

2026-2027 15U Town Hall

August 26, 2026



Agenda :

- Welcome & Introductions
- Governance Update: Formation of Joint Advisory Committee (JAC)
- Rebrand
- 15U Season
 - Meet the coaches
 - Team structures
 - Tryouts
 - Season logistics & expectations

Governance Update: Creation of the Joint Advisory Committee (JAC)

JAC Purpose: To serve as the governing bridge and primary oversight body for the Hopkins-Park Nordics and Hopkins-Park-MPLS Nordic Storm, youth hockey co-op program.

Grounded in the joint governance framework between the Hopkins Youth Hockey Association (HYHA) and St. Louis Park Youth Hockey Association (SLPHA), the JAC ensures operational alignment, strategic leadership, and administrative consistency across all participating levels.

Governance Document:
hopkinsparkhockey.com/about/policies-and-documents/167911

Key JAC Positions:

HYHA Co-chair: Kelly Johnson girlscochair@hopkinshockey.com

SLPHA Co-chair: Alison Holland alison.holland@hopkinsparkhockey.com

MHA: Drew Wood dwood@mplshockey.com

Operations Director: Morgan Stangl
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Open Position: JAC Treasurer, *contact Alison and Kelly interested*

Open Volunteer Position: JAC webmaster

15U Rebrand: Nordic Storm

Rebrand Rational: Showcase the collaboration between Hopkins, St. Louis Park, and Minneapolis, this rebrand bridges our communities under one unified identity while celebrating roots of the associations that brought us together.

Seamless Brand & Visual Harmony: Unifies our team names and color schemes into a single identity across all three partner associations.

Honors each Community: Keeps each association identity front and center so our players and families stay rooted in their hockey heritage.

Fosters Team Unity: Creates recognizable presence on and off the ice that connects players from every association as ONE team.

Fresh Swag & Gear: Will feature the updated logo suite or the upcoming season.



15U Season Overview

- 26-27 Coaches
- Numbers & Team Format
- Value of 15U
- Tryouts
- Expectations

Teams , Coaches , Numbers

Declared two 15u teams: A and B levels

Coaches:

15A co-head coaches: Amber Schaack
and Izzy Gleekel

15B head coach: Jackie Falk

*Assistant coaches for both teams to be
determined once final teams are formed*

Current Registration Numbers:

- 27 registered skates
- 2 registered goalies

Varying registration timelines across
associations so numbers will continue to
evolve

- HYHA closed Aug 15
- SLPHA closes Aug 31
- MHA closes Sep 18

Final numbers will determine final team levels

Tournaments

A Team

Dec. 11-13: WBL

Jan. 15-17: SLP

Jan. 29-31: Alexandria

4th Tourney: TBD

B Team

Nov. 20-22: Blaine

Dec. 11-13: Moorehead

Jan. 8-10: SLP

Jan. 29-31: Superior WI

What You Need to Know

- Four tournaments per season: Two local & two travel.
- Hotel rooms are blocked. Team Managers will provide a reservation link.

15U Value Statement

Competitive stepping stone to playing High School Hockey

Longer season

- More games
- 4 tournaments per team
- Team specific practices
- More puck touches

15U is an important developmental step in a players hockey journey and preparing for HS. Each family's scenario is unique and you are encouraged to talk with our 15U and your HS coaches about which level presents the best opportunity for your player.

Season Schedule Overview

September 1st: Pre-Season Clinics Begin

Week of Oct 6th: Tryouts (Oct. 6, 7, 8 and 10th for possible outside scrimmage)

TBD: First day Exhibition games can be scheduled in District (this will be discussed during tonight's D3 meeting)

November 14th: Celly Day

November 30th: Final district schedule released

Mid-February: District 3 playoffs

Expect to be on the ice 5-6x per week - Mix of practice & games

What You Need to Know

- Practices held primarily at **Parade** and **SLP Rec Center**
- Expect later ice times.

