

# 2024-2025 RYHA Mite Season

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Nate Moen - RYHA President  
Dan Ritter - Mite Director



# AGENDA

- Welcome
- Board and Coordinator Roles
- DIBS Information
- Fundraising
- President Updates
- Hockey Development & Tryouts



# WELCOME

**On behalf of RYHA, thank you for taking time to meet tonight. We want this to be a great experience for everybody, as this goes by quickly!**



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# ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

Monthly Meeting every 3rd Monday of the Month - ALL ARE WELCOME!

- President – Nate Moen
- Vice President – Bill Zacher
- Secretary – Josey Dooley
- Treasurer – Dara Allen
- Registration – Emily Barnacle
- Ice Schedule – Tim Hanson
- Gambling Manager – Mike Johnston
- Fundraising – Zach Jans
- Growth Director – Amanda Spilde
- Development Director – Ryan Johnson
- Coaching Director – Dan Miller
- Girls Director – Andy Pohl
- Boys Director – Matt Kleinbrook
- Mite Director – Dan Ritter

# ASSOCIATION COORDINATORS

- U8 Coordinator
- U10 Coordinator
- U12 Coordinator
- Mite Coordinator
- Communications Coordinator
- Tournament Coordinator
- Manager Coordinator
- S.K.A.T.E Coordinator
- Hockey Fights Cancer
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Graphic Designers
- Finance Manager
- Goalie Coordinators
- Dryland Coordinator - ETS Performance
- Jr Gold Director
- Growth Coordinators
- Equipment Manager
- SafeSport Coordinator



# HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT TEAM

- **Ryan Johnson**
- **Gino Guyer**
- **Emily Achterkirch**
- **Jeff Bredemus**
- **Dan Ritter**
- **Dan Miller**
- **Matt Kleinbrook**
- **Andy Pohl**
- **Chad Vukich**



# BOARD POSITIONS

- All Voting Positions are currently filled!
- This has not been the case in the past, so we want to keep this momentum going and thank you for your support.
- RYHA is growing and with growth comes the need for more opportunities to divide and conquer. We will be adding supporting roles in the future with coordinator positions.
- Communication is Key – If you feel there are areas that seem to have gaps or could be improved, please communicate with your board members, remember this is a volunteer organization and there are over 500 kids in our association now!
- Our goal is to make this experience a good one for your son/daughter and your family!



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# REGISTRATION / DIBS

- Families are required to work ten (10) hours of volunteer time during the season regardless of the number of registered players. A minimum of three (3) hours must be completed at one of the RYHA hosted tournaments.
- If the volunteer requirements are not fulfilled, you will be charged at a rate of \$50 per hour, up to \$500.00 (per family) against your payment method on file.
- RYHA Travel and Coaches (4 per team), Travel Team Managers (maximum of 2 per team), Mite Coaches (4 per team) and one Mite Team Manager per team will have their volunteer hours fulfilled.

# TOURNAMENTS

- **3 HOME HOSTED TOURNAMENTS  
NOVEMBER, JANUARY, MARCH**

**DIBS/Coordinators:  
Time Clock  
Scoresheet  
Apparel/Baskets**



[ryhatournaments@rogershockey.com](mailto:ryhatournaments@rogershockey.com)

## Important Registration Information

- IF YOU HAVE A 1ST YEAR MITE OR U8 PLAYER OR ARE NEW TO RYHA PLEASE EMAIL A COPY/PICTURE OF YOUR CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE TO:  
[RYHA.HOCKEYREG@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RYHA.HOCKEYREG@GMAIL.COM)
- YOUR CHILD CANNOT PLAY HOCKEY WITHOUT THEIR BIRTH CERTIFICATE ON FILE. THIS IS A USA HOCKEY REQUIREMENT.

