

2025-2026 CCHA PARENT INFORMATION MEETING



Lower Level Program Mites/8U/6U

September 24, 2025



AGENDA



- CCHA Overview/Mission
- CCHA Updates / Changes What's New?
- CCHA Policy & Program Reminders
- Apparel
- Tryouts
- Level Commissioner Updates
- Girls HDC
- Boys HDC
- Sponsorship



MISSION STATEMENT & VALUES



CCHA MISSION

The mission of the CCHA is to promote and maintain an amateur youth hockey association that delivers a positive, safe, fun and competitive youth hockey experience for all youth that reside in the Eastern Carver County School District 112 ("District 112") boundaries. In that endeavor, the CCHA is dedicated to the development in all of its athletes the highest levels of sportsmanship and level of play that their physical and mental abilities, hard work and dedication can help them achieve. And without the dedication of its members who volunteer their time and abilities, none of the foregoing is attainable. So let us all remember that the volunteers are donating their time and doing their best to reach these goals, and it is only together than we can hope to get there.

CCHA VALUES

The following values are adopted from USA Hockey as our guiding principles in the conduct of the CCHA:

- 1. **Sportsmanship:** Players need to be humble in victory and gracious in defeat. Competitive fair play is a value to learn and practice beyond the strict interpretation of the rules.
- 2. **Respect and Integrity:** Treat all other members of this and any other hockey association, including players, coaches and officials, as you expect to be treated, no matter the circumstances. Integrity is what you choose to do when no one is watching.
- **3. Pursuing Excellence in Self, Team and the CCHA:** Each member of the association, including players, parents, coaches, and volunteers, should seek to perform at the highest level of one's ability at all times, which often can mean putting the interests of others before your own.
- **4. Teamwork:** Learning to work with and support others in a group is the hallmark of teamwork. The use of teamwork is reinforced and rewarded on the ice and throughout one's life.
- **5. Enjoyment:** It is critical that the hockey experience be fun, satisfying and rewarding for all those involved in the CCHA, whether it be on or off the ice.



OVERVIEW



Over 500
Families & roughly 900 skaters

50+ Teams from Lower Mites to Jr. Gold

~200
Parent & NonParent Coaches

CCHA IS COMPRISED OF

- Members of USA Hockey; MN Hockey; District 6
- CCHA Elected Board of Directors
- Volunteer Run Organization
- 4 Sheets of Ice (Chaska / Victoria)



INVESTMENT



- Crossbar
- Goalie Gear
 - New Gear for all lower levels
- Storage Cages
- EdgeBoss Training Aids
- Goalie Development



2025-26 FEE OVERVIEW



Questions related to player accounts should be directed to <u>accountant@cchockey.org</u>

Reality of the Situation:

Have cut extra spend, invested back into association, and facing expense increases

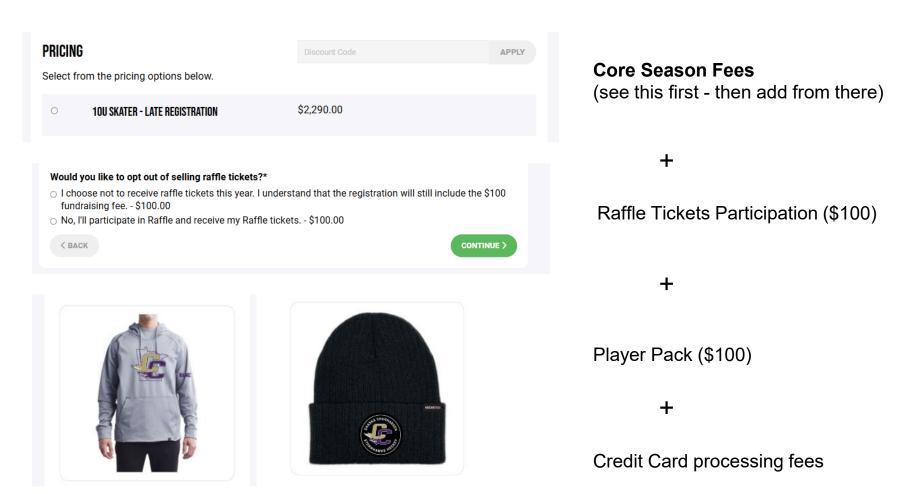
- Implemented 6% Core Fees increase for 2025/26 season
 - Last increase was 2022-2023 season
- Examples:
 - 24% increase in ice costs since 2023
 - 82% increase in association-paid hockey development since 2023
 - Higher quality jerseys (~1.5x increase in cost)
 - Mite Goalie Gear (~\$35k in 2024/25 & this year)
 - Many other increases as well (D6 fees, etc.)
- Fundraising activities are important!



