As a means to provide all teams with advanced notice, our League uses a **fixed schedule playoff** format. All teams within a single division are scheduled to play their playoff games on the same night, thereby eliminating the need to schedule games based on seeding and night preference.

**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.

Requests to have a game rescheduled will not be granted for instances such as (but not limited to), personal vacations or a particular player such as the starting quarterback being unable to make the game.

Please be aware that rescheduling games puts pressure on:

- a) the other team,
- b) officiating assignments,
- c) and league field resources.

The League grants every team, one (1) complementary game rescheduling per season. Each additional game rescheduling will be assessed a \$50 fee.

All game rescheduling requests must be received via email at **mtfl\_mississauga@yahoo.ca** with a **MINIMUM NOTICE** of 72 hours from the start time of your game. This gives the League adequate time to inform the opponent and the officiating crew about the game being rescheduled. Teams are asked to give as much advance warning as possible.

All game re-schedule requests must be reviewed and approved by the executive. That is, the two teams implicated in a rescheduling request may not just negotiate amongst themselves as it is necessary for field and referee assets to be allocated.

No requests to have a game rescheduled in the **FINAL TWO WEEKS** of the season will be granted.

**SCORES & STANDINGS**

All scores and standings are updated weekly, by division, and posted on the League Web Site (mtfl.org) after all results have been tabulated for a particular week. The scores and standings are generally updated by late Friday night, to about Saturday afternoon.

**Scores:**

At the conclusion of every game, the Head Official who officiated your game, makes a note of the score and submits it to the Mississauga Officials Association (MOA). It is recommended that after the conclusion of your game, you verify the score of the game with the Head Official, and perhaps even speak with the Team Captain of the opposing team.

At the conclusion of the week when all the scores have been tabulated by the MOA, the scores are then submitted to the League via e-mail.

**Standings:**

Division standings are sorted by winning percentage, with the highest winning percentage being ranked first, to lowest winning percentage being ranked last.

**WINNING PERCENTAGE FORMULA:**

$$(\text{Wins} + \text{Ties}) \div \text{Total Games Played} = \text{Winning Percentage}$$

Wins are considered one game, and Ties are considered half a game.

Standings are used to determine seeding and playoff match ups at the conclusion of the regular season. In the event of a tie between two or more teams, refer to the League's Tie-Breaker Policy.

**Discrepancies:**

Team Captains are encouraged to verify the scores and standings on a weekly basis as they are posted. Discrepancies should be brought to the attention of the League immediately for verification and if applicable, correction to the web site's posted scores and standings.

The League, with the cooperation of the MOA will confirm and verify disputed scores. The League's decision after reviewing all information provided will be final.



## 6. TEAM INFORMATION

### TEAM CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Team Captain is solely responsible for all of the following:

- Managing the team's roster according to the League's **Team Roster Policy**, communicating to the League of any team roster changes such as player additions or deletions, and ensuring each player has a completed a **Player Registration & Waiver Form** on file with the League.
- Communicating with all players on their team's roster and ensuring they abide by all of the League's rules and policies, and are eligible for play for each game.
- Ensuring the team is prepared to play each scheduled game: arriving on time; all players understand the game rules and League policies; having the required game equipment (football, kicking tee, goal post pads, and numbered uniforms); and submitting the game sheet to the Head Official.

### TEAM ROSTER

A team's active roster cannot exceed 21 players and we recommend be a minimum of 12 players. A team can de-activate a player due to injury or any other specific reason to open up a roster spot for a new team member.

Teams found playing ineligible players are subject to game forfeit(s) and suspension of the Team Captain and the ineligible player(s).

### PLAYER REGISTRATION

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

All returning players should have a completed **Player Registration & Waiver Form** already on file with the League.

All new players planning to participate in the MTFLL for the 2012 season **MUST** complete one of these forms prior to playing their first game. Players not having completed one of these forms are considered ineligible for play in an MTFLL game including regular season and playoffs.

