2026 – 2027 Rock Ridge Youth Hockey Association Required Volunteer Program Information

Rock Ridge Youth Hockey Association (RRYHA) requires each family to contribute to our program through required volunteer hours. Requiring all families to participate in volunteer work helps our program run smoothly and keeps hockey affordable in our community. Running a successful hockey association is a tremendous amount of work, our required volunteer program helps us share this workload across the organization.

Please read our volunteer program information carefully, it does change from year to year as our needs change.

This season our volunteer program will have two components:

1. **Tournament/Concession/Other volunteering for events the association is hosting or participating in:** These hours will be posted on the association website to be claimed in advance of games, tournaments and events. Failure to complete your assigned number of volunteer hours will result in your family being invoiced at the end of season in the amount of **$750** per child up to **$1500** for families with multiple children. Families are required to complete the volunteer hours of their TWO OLDEST players.
2. **Regular season volunteering in the non-tournament games your child(ren) are participating in:** **This is a requirement.** Failure to work your share of your child(ren)s regular season games will result in a $150 fine assessed at the end of the season. Team Managers will be responsible for the scheduling, managing and tracking these hours and requirements.

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Component #1: Tournament, Concession, Post-Season & Other Volunteer Hours:

FAQs:

- ***Who does this component apply to?*** This required volunteer program information included in this document are applicable to players at all levels, youth and girls, with the exception of Junior Gold.
- ***How do we make sure we don't have to pay?*** This component is an all or nothing volunteer program. You must complete all of your required hours or you will be charged/invoiced $750 at the completion of the hockey season.
- ***What volunteer hours apply under this component?*** Volunteer hours that will be credited in this component will be easy to identify because they will need to be claimed through our volunteer platform on our website www.rryha.org.
    - Hours will become available throughout the season.
    - Each time new hours have been posted an email will be sent to the association email list.
    - Please be certain to register with an accurate up-to-date email address(es) for both parents or guardians who will be responsible for volunteer work.
- ***Can we choose to just pay instead?*** At registration families will be given the opportunity to pay up-front for volunteer hours they do not intend to work this hockey season.
    - Families who choose this option will be charged $750 per child up to $1500 for multiple children.
    - This is a non-refundable buy-out of this component of the volunteer program. Apart from families who are later determined to be in a waived status.
    - This buyout **DOES NOT** apply to Component #2 requirements.
- ***Can we do more than our fair share?*** Families can work more than their required volunteer hours. You may also gift your extra volunteer hours to another family.
- ***Can we pick up hours for other levels or events our child(ren) are not participating in?*** These hours can be claimed for any game/event, not just games/events that your child is participating in. Some hours will be events that are not directly hockey related and/or not hosted by RRYHA, we ask for volunteers because RRYHA is benefitting from these events such as Wilderness games, BINGO, etc.
- ***What do I do if I realize I cannot or will not complete my volunteer hours during the season?*** If you are unable to complete your required hours you will need to contact the RRYHA Volunteer Coordinator so that it can be discussed with the board to identify other volunteer opportunities. You should contact the volunteer coordinator as soon or as early in the season as possible so that alternative arrangements can be made. When possible, the Volunteer Coordinator will attempt to work with your family to get your hours or the equivalent of your hours completed. Failing to communicate until near the end or after the completion of season will result in your family being invoiced the incomplete requirements.

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Categories	Requirement Details	Limitations	Expected Cost to Families
Mini Mites, Mites, & 8U Families	**10 Required hours** per player		- $0 for families who complete all required volunteer hours in component #1. - $750 for families with ONE player with incomplete volunteer requirements. - $1500 for families with TWO+ players with incomplete volunteer requirements. - Families are required to complete the volunteer hours of their TWO OLDEST players.
Squirt/10U Families through Bantams	**14 Required hours per** player		- $0 for families who complete all required volunteer hours in component #1. - $750 for families with ONE player with incomplete volunteer requirements. - $1500 for families with TWO+ players with incomplete volunteer requirements. - Families are required to complete the volunteer hours of their TWO OLDEST players.
Coaches	No Required Hours	Coaches must successfully complete safe sport and clear a background check to have volunteer hours waived. There will be a limit of THREE Coaches per team with waived hours. Those Coaches will be determined and named by the HOC.	- $0 for families who fulfill their coaching requirements for the complete season. - $750 for families where coaching requirements were not fulfilled for ONE player's team. - $1500 for families where coaching requirements were not fulfilled for TWO+ players' teams.
Team Managers with Home Tournaments	No Required Hours	Managers must successfully complete safe sport and clear a background check to have volunteer hours waived. **Manager's waived hours will be waived only for the team they are managing.** There will be ONE manager per team. Hours will be waived once Team Managers are named.	- $0 for families who fulfill their manager requirements for the complete season. - $750 for families where manager requirements were not fulfilled for ONE player's team. - $1500 for families where manager requirements were not fulfilled for TWO+ players' teams.
Team Managers without Home Tournaments	**½ Normal Required hours per** player will be different depending on player level	Managers must successfully complete safe sport and clear a background check to have volunteer hours waived. **Manager's waived hours will be waived only for the team they are managing.** There will be ONE manager per team. Hours will be waived once Team Managers are named.	- $0 for families who fulfill their manager requirements for the complete season. - $750 for families where manager requirements were not fulfilled for ONE player's team. - $1500 for families where manager requirements were not fulfilled for TWO+ players' teams.
Board Members	No Required Hours		- $0 for families who fulfill their board member requirements for the complete season. - $750 - $1500 for families where board member requirements were not fulfilled depending on number of players in the program.

