



CITY OF SAINT PAUL
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CHRISTOPHER B. COLEMAN
Mayor

Welcome to Saint Paul – Sportstown, USA!

As we look at the year ahead, “Sportstown, USA,” seems like an appropriate title for Saint Paul as we prepare to welcome a number of national sporting events to town which will complement our already longstanding sporting traditions.

This year, the Xcel Energy Center and RiverCentre will host the NCAA Men’s Frozen Four Hockey Championship, the National Hockey League Entry Draft and the USA Gymnastics National Championships sponsored by VISA. Up the hill on Selby Avenue, the world-renowned Saint Paul Curling Club will host teams from 35 countries in the World Senior and Mixed Doubles Curling Championships.

These events will highlight an already busy sports calendar including the Minnesota State High School League tournaments, the NCAA Western Collegiate Hockey Association Final Five Championship, Minnesota Wild Hockey and Saint Paul Saints Baseball.

In addition to our role as a sports hotspot this year, work continues throughout the city on Light Rail Transit which will connect visitors in Saint Paul to Minneapolis, Minneapolis/Saint Paul International Airport, the Northstar Commuter Rail, and the Mall of America starting in 2014. This line will be anchored in the “Lowertown” area of downtown Saint Paul, by the redevelopment of the historic Union Depot. Long the destination of travelers from throughout the Midwest, Lowertown also will host our vision for a municipal ballpark that will be home to both our beloved Saint Paul Saints and countless community and regional events bringing even more people to Sportstown USA!

Working with Visit Saint Paul, and other tourism leaders, Saint Paul will continue to attract visitors from across the country. As Mayor, I look forward to celebrating our continued accomplishments and showcasing Saint Paul to the world.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Coleman
Mayor, City of Saint Paul