**\*\*\* NEW FOR 2012 \*\*\***

**In the event of a team moving down one or more divisional levels of competitive play due to a loss of one or more players from the approved roster in the previous season, the players identified as having left the team may not re-join the team without the explicit prior approval of the League Executive. Thus, any player re-joining the team must be pre-approved by the Executive prior to league play.**

Players may be added to the roster at any point during the regular season; however, only players who meet the league's playoff eligibility requirements, may play in the playoffs. (See Player Playoff Eligibility.)

Players may switch teams during the season; however, they may not return to any team they played for previously during the same season.

A player cannot play or be registered for more than one team in the MTFLL 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 MTFLL.

**REMINDER:**

**All new players or players that have changed teams 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 MTFLL may be asked to submit an acceptable digital copy of their photo identification.**

### PLAYER PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY

Players on a team's roster must play a minimum of three (3) games for their team in the current season, to be eligible for participation in the playoffs.

**\*\*\* NEW FOR 2012 \*\*\***

**Of those three (3) qualifying games for eligibility, at least one of those games must be one of that team's first five (5) games played during the regular season.**

## 7. GAME INFORMATION

### GAME RULES

The MTFL uses standard Canadian Football League and Touch Football Ontario rules.

#### Game Basics:

- Seven (7) players on the field per side
- One-hand touch
- No blocking or tackling
- Game is played in four (4) 18-minute quarters, plus a five (5) minute break at halftime  
Regular Season – At the end of regulation time, if there is no winner, game results in a tie.  
Playoffs – At the end of regulation time, overtime will be decided by three (3) alternating 1-pt or 2-pt convert possessions (offence's choice). Team with most points in overtime will be declared the winner.
- Each team receives three (3) timeouts per game, one per half plus a floater.
- Fumbles that touch the ground are immediately considered 'dead balls' and the play ends where the fumble was caused or occurred.
- Game is played with kick-offs and punts; no field goals permitted.
- Game officiated by three (3) game officials: the Head Official, a Back Judge and a Sideline Judge.

#### Offence:

- Three (3) downs to gain 10 yards to make a first down; turnover on failure to convert.
- All players on offence are considered eligible receivers.
- The centre is to be lined up one foot to the left or right of the bag (line of scrimmage).
- Snap to quarterback must travel 5 yards or more behind the centre in order to be legal.

#### Defence:

- Immediate rush after the snap (no steamboats). Any defender 5 or more yards behind the line of scrimmage is eligible to rush.

#### Scoring:

- Touchdown (6 pts)
- 1-pt Convert, *from 5-yds* (1 pt)
- 2-pt Convert, *from 10-yds* (2 pt)
- Rouge, *also known as a single* (1 pt)
- Safety (2 pts)

### GAME SHEETS

Team Captains are required to submit the **Official Game Sheet** to the Head Official at each game. During the halftime break, the Team Captain is responsible for crossing off the names of players from the Official Game Sheet that are not playing in that particular game for the purpose of attendance records, and for validating that the roster is accurate and that only eligible players are participating. The Official Game Sheet can be found on the League web site and should be printed off before each game.

#### Game Sheet Submission:

- Failure to submit an Official Game Sheet on a timely basis (prior to the start of the 2nd half) may result in a delay of game penalty (scrap paper is not considered an Official Game Sheet).
- At the Head Official's discretion, a team's refusal or inability to submit a game sheet may result in a game forfeit.

#### \*\*\* NEW FOR 2012 \*\*\*

- **Teams failing to submit an Official Game Sheet for a game, will be fined \$10 for each time.**
- **At the conclusion of each game, the three game officials, the two Team Captains must meet to verify the game score is correct, scoring is accurate, and to verify that the other Team Captain has completed their Official Game Sheet.**

**Qualifying for Game Attendance:**

- Only players present prior to the start of the second half and before the Official Game Sheet has been submitted will be credited with having played the game.
- Injured players can receive game attendance credit providing they are on the sidelines for a minimum of one half. Team Captains are encouraged to identify such players to the Head Official during their head count to ensure proper credit is given.

Game officials will perform a head count at each game to ensure accuracy. Players arriving after the Official Game Sheet has been submitted, are permitted to play in the game in the second half; however, they 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 the attendance records of each of their players from the game sheets posted on the League web site.

