

MN MACHINE SYSTEM UPDATE

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It is the mission of the Minnesota Machine to build strong team players, both physically and mentally, by providing the tools needed for growth and success on and off the field. Through dedication and teamwork, we will build a solid foundation from which positive and long lasting community partnerships may develop.

PRODUCT INFORMATION (general team information)

Product Manual (Web Site) – The team web site, www.mnmachine.com, is up and running! Please note that the site is under construction in many areas and will continue to undergo remodeling as we work through all the details! Check the site on a regular basis as this is where all things MACHINE will be posted!

Machine Operators (Staff) – The Minnesota Machine is owned by Lisa Olson and operated by interested Machine players. The Machine is proud to announce Dann Lickness, Michael Peoples, and Iakovos Tsakalas as the first confirmed coaches of our new team! Team Captains will be decided by the coaches and/or a team vote once practices get under way. Welcome to the Machine!

Initial Set-Up (Tryouts) – Team tryouts will be held on Saturday, January 24th and Saturday, January 31st, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. at the Neill Elementary School, 6600 Medicine Lake Road, Crystal MN 55427. Cost for tryouts is \$20 per player. Dress in athletic clothing and shoes as everyone will participate in various football related drills. Bring a photo i.d. and proof of insurance. The WFA offers player insurance if you do not have your own! More details on this option will be shared at tryouts.

(Player Fee and Contracts) – The 2009 Player Fee will be \$0-\$500, depending on the sponsors you are able to find. Sponsor information and player contracts will be available at the team tryouts. There will be short, but informative meeting before each tryout begins.

Some Assembly Required (Practices) – Minnesota Machine practices will begin on Saturday, February 7th. Practices will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday or Sunday mornings or afternoons ... depending on location. Details of exact practice locations are currently in progress. There are approximately 30 days of practice before our first game, with at least 3 of them in an indoor dome type facility.

(Schedule) – The Minnesota Machine is in the Midwest Region IV of the WFA, Women's Football Alliance. Our 2009 schedule is as follows. All home games are held on Saturdays at 7 p.m. Details for the Machine's home field are underway (if you have a lead on a field, please send it to Lisa Olson today. Mark your calendars!

Date	
April 18 th	BYE
April 25 th	At Iowa Thunder
May 2 nd	Missouri Phoenix
May 9 th	St. Louis Slam
May 16 th	At Kansas City Storm
May 23 rd	WFA LEAGUE BYE
May 30 th	BYE
June 6 th	At St. Louis Slam
June 13 th	Iowa Thunder
June 20 th	At Missouri Phoenix
June 27 th	Kansas City Storm
Playoffs July 11 th and 25 th . Championship Game August 15 th	

Essential Materials (Football) – The official game ball of the WFA and the Minnesota Machine is a Spalding Pop Warner Youth Composite Football. We are hoping to have the official ball available at tryouts.

SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE (upcoming events)

Maintenance Log (The ORANGE Folder) – An orange folder will be available to all on each game day. The orange folder will include an update from the most recent game and events, details about the upcoming game and events, team financial information, and more. "System Updates" like the one you are reading, will be sent each week to keep all players informed as well.

(First Away Game Details) – The Machine's first game is an away game on Saturday, April 25th. We will play Iowa Thunder in Des Moines, Iowa. The bus will depart mid morning on Saturday and will return to Minnesota early morning on Sunday, April 26th. An entire itinerary will be provided long before this game takes place!

(First Home Game Details) – The Machine's first HOME game is on Saturday, May 2nd against the newly formed Missouri Phoenix. Again, a game day itinerary will be provided in advance.

(BIG Event) – Saturday, May 30th will be a BIG EVENT day for the Minnesota Machine. Mark your calendars today because you will be required to attend. It is a BYE week for the Machine so we will gather our fans together for a great fundraiser. Ideas are welcome!



MACHINE SUPPORT (things to keep the team going)

The Engine (WFA) – The Minnesota Machine is a proud member of the Women's Football Alliance. The WFA has been welcoming and supportive to our team so far! Find them on our web site or visit them at www.womensfootballalliance.com. The WFA requires all team members to sign a Code of Conduct and a Waiver. These will be available to everyone at tryouts and will be due by the first day of practice.

Nuts and Bolts (Volunteers and Sponsors) – The Machine needs volunteers! If you are not going to be a player and want to volunteer, or you know someone who wants to volunteer, please contact us today. The Machine will not function without sponsors. We will take great care of our sponsors and provide incentive for players to find these sponsors. An example of what is in the works for the 2009 season is this ... a player may get back 50% of sponsorship money brought to the team, up to \$500, therefore making the total player fee out of pocket \$0! We will also look for sponsors to cover team specifics, such as athletic tape, fees for refs, busing costs, and so on. An entire sponsorship packet will be available at tryouts.

Cogs (Community Partnerships) – The Machine will be dedicated to building partnerships with community members. We will always have something to give back to those who give to us! Many leads have already been provided and updates will be provided on a regular basis.

Tech Support (Lisa Olson) – As a member of the Minnesota Machine ... coach, player, sponsor, volunteer, etc... you are always welcome to contact Lisa Olson with questions, concerns, ideas, etc. You may contact Lisa by phone or e-mail listed at the bottom of this update. Again ... welcome to the Machine!

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