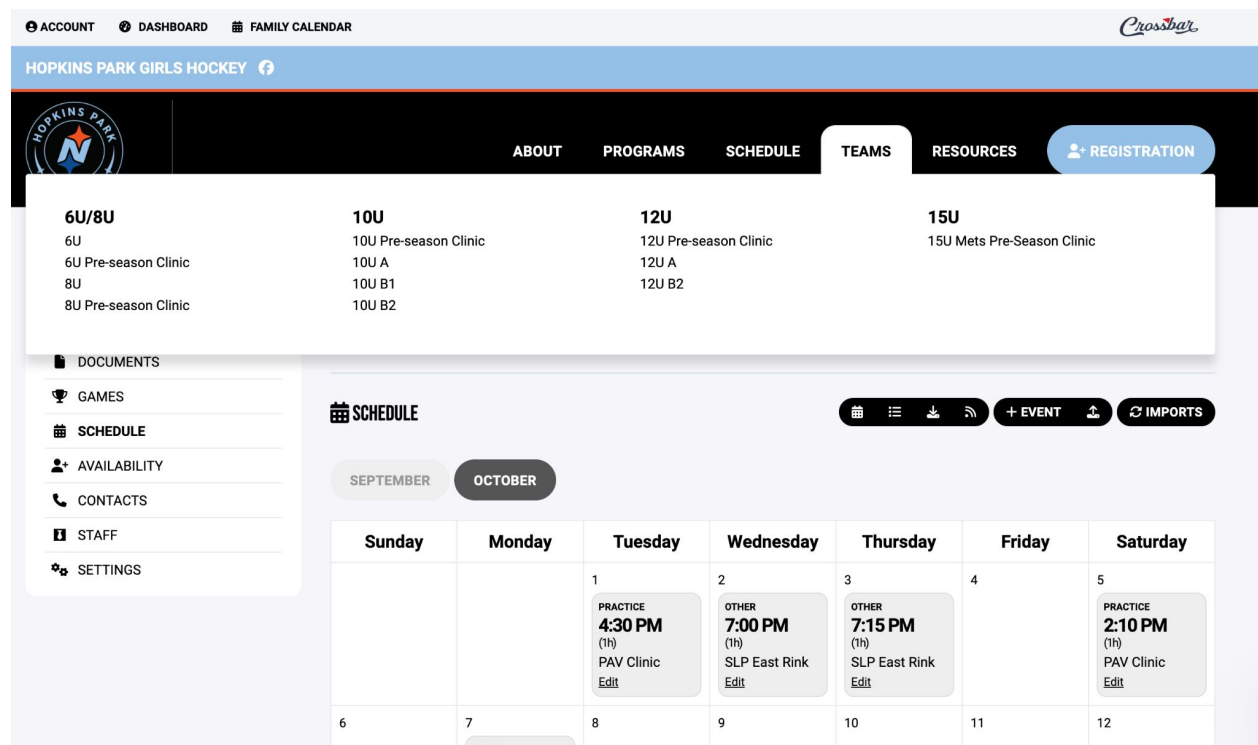
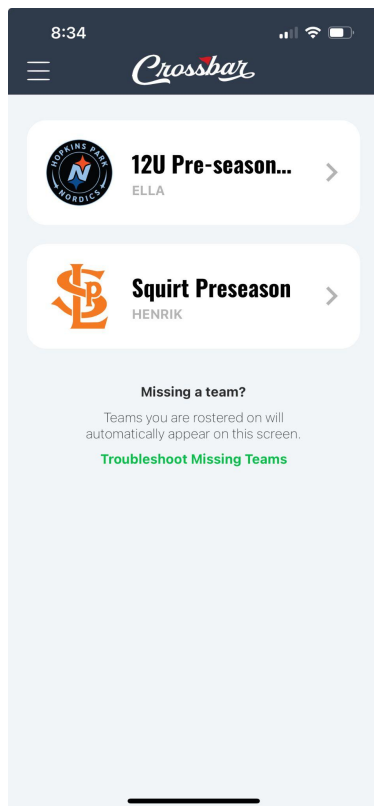
Tryout Schedule & Format

- Planning for 3-4 sessions - Oct 6, 7, and 8
- Possible outside scrimmage Oct. 10
- Final schedule & format will depend upon the number of registered players
- Dedicated goalie-only tryout
- Emphasis on game play over drills
- Small area games: 2v2, 3v3 & 4v4
- Full ice 5v5

What You Need to Know

Evaluators are 3rd party and non-parent coaches. Coaches on ice during tryouts must meet USA Hockey coaching requirements and will be coaches from other levels. On-ice coaches do not evaluate.

Crossbar



- *View team calendar
- *RSVP for games & practices
- *Sign up for locker room monitor & game time jobs

Expectations

- We are ONE TEAM!
 - Player Code of Conduct/Sportsmanship
 - On & Off the Ice
- Attendance is key!
 - Make every effort to attend all practices, games & tournaments.
 - RSVP in Crossbar
- NO Cell phones allowed in locker rooms
- Mouth guards and neck guards required! NEW for 26-27 season, mouth guards MUST be tethered and cannot be clear (white is not advised).

Family Involvement

- Volunteer Hours
 - SLPHA – 14 hours/player (max 28 hours)
 - HYHA – 10 hours/player (max 20 hours)
 - MHA – 12 hours
- Team Managers* (Satisfies volunteer hour requirements)
 - Indicate interest during registration
- Game Responsibilities:
 - Locker Room Monitors* (All games and practices)
 - Penalty Box (All games)
 - Clock, Scoresheet (Home Games Only)
- Family Code of Conduct

*Requires Background Check and Safesport Training

Reminder: Completing game-related jobs does **not** count toward your volunteer hour requirement.

Questions



Thank you for your time attending the 15U Town Hall!