**REMINDER:**

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

**GAME EQUIPMENT**

The following is part of our Game Equipment Policy and it is important for each Team Captain to ensure each player on their team understands these:

**Goal Post Pads**

Every team is required to provide goal post pads for each game. Failure to do so, results in a game forfeit (see Forfeit Policy). Goal post pads can be purchased through the League.

**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 is 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.

**Team Uniforms**

At the 2010 MTFLL AGM, the Membership approved a mandatory uniform numbering policy. Every team is required to have a team uniform, with a numbering system that to identify each individual player (no duplicate numbers; number should coincide with that player for entire season).

The following is a list of the League's team uniform requirements:

- Shirts or jerseys should be of like colour scheme and styling; they should not be a mixture of different shirts and jerseys.
- Numbers must be on front and back of shirt or jersey.
- Numbers must be a minimum of 10" in height.
- Numbers should be of a contrasting colour from the body of the shirt or jersey.

**\*\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT NOTE \*\*\*\*\***

**Uniforms with large identifiable numbers on either the front or back with a minimum of 8', will be considered acceptable for the 2012 MTFLL season and granted Grandfathered status. By 2015, all team uniforms MUST meet the League's team uniform requirements.**

## 8. PLAYER CONDUCT & LEAGUE DISCIPLINE

### PLAYER CONDUCT

The MTFL encourages sportsmanship and competitive fair play at all times and expects all players and fans 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.

#### Objectionable Conduct:

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

#### 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 also suspended from all future games until reinstated by the League.
- The Team Captain (and/or designated assistant) is responsible for ensuring that any player under suspension from their team does not attend or 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 surrounding area as a means to ensure the game continues without further incident.
- The Head Official is also empowered to declare the game a forfeit should any number of players/fans 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 any time prior to, during, or after a game, regardless of the number of preceding personal fouls and/or objectionable conducts assigned to them in that particular 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 permitted to play in any MTFL game.

### LEAGUE DISCIPLINE

The MTFL takes league discipline very seriously. The League will review all game ejection incidents as well as monitor all game sheets for objectionable conduct and personal foul incidents to identify if any further disciplinary action against the team or players is warranted.

All decisions handed out by the Executive Committee are **FINAL**. There is no appeal process and all teams must abide by the discipline assigned.

New Initiatives this year include:

- Greater Emphasis on Player-Referee Relations
- Greater Emphasis on Player Conduct
- League Mission Statement on Website and League Correspondence
- MTFL Player Code of Ethics
- Process for Discipline – Referee Procedures - Flow Chart
- Process for Discipline – Discipline Coordinator Procedures - Flow Chart
- Process for Communication of Issues with Referees (Rule Interpretation, Conduct)
- Clarification of Rules – Website
- Introduction of referees and captains at pregame conference
- Shaking hands of opponents post-game (pre-existing)
- Shaking hands of referees by captains post-game
- Others to be determined

## **9. MISSISSAUGA OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION (MOA)**

Mississauga Officials Association (MOA), headed by **George Zielinski**, will be providing game officiating crews for all our games during the 2012 season. The MTFL has a positive, long-standing relationship with the MOA, and we look forward to working with it again this season.

### **OFFICIALS INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

The MTFL is actively assisting the MOA in recruiting new MTFL game officials, through its Officials Incentive Program. Game officials are paid positions and as an added incentive, the League offers a bonus\* to any MTFL or MWFFL member successfully completing a particular number of games as a game official for the MTFL.

If you, a member of your team, or anyone you know is interested in becoming an official, please contact George via e-mail at [gzielinski@cogeco.ca](mailto:gzielinski@cogeco.ca) or a Member of the Executive Committee.

\* In order to qualify for the \$150 bonus, all five (5) games officiated must be within the same season (officials are not given this bonus annually, one time only)

### **MTFL Officials - Quality Assurance Program**

The Quality Assurance Program involves the evaluation of referees with the purpose of raising the quality of refereeing in the MTFL. With the program, officials are evaluated during selected MTFL games and provided feedback. By emphasizing areas of strength and identifying areas of weakness, the knowledge and skills of referees are developed and reinforced, and consistency amongst referees is promoted. The end result will be a more confident and competent group of officials.

