



# **MINNESOTA HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME**

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## **LOCATION CHANGE AND FORMAT CHANGE ANNOUNCED FOR 38TH ANNUAL MINNESOTA HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME**

The Minnesota High School All-Star Football Game will be returning to its roots in 2011, with the announcement of two exciting changes.

The Minnesota Football Coaches Association (MFCA) is pleased to announce that the 38th Annual Minnesota High School All-Star Football Game will be played at TCF Bank Stadium on Saturday June 25 at 7:00 PM. TCF Bank Stadium will be the ninth game location in the history of the Minnesota High School All-Star Football Game.

With the move to TCF Bank Stadium, the All-Star Football Game will return to the University of Minnesota campus for the first time since 1975. The University of Minnesota was the original home of the All-Star Football Game, with games played at Memorial Stadium in 1945, 1946, 1974 and 1975.

This marks the return of the All-Star Football Game to the Twin Cities metropolitan area after six years at St. Cloud State University's Husky Stadium. By moving the game from St. Cloud State to TCF Bank Stadium (and the Twin Cities metro area), the MFCA hopes to draw more attention to the game and increase the attendance.

The MFCA is also announcing a format change for the 2011 All-Star Football Game. The new format of the All-Star Football Game will be:

North (including the north Metro) vs. South (including the south Metro)

The All-Star Board recommended the change to the Conference representatives who approved the new format. The MFCA hopes that the excitement of small town and big city athletes playing side by side will create an even greater experience for the players and the fans!

The previous format (Metro versus Outstate) was played for 31 years (1980 to 2010), with the Metro winning the series 16-15.

In the new format, the South team will consist of schools in Sections 1-4 (all classes) and the North team will consist of sections 5-8 (all classes). The only exception is that Class 5A Section 2 will play on the North team and Class 5A Section 6 will play on the South team.

The Minnesota High School All-Star Football Game was originally played in a North-South format (17 games; 1945-46, 1952-1960 and 1974-79). The last North-South All-Star Game was played in 1979, with the South winning 26-7 at Parade Stadium in Minneapolis. In the previous North-South series, the North won 8 games, the South won 8 games and there was one tie.

Upcoming announcements and events:

- The All-Star coaching staffs will be announced in early March.
- The All-Star game rosters will be announced in late March.
- The All-Star training camp will be held at Gustavus Adolphus College from Sunday June 19 to Saturday June 25.
- The All-Star Football Media Day will be held at TCF Bank Stadium on Wednesday June 22.

Game history questions may be directed to David Giles at [dtkgiles@yahoo.com](mailto:dtkgiles@yahoo.com) or 651-274-9359. Other questions may be directed to Game Director Dave Fritze at 651-230-1007.

Visit the Minnesota High School All-Star Football Game website at: <http://www.allstarfootball.org/>.