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# FUNDRAISING

- Zach Jans - Fundraising Director
- Personal fundraising
  - Not required
  - Heggies Pizza
    - Selling Pizza to help cover Personal Cost
    - Great for family and friends



# FUNDRAISING & SPONSORSHIPS

- Tiered “Packaged” Advertising Opportunities
- \$1,000/\$500
  - Mite Team Sponsor/Sponsor Daughter or Sons team.
    - Sponsorships for next year
    - All sponsorships full this year
  - Bar Down Classic Tournament Sponsor

Title Sponsor for Squirt-Pee Wee-Mite

Jamboree

- Annual Golf Event Sponsor.
  - Hole Sponsorship, Meal Sponsorship

***Great way to showcase your brand name!***

→ Most of my service providers are RYHA sponsors

# FUNDRAISING & SPONSORSHIPS

Contact Zach Jans for any sponsorship details,  
questions, or ideas!!

Email- [ryhafundraising@rogershockey.com](mailto:ryhafundraising@rogershockey.com)





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# **PRESIDENT TOPICS**

- SafeSport
- Cell Phone Policy
- Association Apparel Guidelines
- Budget
- Ice
- Pictures
- New Updates – Crossbar, Neck Guards
- Future Facility Updates

# PRESIDENT TOPICS: SAFESPORT

All team coaches *and* volunteers must be current with SafeSport certification and the Background screening. These items are required.

Emphasis on electronic communication and locker rooms

Safe Sport Training:

<https://www.usahockey.com/safesporttraining>

Background Check:

<https://www.minnesotahockey.org/page/show/96281-screening>



## **PRESIDENT TOPICS: CELL PHONE POLICY**

The use of cell phones in locker rooms is strictly forbidden. RYHA understands players may need to have a cell phone in their presence for personal reasons for rides and other communication purposes.

For this reason, RYHA will allow cell phones to be in an enclosed bag if the cell phone is confirmed to be powered off prior to entering the locker room.

Violations will be reported to D10 and the players family will be responsible for any fines.

## **PRESIDENT TOPICS: APPAREL**

All teams will have the same warm-ups, which will be ordered from approved vendor.

- Eliminates team specific looks
- Uses approved RYHA Logo
- 2-year cycles
- Teams can still purchase other items from approved vendor(s) with approved logo



## **PRESIDENT TOPICS: MISC**

### Budget

- RYHA is in a strong financial position
- Gambling continues to contribute
- Planning for additional costs if/when additional rink is built

### Pictures

- Mite Pictures TBD



# Manager Training

- Each Mite team needs a manager to help coaches and parents stay informed and organized.
- Manager Training is held for all Mite Teams once teams are formed (date TBD).
- If you are interested in managing, reach out to the head coach once teams are formed.
- Please prioritize this training session to ensure you get your season off to a great start.

# **PRESIDENT TOPICS: Updates**

## Equipment

- Mouth Guards - Must be attached
- Neck Guards – Must be worn

## Crossbar

- Used for registering, calendars, dibs, etc.
- Each parent needs a login to receive updates

## Future Facility

- Progressing with City
- New Capital Campaign
- Updates

## Fee increase this year



# **RYHA Rink Drive**

## **Expand the RAC**

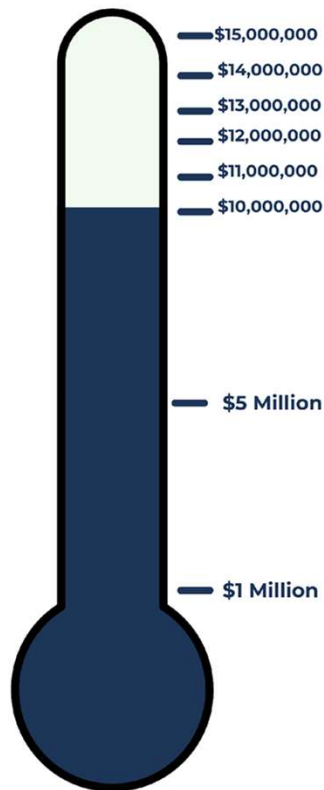


# EXPAND THE RAC

## RYHA RINK DRIVE



Total Project Cost 14.9 Million



We have 9.9 million secured for the rink but just need 5 million more!



## How are we doing this?

- To make this vision a reality, we need support from large donors and the community.
- RYHA is organizing a team of skilled salespeople, marketers, and grant writers.