A new evaluation form was created prior to the season and was implemented last year. It was deemed effective but will be altered somewhat this year for improved ease of use and applicability.

During 2011 evaluations, officials were evaluated on various criteria using 16 categories including positioning, teamwork, application of penalties, composure, interaction, control, etc. Eighteen evaluations were performed last year.

It is our goal to have referees evaluated during 20% of our games in 2012. This amounts to 3 or 4 games per week. With 3 referees being evaluated per game, this amounts to approximately 100 evaluations (90-120). As a result, referees will be evaluated multiple times throughout the season by experienced referees, thereby improving the quality of refereeing in the MTFL this year and in coming years.

We expect that this program will continue to benefit the MTFL and the officials involved.

At the end of this year and future years, the program will be evaluated to determine its effectiveness in accomplishing its goals. Based on these evaluations, the program will be modified for following years with the goal of minimizing the number of evaluations required.

### **PLAYER REFEREE SUSPENSIONS**

Players who are referees who are under suspension by the MTFL will not be permitted to referee until their suspension is completed.

### **MOA LIAISON**

The MTFL and MOA are always providing feedback to one another through regular communication, as a means to improve processes and provide quality officiating for each and every MTFL game. If you have a concern or issue you would like bring to our attention, please contact **Glenn Stevenson** via e-mail at [gstevenson12@cogeco.ca](mailto:gstevenson12@cogeco.ca).

## 10. CITY & FIELDS

The MTFL is affiliated with 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 \$5000 for the exclusive rights for using these fields on designated game nights and it pays for the maintenance of these fields to ensure 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 he/she will include it in the game report. We will in turn contact the city to help in resolving this issue.

### REMINDER:

The **City of Mississauga** charges Leagues with repair and clean-up costs for all fields. Make sure after your game you **DO NOT** leave garbage lying around. Clean up after you leave – put your garbage in the receptacles provided at each location or take it with you.

This season, the League has lost one field permit for the evenings of Wednesdays at the Mississauga Valleys. We are continually working in trying to improve our current situation with the City of Mississauga to secure another lit field to ensure the longevity of our League.

## 11. DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS

The MTFL Division Championships are typically in the first week of September, with both the Champions and Finalists being awarded prizing.

Every season, the Division Champions will have their photos taken with this prestigious trophy after their victories. The team names of the Division Champions will be laser engraved on a plate to commemorate their outstanding accomplishment and excellent achievement. This will be immediately ready and on display at the year-end party for all to see.

## 12. PLAYER RECOGNITION AWARDS PROGRAM

New for the 2012 season, will be a Player Recognition Awards Program. In the spirit of recognizing players, there will be two awards per division: Division Most Valuable Player and Division Sportsman of the Year.

**At the conclusion of each game when the two team captains meet with the game officials, both team captains will choose from their opponents' roster, a First Star, Second Star and Third Star of the Game, as well as a Sportsman of the Game, and report these selections in the space provided on the Official MTFL Game Sheet.**

Both team captains are required to participate. If after the game, the captain of Team 'A' fails to submit his selections for Team 'B', Team 'B's selections for Team 'A' are disqualified, Both teams must make selections for their game in order for their selections to count.

During the playoffs, an announcement for the top three nominees for the player awards in each division will be made, with the winners of the awards being announced at the year-end party. Nominees for the Most Valuable Player award in each Division, will be determined by a point system; 3 points for each First Star vote, 2 points for each Second Star vote and 1 point for each Third Star vote.

## 13. MARKETING & SOCIAL MEDIA

### MARKETING

Last season, we continued with the Yearbook introduced in 2009, thanks to popular demand. Each of the 2011 teams will receive a copy as a keepsake of the season, as will each of our 2011 Community Partners as a token of our appreciation for their support.

Just as it was last season, our goal is 100% compliance on team photos. We would like an updated photo for each team on our 'Teams' page posted to the League web site. When an Executive Member or designated photographer visits your game for the purpose of taking a team photo, we would appreciate your complete cooperation. We also welcome you to provide us with any game photos you take during the season and we will do our best to include it in this season's yearbook. Please send all photos to **Bill Chan** via e-mail at [billchan.mtfl@gmail.com](mailto:billchan.mtfl@gmail.com).

