

## **Tournament Approval Guidelines**

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The Board has decided that with the growth of tournaments in the Minnesota Union, there has to be an approval mechanism. A tournament is defined by "a gathering of 3 or more teams with the intent on playing rugby." This includes any form of sevens, tens, fifteens, and "whorefests" that are to be played in the Minnesota Union. The reasons behind this are:

1. To make sure that there is a quantity of certified referees available to cover the games planned.
2. To ensure that all participants are safe.
3. To have a set of standards that all teams may follow in running a tournament.
4. For the Union to have knowledge of all games being played in their area.

### **Guidelines:**

1. All teams wanting to host a tournament must give a written request to the Vice President of the Union at least twelve (12) weeks prior to the event.
2. The request must include the following:
  - A. Place the event is to be held?
  - B. Number of fields?
  - C. Number of teams expected (Men's and/or Women's)?
  - D. Number of matches expected?
  - E. Total duration/length of the matches (please indicate if Championship matches are longer)?
  - F. Date of event?
  - G. Contact Name, Address, and Phone Number?
  - H. Facilities available i.e. bathrooms?
  - I. Certified Trainers and/or Emergency Services available?
  - J. Map to nearest Emergency or Urgent care facility?

The Unions expectations are still the same as any game. Behavior that is detrimental to the game will not be tolerated. There has been an increase of violence and other behavior that will not be accepted here in Minnesota. You all have done a good job of keeping the image of our game clean, and improving it in many circles. Let us strive to continue the work we all have done to improve our game and to provide safe clean fun for everyone who wishes it.