

Durango Area Youth Hockey Association

Meeting Minutes for April 15th, 2026



Mission Statement

Durango Area Youth Hockey Association is a non-profit corporation formed with the intent to promote the growth of ice hockey in the Durango area and to provide the best possible experience for all participants by encouraging, developing, advancing, and administering the sport.

Organization Updates

- **Board Elections:** *The recent board elections have concluded; more information regarding the new board structure and member requirements will be released soon.*
- **Website Transparency:** *Meeting minutes are now being posted regularly on the DAYHA website for member review.*
- **Upcoming Meetings:** *Monthly fundraising meetings are being held and we encourage member involvement.*

Season Highlights & Planning

- **Winter Success:** *The association saw a successful season in the WCHL, with several DAYHA players successfully making Mountain Select teams.*
- **Ice Time & Scheduling:** *Leadership is meeting with rink officials and the high school next week to secure ice time for the 2026-2027 season.*
- **Fall Calendar:** *Fall tryouts are tentatively scheduled for **October 5th–8th**, with clinics held in the weeks leading up to tryouts.*

Registration & Financials

- **Registration Info:** *Detailed information regarding registration, uniforms, payment plans, and fall clinics will be sent out following the WCHL meeting on May 5th.*
- **System Updates:** *The board is finalizing the "Crossbar" registration system, including details on volunteer hour requirements and potential buyout options.*

Fundraising & Grants

- **Events:** *The annual Golf Tournament will return this year. Other events under consideration include a raffle, a Fun Run/Hill Climb, and a season kickoff party.*

- **Sponsorships:** *The board is working to finalize new sponsorship packages to help fund association activities.*
- **Grants:** *Efforts are underway to identify and apply for new youth hockey grants to support the program.*

Next Meetings

- **Special Board Meeting:** *May 5th at 5:30 PM (Location TBD).*
- **Regular Board Meeting:** *May 13th at 5:30 PM (Location TBD).*