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Last season, we launched a Facebook page and a Twitter account. So far with very moderate success, but it is continuing to gain ground. The Facebook page is a fantastic avenue to reach the players, fans and build a following of our great league. Our Twitter account is vital in helping reach those that follow up-to-the-minute news updates.

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/mississaugatouchfootball>

Twitter: @MississaugaTFL

## 14. LEAGUE WEB SITE

You can visit the League's web site at [mtfl.org](http://mtfl.org).

The web site provides valuable information such as the Schedule, Division Standings, Scores, Game Sheets, Forms, League Policies and so much more. We do our best to try and keep the information as current as possible. Feel free to contact **Bill Chan** via e-mail at [billchan.mtfl@gmail.com](mailto:billchan.mtfl@gmail.com) with any suggestions, errors and possible changes to the web site you feel would be beneficial to everyone, and he will try his best to accommodate.

Please be aware that the web site is best viewed using Internet Explorer. Some of the functions and features do not work with Firefox or Google Chrome.

## 15. COMMUNITY PARTNERS

### COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The MTFL is committed to actively supporting and contributing to the community of Mississauga.

**Boston Pizza Square One** is once again on board as our Official Community Partner. We are heading into our 5<sup>th</sup> straight season of this partnership. We strongly encourage you to visit this exciting location as they offer a great menu, provide exceptional service, and have Canada's largest plasma television screen (103"). They also have a Team Sponsorship Program you may benefit from taking advantage of. We are also proud to be holding our 2012 Year-End Social at this location. Our contact for 2012 at this location is Community Relations Coordinator, **Kimberly Taal**.

Last season, the MTFL entered a partnership with the **Mississauga Football League** as a means to grow the sport of football in the City of Mississauga.

**The Mississauga News** will once again visit some games over the course of the season. In the past they have done an outstanding job of covering our games and we are excited they will continue this going into 2012. They will be out taking photographs and writing up stories for their newspaper and web site, as a means to continue promoting our exciting League to the City of Mississauga. In the event you are approached for an interview by a news writer, please be courteous and respectful, and cooperate in providing any information you can.

## 16. SOCIAL EVENTS

The past few seasons, the MTFL has made a strong effort to improve the experience of all Members. With continuous added improvements, our goal is to make it more than just about the game, but the community and the social atmosphere the League can provide as a whole.

### **ARGO GAME NIGHT**

Each year, we organize a league night where all the players, their friends and family can attend a CFL game with the Toronto Argonauts. Thus far, it has been very successful and we aim to continue with this fun, social tradition.

### **MTFL FRIENDLY**

In the spirit of trying to build sportsmanship and a fun atmosphere to the League, we will continue with our annual MTFL Friendly. Players from all divisions throughout the League are welcome to participate as a way to mingle, and to play in a non-competitive game that is more focused on meeting other players, and just having plain fun.

### **YEAR-END PARTY**

The past few seasons, we have begun to build a fun way to cap off the season by holding a year-end party that allows players to socialize and reflect on the season that was. It has been gaining momentum and is becoming very popular, and we will continue with this great event.

### **SKILLS COMPETITION**

Last year, by popular request of many players, we held our very first Skills Competition whereby many players were able to take part in several skilled events from passing, punting and running. Small awards were handed out for the winners of the contests and we are bringing it back again this year because of the great turnout from last year.

## 17. LEAGUE FINANCES

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

Performance Bonds, Ownership Entitlement, details can be found in Appendix C.



**MISSISSAUGA TOUCH FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**Appendix A 2011 MTFL Financial Statements, Closing**

**MISSISSAUGA TOUCH FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
INCOME STATEMENT  
December 31st, 2011**

**REVENUES:**

Annual Fees (37 x \$1,300)		\$48,100.00
Additional Fees		790.00
Performance Bonds, New Member Teams		1,800.00
Performance Bonds, Offending Team		300.00
Accumulated Interest		6.68
50/50 Draw		150.00
Toronto Argonauts Tickets, sold		2,560.00
Goal Post Pads, sold		375.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>\$54,081.68</b>