Component #2: Regular Season Volunteering (for your child(ren)s non-tournament games only)

- This component will be managed and scheduled by Team Managers with the support of the Volunteer Coordinator
- This component is ***REQUIRED*** and not eligible for a buyout.
- The goal of this portion of our volunteer program is to get all families comfortable with different volunteer roles during games and to allow all families the equal opportunity to watch their child(ren)s games from the stands.
- After teams have been selected each manager will determine and communicate the number each players family/guardian will be required to complete for their "fair share".
    - Coach families (only 3 per team, named by the HOC) will not be included.
        - Coach families are ONLY waived for the team they are coaching. Coach families are responsible for volunteering at regular season games for any of their children's teams in which they are NOT one of the 3 named coaches.
    - Concession Hours are NOT included in this component.
    - Manager will post home game needs for families on a platform TBD.
    - Families will have 7 days to sign up for the games they wish to pick up.
    - After that 7 days the Team Managers will assign families/guardians who have not signed up for their fair share of remaining open games.
    - Trading or finding someone to work your assigned game once it has been posted by the Team Manager is the responsibility of the players family/guardians.
    - Families/Guardians who do not complete their fair share of regular season games will be assessed a fine of $150 at the end of season.
        - Additional fines may be assessed for families who No Call No Show to their assigned games without notifying the Team Manager or refuse to report to the box for their assigned games.

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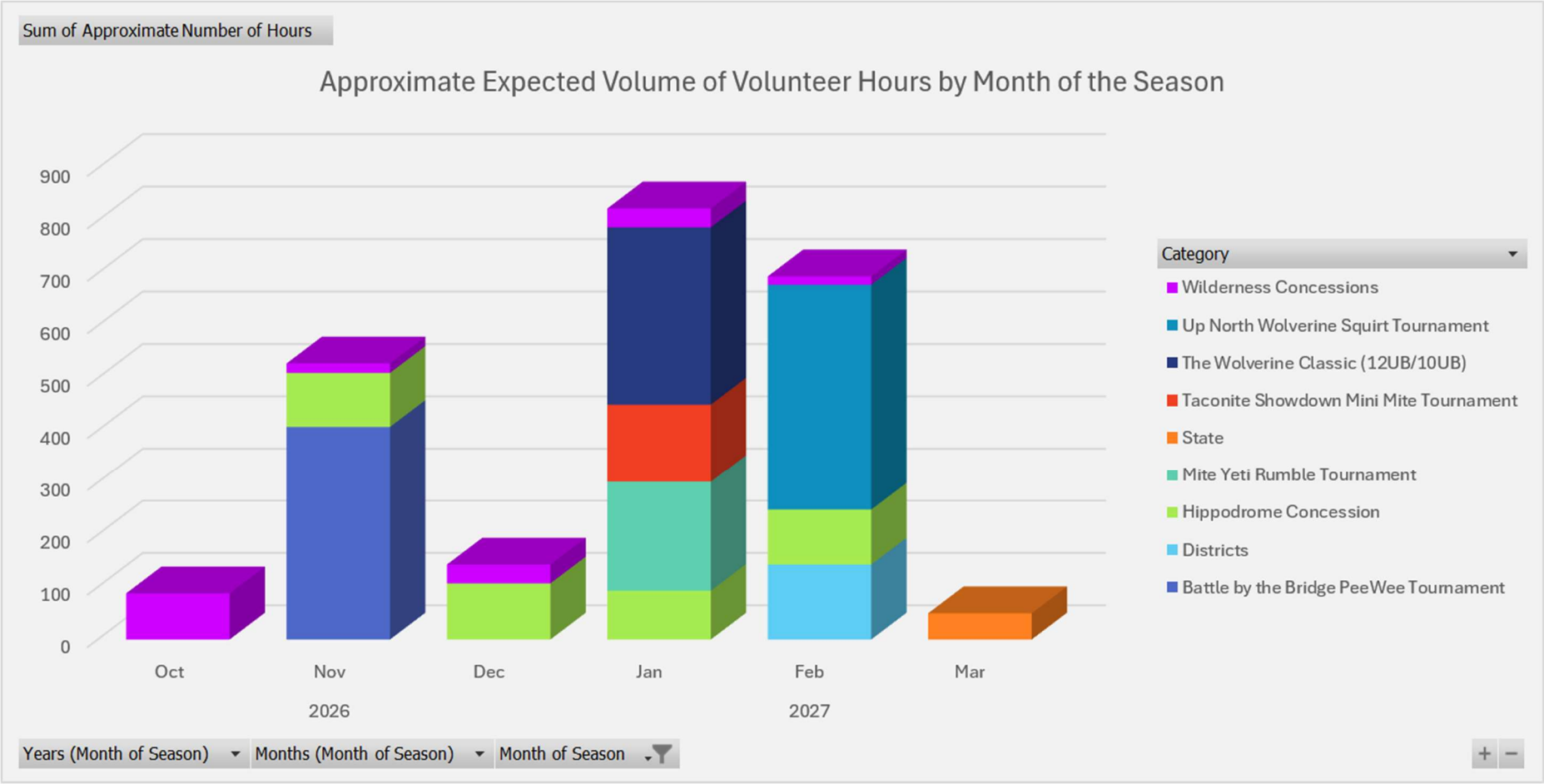
Scheduled Tournaments:

- **Peewee B2 Battle By the Bridge: November 20-22, 2026**
- **Mini Mite Taconite Showdown: January 15-17, 2027**
- **Mite Tournament Yeti Rumble: January 15-17, 2027**
- **The Wolverine Classic (Girls 12UB/10UB): January 22-24, 2027**
- **Up North Wolverine (Squirt B2): February 19-21, 2027**
- **Districts Tournament TBD**
- **State Tournament TBD**



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