# EXPAND THE RAC

## RYHA RINK DRIVE



## What are we offering large donor sponsors?

RAC Expansion Gift Levels	Spots Available	Naming Rights*	Marketing Recognition to All RYHA Members	Season Tickets & Concession Pass	Name on Donor Recognition Wall	Brick Name Display	Logo / Name on RYHA Website	RYHA Donor Recognition Merch*
Founders \$1,00,000+	1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Champions \$500,000+	2	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Leaders \$50,000+	10	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Patrons \$25,000+	25		x	x	x	x	x	x
Donors \$10,000+	60				x	x	x	x
Friends \$1,000+	195					x	x	x
Community \$100+	300							x
*Each level qualifies for different naming rights and merchandise								

Donors contributing \$10,000 and over will be honored on the Donor Recognition Wall inside the new rink. Donors choosing a naming opportunity will be recognized on both the Donor Recognition Wall and at the selected naming opportunity.

Contributions of \$1,000 will receive a customizable brick for the donor brick wall.

# EXPAND THE RAC

## RYHA RINK DRIVE



## What are we offering RYHA members?

As a RYHA member you are important to the success of the new rink. We put together some exclusive members only packages.



- With a \$100 donation you get a free youth T-shirt and car badge to show support for the new rink.
- A \$200 donation will get you an adult sweatshirt and car badge.
- Wear your T-shirt around Rogers to show local businesses how much hockey families contribute to our community and spread campaign awareness!
- Simply driving your car around Rogers with the car badge helps us get our message out.



# EXPAND THE RAC

RYHA RINK DRIVE



## Brick Donations, \$1,000 over 40 months



- We need 200 donations of \$1,000 to hit our goal
- Get a brick to get your name, or a loved one's name in the rink forever
- We have monthly payment options at \$25 a month for 40 months
- When RYHA members donate it shows the community just how much this rink matters to us



# EXPAND THE RAC

## RYHA RINK DRIVE



## How can you help?

- If you want to help e-mail [rinkdrive@rogershockey.com](mailto:rinkdrive@rogershockey.com)
- If you want to pledge money for the future, scan the “Pledge” QR code on the front tables
- If you want to donate today, scan the “Donate Now” QR codes on the front tables

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# MITE PROGRAM & DEVELOPMENT 2024-2025

\*All items are subject to change





## Mite Program Focus

- Passion for the game
- Individual Skill Development through repetition
- Skating, Puck Ability and Basic Hockey IQ
- Player Retention

# REMINDER

## NECK LACERATION PROTECTION

# REQUIRED

WHAT AGE LEVELS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR NECK LACERATION PROTECTION?



**ALL AGE LEVELS EXCEPT ADULTS**

YOUTH - GIRLS - HIGH SCHOOL  
JUNIOR (REGARDLESS OF AGE)  
PLUS ON-ICE OFFICIALS UNDER-18

STARTING ON

AUGUST

1

WHAT IS THE BEST NECK LACERATION PROTECTOR (NLP)?

- CHOOSE AN NLP DESIGNED FOR -  
LACERATION PROTECTION

**WORN PROPERLY WITH NO ALTERATIONS**

COVERS LARGEST AREA OF EXPOSED NECK

**6** ALL  
DISABLED DISCIPLINES  
**ARE REQUIRED**  
TO WEAR NECK  
LACERATION  
PROTECTION



WHAT IS THE PENALTY FOR NOT WEARING NLP?

**FIRST VIOLATION -**

PLAYER SUBSTITUTION & TEAM WARNING

**FURTHER VIOLATIONS -**

MISCONDUCT PENALTY



WHAT HAPPENS IF A PLAYER LOSES THEIR NLP?