**EXPENSES:**

<u>Capital Expenses:</u>		
Goal Post Pads		4,561.05
Pylons		1,466.51
		6,027.56
<u>Operational Expenses:</u>		
Mississauga Official Association		\$25,688.00
MTFL Officials Incentive Program		450.00
Field Permits, City of Mississauga		5,242.26
Touch Football Ontario, League Insurance		4,625.00
Touch Football Ontario, League Affiliation Fee		75.00
Performance Bonds, Disbanding Teams		1,200.00
Division Championship Finals		2,817.46
Toronto Argonauts Tickets, purchased		6,600.00
Year-End Banquet		1,275.90
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>		<b>47,973.62</b>
<u>Administrative Expenses:</u>		
Annual General Meeting		\$926.16
Executive Meetings		403.38
P.O. Box Rental		325.76
Web Site		119.68
Donation - MFL		800.00
Bank Fees		2.00
Miscellaneous Expenses		968.80
<b>Total Administrative Expenses</b>		<b>3,545.78</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$57,546.96</b>
<b>NET INCOME/LOSS - MTFL</b>		<b>\$3,465.28</b>

**TFO PROVINCIALS TOURNAMENT:**

Revenues:		4,290.50
Expenses:		4,666.98
<b>Net Income/Loss - Tournament</b>		<b>-376.48</b>
<b>NET INCOME/LOSS - YEAR END</b>		<b>\$3,841.76</b>

**MISSISSAUGA TOUCH FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
BALANCE SHEET  
December 31st, 2011**

**ASSETS:**

Cash		\$11,521.45
Goal Post Pads		\$4,561.05
Pylons		1,466.51
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$17,549.01</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Performance Bonds (37 teams x \$200)		\$7,400.00
Team Credits		\$150.00
<b>MEMBERSHIP EQUITY:</b>		
Membership Equity		9,999.01
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Membership Equity</b>		<b>\$17,549.01</b>

~ The goal of the MTFL is to provide an opportunity for men to play organized touch football in a safe, fun, competitive environment ~

## Appendix B 2012 MTFL Financial Statements, Projected

## MISSISSAUGA TOUCH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## INCOME STATEMENT

December 31st, 2012 (Projected)

<b>REVENUES:</b>		
Annual Fees (36 x \$1,450)		\$50,750.00
Accumulated Interest		6.00
Toronto Argonauts Tickets, sold		4,000.00
Goal Post Pads, sold		600.00
Fundraisers		1,500.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>\$56,856.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
<u>Operational Expenses:</u>		
Mississauga Official Association	\$28,000.00	
MTFL Officials Incentive Program	600.00	
Field Permits, City of Mississauga	5,500.00	
Touch Football Ontario, League Insurance	5,000.00	
Touch Football Ontario, League Affiliation Fee	75.00	
Performance Bonds, Disbanding Teams	400.00	
Division Championship Finals	4,000.00	
Toronto Argonauts Tickets, purchased	6,000.00	
Year-End Banquet	1,500.00	
Total Operating Expenses		50,075.00
<u>Administrative Expenses:</u>		
Annual General Meeting	\$1,000.00	
Executive Meetings	500.00	
P.O. Box Rental	350.00	
Web Site	600.00	
Donation - MFL	850.00	
Bank Fees	2.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,500.00	
Total Administrative Expenses		4,802.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$56,877.00</b>
<b>NET INCOME/LOSS - MTFL</b>		<b>\$1,979.00</b>
<b>TFO PROVINCIALS TOURNAMENT:</b>		
2011 Carry Over		-376.48
<b>NET INCOME/LOSS - YEAR END</b>		<b>\$1,602.52</b>

## MISSISSAUGA TOUCH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## BALANCE SHEET

December 31st, 2012 (Projected)

<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Cash		\$13,123.97
Goal Post Pads		\$3,961.05
Pylons		1,466.51
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$18,551.53</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Performance Bonds (35 teams x \$200)	\$7,000.00	
<b>MEMBERSHIP EQUITY:</b>		
Membership Equity	11,551.53	
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Membership Equity</b>		<b>\$18,551.53</b>

