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Minnesota Vikings to host prep football games at TCO Performance Center



EAGAN, Minn. --- The Minnesota Vikings, in partnership with the Minnesota State High School League, announced today that the team's newly opened TCO Performance Center will host five high school football games this coming season.

The inaugural game at the state-of-the-art facility is Friday, Sept. 28 when Eagan plays Farmington. Eagan will be the home team and the school has designated the contest as its homecoming game. The second regular-season game is Friday, Oct. 12 when Prior Lake will play host to Lakeville North.



On Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9-10, the TCO Performance Center will also be the site for three games during the MSHSL's quarterfinal round of the football state tournament. Matchups are to be determined.

"We are really excited to partner with the Vikings," said MSHSL Associate Director Bob Madison, who oversees football. "The Minnesota Vikings are such an asset to the State of Minnesota and we really appreciate their willingness to open their facility to our education-based programs, and to promote Minnesota high school football programs."

The announcement is an extension of an existing partnership the League has had with the Minnesota Vikings in the promotion of education-based activities. For the past two seasons, the League has held its football semifinals and Prep Bowl championship games at U.S. Bank Stadium in conjunction with the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority and the Vikings.

Madison said that while football will be the primary theme, playing at the TCO Performance Center will be a community event with opportunities for marching bands, dance teams, cheerleaders and other high school groups to participate.

"Bringing Minnesota high school football to the TCO Performance Center will promote our member schools," Madison said. "This year, there will be a focus on rivalries and community. Our goal is for this to be an ongoing partnership that gives teams from around Minnesota this kind of opportunity."