- THE PLAYER IS ALLOWED TO PLAY UNTIL THE NEXT STOPPAGE
- AT THE STOPPAGE, PLAYER MUST REPLACE NLP OR BE SUBSTITUTED WITH ANOTHER PLAYER



HANGING THROAT  
PROTECTORS

**DO NOT**

QUALIFY AS NLP  
FOR GOALIES

\*NO EQUIPMENT IS 100% EFFECTIVE, BUT INJURY RISK IS REDUCED WITH GOOD QUALITY AND PROPERLY SIZED EQUIPMENT



# Season Prep

- Equipment lease
  - Amanda Spilde
- Name on Helmet
- Mouth Guards - need to be attached.
- Helmet comfort
- Stick length (nose/chin)
- Skates
  - Proper sizing
  - Tightening
- Playing Goalie
  - Everyone (Mite C and above) given an opportunity
  - Goalie specific training



# Mite Season Structure

- Early October - Mid November
  - Players will be broken up into groups (5 tiers Mites, 1 tier 8U)
  - Kids will initially be separated by last years teams and a combination of skill and grade, adjustments will occur during this timeframe
- November- End of Season
  - All players will be placed on Mite or 8U A-D
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-Mite or 8U A/B/C
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders- Mite or 8U A/B/C/D
  - 1<sup>st</sup> and Kindergarten- Mite or 8U C/D
  - Pre-K: Mite D
- Some Exceptions may occur, however if an exception does occur the parental guardian will be contacted prior to placement



# Training Camp Process

Players will be evaluated throughout this time to be placed in proper level for best development

Training Camp process will be continuous through the Tier Concept to place players on the correct level for their development

# Group Information and Translation to Teams

Tier 1 - A/B - Mostly 3rd graders and some 2nd graders

Tier 2 - C - Mostly 2nd graders and 3rd graders

Tier 3 - C - Mostly 2nd graders and experienced 1st graders

Tier 4 - Upper mite D - Mostly 1st graders and 2nd year K, some 2nd

Tier 5 - Beginner mite D - Pre-K, K, 1st

8U Tier - Girls A/B

# Practice Structure

- All Practices are pre-planned and Coaches are expected to follow plan for that session
- Practices are intended to support our initiatives around fun and skill development
- ADM model will be used
- Ice Time
  - All sessions will be one hour
- We are a program designed for individual development and puck touches. This philosophy and commitment can only be achieved by promoting small area games where we allow players the best opportunity to practice skills, while maximizing game skills.





# Additional Practices

- Outdoor Ice:
  - Dress in area by Zamboni
  - Coaches will work with RAC if conditions are questionable
- Dryland
  - Lost use of dryland facility for this season

# Team Information

- Final teams in November
- Final Jersey distribution in November/December
- Dibs are available to all Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches. Help is greatly appreciated and encouraged. *You have to be registered with USA Hockey, RYHA and have a background check and Safesport complete to be on the ice, in the locker room or working with players.*
- Coaches Meeting will be in late October.

# Team Information



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- Tier Sessions
  - Mite/8U - A/B
    - Half ice games will occur after 2nd week
  - Mite C
    - Cross ice and half ice games will occur after 2nd week
  - Mite D
    - Cross ice games will occur after 2nd week
- Regular Season
  - Mite/8U - A/B
    - Half ice games
    - 4 full ice D10 league games
    - 3 Jamborees
  - Mite C
    - Half ice and cross ice games
    - 3 Jamborees
  - Mite D
    - All cross ice games

## Important Parent Information

- No Scholarships will be given at this level, so let the kids have fun!
- Bullying will not be tolerated, if it does occur please contact Level Director and there will be swift action
- May play at other arenas other than Rogers. We have tried our best to get as much ice at Rogers as possible, but events will be scheduled at the Super Rink in Blaine and Anoka as well.

# High School Partnership

- Sara Weis - Booster Club President





# Thank You!

- We look forward to a fun season! Our association is growing and we strive to make this a great experience for you and your families. There are a lot of volunteer hours that go into a season during the season and throughout the summer. Lots of lifetime friendships are formed during these years and we ask that you represent Rogers in a positive manner at all times, but especially when we are visiting other cities for games and tournaments. Have fun play hard and let's make sure the memories that are going to be talked about 10 years from now are good ones about the hockey team and the kids and not something a parent or coach did.
- Make Good Decisions!
- Enjoy the Ride - It goes fast so hang on and be proud of your child and your team! Let's have a great Season

Questions?

