

SAYHA Development Committee  
May 12, 2026

Present:

Curtis Emerson  
DJ Salquist  
Henry Vick  
Bryan Keown  
Nick Freeman  
Kc Kronlund  
Anne Focht

Absent:

D.C. received a response from Burnett Youth Hockey Association (BYHA) with answers to questions committee had regarding co-op opportunity for Bantam and Peewee teams:

- I. Two practices in Spooner, one practice in Siren. This would allow increased ice time opportunities for other skating ages.
  - II. Games played at Burnett Blizzard rink would be proportional to percentage of Burnett Blizzard players. Burnett would work with SAYHA's scheduler to navigate this.
  - III. Both teams will wear Spooner Rails jerseys.
  - IV. Third party tryouts for the Peewee level to ensure impartial placement on A and B teams.
  - V. Burnett requests a tournament hosted at each rink for both levels.
  - VI. Player registration and expectations (DIBS, fundraising) stay with the player's home association.
  - VII. No releases would be granted for either association, the goal is for each association to retain its players.
  - VIII. BYHA Director of Hockey will participate in this Development Committee.
- Plan: 7 yays and 0 nays. The Development Committee will move forward with logistics of a co-op opportunity with BYHA. Will meet with BYHA board on May

Establishing a Director of Hockey for SAYHA

- I. DJ Salquist identified interest in acting as Director of Hockey.
- Plan: Supported by Development Committee members present.

Player Development

- I. Henry created a template for the handbook and requests coaches on DC complete form regarding non-negotiables and game knowledge needed at each level.
- Plan: Coaches on DC will complete the template prior to the next meeting.

Establishing coaches for 2026-2027 season.

- I. Survey document sent out regarding coach interest.
- Plan: Will send out survey again to social media and Crossbar with request of completion by June 1st.

Tournament Scheduling and levels of each tournament

- I. Bantams (12/18-12/20): 4A, Minnesota C; Peewees (1/29-1/31): 4A, 3A, 3B, 1B;  
Squirts (1/22-1/24): 4A, 3B, 1C, 2C, Minnesota C

Plan: Curtis will alert tournament level recommendations to scheduling.

Next meeting: June 2, 2026 at 5:30 PM.

Submitted: Anne Focht