

NATIONALS HISTORY



The name Transcona Nationals has been around since 1912. The Transcona Nationals name derived from the Transcontinental Railway which had its railway shops in the heart of Transcona, Manitoba and is known as the CNR shops today.

While the war was going on, the Transcona Nationals were put on hold for a few years. It wasn't until fall of 1957 football was reborn in Transcona. With only a couple of dollars in the bank, three men started a boys sixteen and under team in a league together with Fort Garry, St Vital, Ravens Court and Transcona.

March 25, 1958 was officially when the Transcona Nationals Football Club was formed with elected Directors. Later in 1958 the Greater Winnipeg Midget Football League had started. In the same year the Transcona Stadium Commission granted permission to the Nationals to play at the Stadium field.

- EastEnd Community Club and the Transcona Curling Club also allowed the team to use their fields and club house as a dressing room.
- A Tag Day was held to sell tickets and accept donations helped fit the Midget Team with uniforms in traditional blue and white of the original Nationals.
- The league scheduled six teams, players all under eighteen years of age.
- That year the Nationals won nine out of ten games only to lose in the sudden-death final.

In 1959 the Midget League had grown to eight teams. Later that year, with help from the Transcona Nationals the four team Greater Winnipeg Bantam League was formed. 1960 would have the Transcona Nationals placed a third team out of Nationals club. This one would be in the Manitoba Juvenile League.

The Nationals Juvenile team was fully fitted with equipment from Harry Sucharov owner of Transcona Motors.

The Transcona Ramblers was the name of our juvenile team.

In 1960 Transcona and Fort Garry were the only two districts in all of Manitoba to sponsor football for boys in the three age groups, the Bantams, Midgets and Juvenile.

The Transcona Nationals moved to various locations until the Optimist Park at 875 McMeans Ave. East became their present home to more than 200 players and cheerleaders.