**Appendix C Performance Bonds, Ownership Entitlement**

The following is a list of the Performance Bonds the MTFL has on record as of 2011. Listed is the team, along with the person of record entitled to the repayment of said Performance Bond upon the disbanding of the respective team:

**Angels**, Phil Scarfone  
**Arrows**, Bill Chan  
**Ashanti Warriors**, Leon Archer  
**Axemen**, Rick Zanon  
**Bears**, Ian Simpson  
**Booearns**, Dustin Dignard  
**Bulldogs**, Jeffrey Sladkowski  
**Cobras**, Matthew Vincent  
**Death From Above**, Geoff Lubert  
**Enforcers**, Geoff Johnson  
**Gang Green**, Wayne Dimaline  
**Ghosts**, Chris Zelkovich  
**Greatest Show on Turf**, Ryan Badham  
**Gridiron**, Greg Nowakowski  
**Hawks**, Stefan Ptasek  
**Hounds**, Bill Koz  
**Hurricanes**, Andrew McKenzie  
**Hustlin' Owls**, Paul Morrell

**Irish**, Jaren Hayman  
**New World Order**, John Tran  
**Offerdahl's Ornerys**, Brian Merker  
**Reapers**, Stefan Ivancevic  
**Saints**, Frankie Lazarus  
**Sentinels**, Steve Harrison  
**Showtime**, Stan Konda  
**Spartans**, Frank Jones  
**Steelers**, Agy Marksman  
**Stingers**, Jeff Hubert  
**Super Troopers**, Arash Rezaieizadeh  
**The Unit**, Sinh Nguyen & Ryan Hughes  
**ThunderCats**, Kevin Rajaratham  
**Trailer Park Boyz**, Mike Curitti  
**Trojans**, Kevin Charles  
**Wolfpac**, Sahan (Shawn) Warnakulasuriya  
**Wolverines**, David Stanford  
**Wolves**, David Sonne

In the event there is a discrepancy with the information listed for your team above, please contact the MTFL. If a correction is required, whether it be to the information listed above or a transfer of ownership, all parties involved must submit the appropriate completed paper work to the MTFL

**Appendix D Annual Fee Increase Initiatives**

Item	Plan	Type of Increase	Estimated Minimum	Estimated Maximum
City of Mississauga	Confirmed 2,5% increase. Field Permits, AGM	re-occurring	\$400.00	\$400.00
MTFL Friendly	Free t-shirts for players, 40 shirts per year.	re-occurring	\$500.00	\$500.00
Argos Night	To account for a ticket price increase from Argos as well as reduction the league's per ticket subsidy	one time	\$600.00	\$1,200.00
Event Improvements	Infrastructure for skill competition execution and prizes (for more than just 1st place).	re-occurring	\$300.00	\$300.00
TFO affiliation fees (for league)	MTFL has recommended that TFO registration fee be increased from \$75 per year to \$200 per year.	re-occurring	\$25.00	\$125.00
MOA	Approximately 30 playoff games with at least one more referee per game.	re-occurring	\$990.00	\$990.00
MOA Quality Assessment Program	Approximately 15 more site visits than George & Peter did last year.	re-occurring but to be voted upon at AGM every year	\$600.00	\$600.00
MTFL Playoff Prizes and Year-End League Wide Social	Last year MTFL spent less than it traditionally did on playoff prizes. Anticipate cost increase due to "inflation" from prize suppliers. Furthermore, year-end party is growing.	one-time but to be voted upon at AGM	\$1,200.00	\$1,500.00
Supporting Mississauga Football League	Based on AGM2011 vote, one "kids" team to wear uniforms with our league's name on them.	re-occurring for next four years (then AGM vote to see if it is continued thereafter)	\$850.00	\$1,000.00
Contingency // Surplus Fund	The idea that the MTFL maintain ~\$8k surplus on top of all performance bonds in its bank account (to be able to pay in advance field costs, etc...). For example, as of Dec-2011, MTFL has ~ \$4k surplus in the bank. MTFL can take multiple years to build up the surplus.	re-occurring charge as needed each year (over ten years).	\$400.00	\$800.00
		Total	\$5,865.00	\$7,415.00
Total number of teams expected in 2012			40	40
Price increase per team			\$146.63	\$ 185.38