

Hinsdale Central Hockey Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2026
Via Google Meet

President's Report

Summer Programming:

- The **Just Lift** summer training sessions have received excellent participation and positive feedback from players.
- The Summer Skate Series currently has 26 registered skaters as of June 10.

Coaching Contracts:

- Garrett Ryan will finalize the coaching contract for Ryan Sullivan and submit it to the Coaches Committee for review before forwarding it on to Ryan.

Illinois West New Tiering System:

IL West will implement a new tiered competitive structure beginning this season. Key points include:

- Three tiers (Gold, Silver, and Bronze) for both JV and Varsity divisions.
- Gold teams will not compete against Bronze teams during the regular season.
- Teams will primarily compete within their own tier, with limited crossover games involving Silver-tier teams.
- At season's end:
 - Gold teams and the top Silver teams will compete for the **West Cup**.
 - Bronze teams and the remaining Silver teams will compete for the **McKeague Cup**.
- Clubs must complete the Illinois West team placement survey by **June 25**, providing an honest assessment of anticipated team competitiveness.
- Coach Eric Dazé indicated that he currently anticipates placing both Hinsdale Central teams in the **Silver Tier**, acknowledging that it is still early to accurately evaluate the strength of this year's rosters.

Rink & Scheduling Updates:

The Board reviewed discussions from the recent meeting with Sue and Kenny regarding rink scheduling and ice usage.

- Eliminate Thursday evening Illinois West games by purchasing additional game ice, as approximately 9–10 league games utilized Thursday practice ice last season.
- Target game lengths:
 - Varsity: 1 hour, 50 minutes
 - JV: 90 minutes
- Review ice cut scheduling to better align with AAA game standards
- Cost of ice will be increased this year.

Sue requested advance notice for special events requiring additional ice or scheduling accommodations, including:

- Senior Night (30–45 additional minutes of ice)
- Homecoming
- Prom
- ACT/SAT weekends
- Two 8th Grade Future Red Devil Skates
- Alumni Game

Additional scheduling notes:

- CCM blackout dates will be provided for November through January.
- Ice is currently scheduled on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.

Conditioning, Trouts & Practices:

Conditioning Skates (tentative dates):

- Monday, August 17
- Wednesday, August 19
- Thursday, August 20

(All sessions will be 60 minutes. Times are to be determined.)

Tryouts

- Wednesday, August 26 (90-minute evaluation skate)
- Thursday, August 27 (10-minute scrimmage against DuPage Stars)

Practice Schedule

The Board reviewed the proposed weekly practice schedule (subject to change), including an earlier anticipated start time of approximately 6:15 p.m.

Proposed schedule (times TBD):

- Monday: 90 minutes (NHL rink)
- Tuesday: 110 minutes (NHL rink)
- Wednesday: 60 minutes Goalie practice (Skills rink)
- Thursday: 150-minute team practice with ice cut

Fall Kickoff Meeting:

The tentative date for the Fall Kickoff Meeting is **Sunday, August 16** at 5pm at the Hinsdale Community House.

Fall Season Planning:

The Board discussed creating a comprehensive Fall Program Information Packet to:

- Distribute during the Fall Kickoff Meeting.
- Use as a recruiting tool throughout the summer.

The packet will include:

- Program overview
- Season calendar
- Registration costs
- Practice schedules
- Tournament information
- Coaching staff
- League details
- Team apparel and swag

Off Ice Training:

Rob Bishop will coordinate and oversee the off-ice training program throughout the season..

Future Events to be scheduled:

- Alumni Game
- Future Red Devil (8th Grade) Skates
- Senior Night

Fundraising

- Discussion regarding Brandon's proposed **Impossible Mile Fundraiser** will be further discussed at the next Board meeting.

Apparel & Equipment

Cara provides updates regarding:

- Goal is to streamline the process of ordering gear and preventing surpluses.
- Jersey approvals - going with Red (stock) & White Game Jerseys and sunsetting the Black Jerseys.
- Equipment needs: Red & White Game Jerseys and Practice Jerseys, red & white game socks, red shells, warm up pants and jackets. Sizing will take place at Kick-Off Meeting.
- Player Pack for new players to include: Warm Ups (\$150), Garment Bag (\$25), and HCHC hockey bags (we have 8 already). There is a 6 bag minimum for orders requiring printing (which takes 4-6 weeks).
- Spirit Shop - going to pivot to a new vendor, Echo Pro Shop out of Darien Sportsplex (run by Dennis Casper). Product offering is better and shop will be open all season long. We will do a 10% mark up and can edit merchandise at our leisure.
- Seniors will need to start brainstorming Senior Quote for locker room sign and possible t-shirts.

Registrar

The Board identified several items requiring completion prior to opening registration. Brandon will review materials from last year and provide the following information at the next meeting:

- Cost of Conditioning Skates & Tryouts + if these costs were put toward season dues.
- Final program costs for Fall Season
- Updated Terms & Conditions
- Player waivers
- Policy acknowledgements, including social media agreements
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Future Discussions

- Double rostering philosophy and implementation for the upcoming season.
- Tournament selection. Coach Daze recommended one local tournament at the beginning of the season (Waubonsie Tournament) and MAYBE one away tournament a few hours away. Bottom line it has to be the right tournament. Kelly will look into possible away tournaments to present to families and then we can take a poll to gauge interest.
- Another option would be to reach out to other high school teams in Michigan to arrange 3-4 games to be played similar to a showcase

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, July 1, 2026
6:30 p.m via Google Meet.