



2026- 27 SEASON

MANAGERS INFORMATION

Hello Managers and thanks so much for volunteering to help your team! Here is some information to help you get started season.

RYHA ADMINISTRATOR- Kathy Heightland

There is a Mail Box in the Graham Arena Lobby near the Arena Manager's Office for paperwork (etc.) to be dropped off. I can be reached at ktheight@msn.com or 507-319-8213.

RYHA PRESIDENT 2026-27- Corey DuBois coreydubois@ryha.net

RYHA MN Hockey Representative- Tom Stewart- tomstewart@ryha.net

NOVELTIES/BOOSTERS/SPONSORSHIP- Guy Sing guysing@ryha.net

- NOVELTIES- SWAG store is open on-line until [REDACTED]. Hoping for delivery before Christmas but cannot guarantee that Ordering Information can be found on our website.
- PICTURES- **Thursday, November 5, 2026 & Saturday, November 7, 2026 – Graham Arena One**

REFEREES- Ryan Yetzer - rochrefs@gmail.com

Ryan Yetzer is the Referee-In- Chief for all levels of RYHA. Game scheduling of referees is done using a program called Arbiter. His e-mail address is rochrefs@gmail.com. Contact Ryan to be given access and a template to fill out your game schedule. This starts the process for Ryan to schedule refs for your games. It is very important to check your games ahead of time to see that refs have been added and also to let Ryan know of any cancellations or changes.

OPERATIONS DIRECTOR (JERSEYS, SOCKS, ETC) - Matt Hanchulak hanch@ryha.net

Jersey and sock pick up - Contact Matt for any uniform issues. You will be keeping the black jerseys this year.

ELECTRONIC GAME SHEET PROGRAM- Rob Cothorn- rob@ryha.net

- For game sheet information refer to the game sheet section on the RYHA website.
- D8 participating teams- your code is available on our website.
- D9 participation teams- Rob will have your codes posted in the next few days.

AWAY TOURNAMENTS-

- When you are given information regarding your away tournaments for the season you must contact that Association to be put on their contact list. Any questions regarding out-of-town tournaments should be directed to Aaron Getchell at aaron@ryha.net or Doug Zmolek at doug@ryha.net.
- Squirt B will play one away tournament scheduled by our Boys Director, in the end of year district tournament, and the home tournament.
- Squirt C- NEW THIS SEASON-SQ will participate in the District 9 SQUIRT league this season.

GOALIE COORDINATOR- Rob Cothorn- rob@ryha.net Reach out to Rob with any goalie equipment concerns.

RYHA INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS- Rob Cothorn- rob@ryha.net

BACKGROUND SCREENINGS/SAFE SPORT NEEDED FOR MANAGERS AND ALL VOLUNTEERS-

- 1) Volunteers/Managers need to register with USA Hockey. This can be done at www.usahockey.com Click on volunteer to register. There is no cost for this. Please send me your confirmation number upon completion of this step. This registration DOES NOT allow access to the bench or ice.
- 2) RYHA, District 9 and Minnesota Hockey require all coaches, managers, locker room attendants, anyone with routine access to players to complete Safe Sport Training yearly. You will need you USA Hockey confirmation number to begin the training. This is found at www.usahockey.com
- 3) ALL adults helping with the team and/or RYA need to complete a background screening. This is done on-line and there is a link on our website or you can find it at www.minnesotahockey.org. Click on COACHES/SCREENING. Coaches, managers, locker room attendants, etc. THIS MUST BE COMPLETED to be in a volunteer capacity involved with children. This must be done every other year. There is a \$30.00 reimbursable fee. Print off and place receipt in the RYHA Mail Box.

LOCKER ROOM ATTENDANTS-

- Locker Room Attendants and anyone with routine access to youth involved must complete the Safe Sport Module and a Background Screening. The monitor must first register as a Volunteer with USA Hockey at no cost to begin the process.
- All teams are required to have Locker Room Attendants. MN Hockey is cracking down on locker room attendants being mandatory and teams may be fined up to \$2,500 for non-compliance. The Attendant must be IN the locker room. Coaches or parents can agree to take turns doing this.
 1. Coaches can be monitors.
 2. One adult can monitor with more than one child in the locker room.
 3. Two Adults must monitor is there is only one child in the locker room.
 4. All monitors must be screened
 5. The Safesport website can help answer any further questions you may have regarding locker room monitoring and recommendations for best practice.
 6. If there is a member of the opposite gender is on the team ALL PLAYERS are required to come with an under layer on into the locker room.

ROSTERS-

1. USA Hockey verifies birth certificates and does not require them to be shown every year if the player was on a rostered team last year. Most returning players will be verified already. USA rosters will show "V" if completed. If that is missing | will need a copy. New to hockey will be required to provide RYA with a copy of their child's birth certificate. This must be the official government certificate. Hospital certificates will NOT be accepted.
2. If you have a player on your team from another association it is recommended that you carry a copy of the waiver with you.
3. FOR TRAVEL CLASSIFIED TEAMS- When your team roster is complete and approved your Head Coach will receive a copy via e-mail. Print this out in color so the approval stamp is green. It is IMPORTANT to check the roster when you receive it to assure all coaches/players are correct and there are no errors.

TRAVEL LEVELS/TEAM FEES-

1. You will find your teams LEVEL FEE on our website. Click on REGISTRATION and below that, FEES. Please turn these in to me no later than November 15th. Checks made out to RYHA. These fees are SEPARATE from the registration fee and based upon what level your team is playing at this season. This fee covers referees, tournaments, and ice times.
2. Some teams choose to collect a team fee to be used for miscellaneous team purchases. This is optional and up to each team to decide. Checks would be made out to team manager. NOT RYHA
3. Teams may need to collect an additional tournament fee if they sign up for additional tournaments (if allowed to do so at their level of play)

WEBSITE ACCESS-

- If you are interested in setting up a team page on the RYA website contact the webmaster and he will get you started. Ryan can be reached at ryan@ryha.net

LOCKER ROOM ASSIGNMENTS-

- Contact the respective rink manager to let them know your home game schedule so rink locker room assignments can be set. This should be done as soon as possible after scheduling meeting. Please include a subject line so they will know what it is about. Home games only. Below is example:

***Bantam A-Red
January 7 3:45-5:00pm
Graham Two
Hopkins***

- Bob Montrose at bmontrose@rochestermn.gov
- Caryn Rooney at crooney@rochestermn.gov

USE OF RYHA CLASSROOM IN GRAHAM ARENA ONE- Contact Aaron Getchell at aaron@ryha.net

- Class room will be open beginning October 19th. Aaron will send a classroom calendar out and give you access soon.
- NOTE- the Classroom is **NOT** to be used for team party purposes or gatherings, other than classroom instruction. Please keep the area clean.

Feel free to call/e-mail me with any questions and Thanks again! Sending a text is also a great way to get me to call you back!



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