2025-26 FEE OVERVIEW



New with Crossbar: The way fees are displayed during registration



No **NEW** fees - Rather greater detail and ability to add on optional Player Pack during registration



UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS



- Official Uniform Colors
- **BLACK** Helmet, Gloves, Pants/Shell







- Applies to all "Upper" level players, preference for Mites / 6U / 8U
- NOT Applicable to goalie helmets, pads and gloves



VOLUNTEER HOURS



- Volunteer Coordinator
 - Kelly Olson: <u>volunteer.coordinator@cchockey.org</u>
- Lower Level Volunteer Requirements
 - 8 hours per player, Family Max of 20 Hours
- Mandatory Volunteer Deposit
 - \$750 per player / \$1,500 per family (2+ players)
 - Buy-out option (\$750 / player or \$1,500 per family)
- DIBS no shows will be penalized at \$125.00 per hour

YOUR PLAYER CANNOT TRYOUT

if your volunteer check is not turned in prior to the start of tryouts!



Key Volunteer Opportunities



- Assistant Registrar
- Raffle Coordinator
- Recruiting Coordinator
- Special Events Coordinator
- Marketing/Communications Coor
- SafeSport Coordinator
- Concessions (1-2 Roles)







CCHA BRANDING REMINDER



- Subject to Federal Trademark registration applications.
- No person is authorized to have anything made bearing these marks without a license from the CCHA Board.
- Do not ask a vendor to do this for you or your team for any merchandise.



CODE OF CONDUCT



Code of Conduct forms are required for all coaches, parents, & players.

Note: All Code of Conduct forms are captured in the registration process.

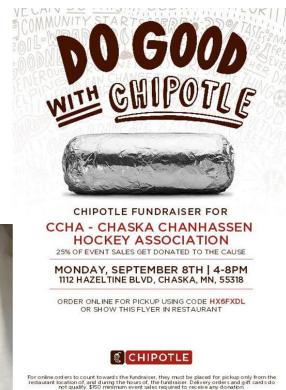
- Remember that playing hockey in the CCHA is a privilege, not a right!
- Referees reserve the right to remove parents from games for misconduct.
- The "24 Hour Rule" is strictly enforced for any complaints.
- Violations by a player may result in probation, suspension or CCHA membership refusal per Article 6 of MN Hockey Bylaws.
- Violations may be enforced by head coach, team manager, level commissioners or CCHA Board of Directors.



Apparel

- Second Window Will Open Mid-October
- STAKD: New Vendor for Ordering Year Round
 - https://shopstakd.com/collections/cha ska-chanhassen-hockey-association
- Chipotle Fundraiser & Apparel Try On
 - Sam from General Sports will be outside Chipotle with items to try on
 - Some Player Packs will be available for pick up (email will be sent)
 - CC Waggle Hats available for purchase limited availability
- Player Packs
 - HockeyYak Sweatshirt and Beanie
 - We are encouraging all players to purch the same sweatshirt to promote unity







Jerseys and Socks



Lower Levels (Rookies, Mites, Girls 6U and 8U)

Team Uniform - Reversible jersey with one color sock to match





8U/6U Program 2025-2026



Shelly Dolenc

Commissioner

Lowergirls@cchockey.org



STRONG GIRLS PROGRAM



Year	16-1 <i>7</i>	1 <i>7-</i> 18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26*
6U	19	21	17	17	31	29	30	32	42	39
8U	23	27	33	39	26	37	46	42	43	51
TOTAL	42	48	50	56	57	66	76	74	85	90

Goal: Create a memorable year, build friendships, get girls excited to return next year

Improving: Goalie Situation

- 10U 3 full time goalies/ 3 skater-goalies
- 12U 4 full time goalies
- Will focus on creating development opportunities for 8U/6U girls with interest



6U PROGRAM OVERVIEW



- 4 Teams (subject to change)
 - Teams formed to create balanced teams
- 39 Players Registered
 - Play 3v3 / 4v4 10-11 girls per team
- 2 Ice Touches per week
 - Saturdays & Sundays
- Scrimmages & Jamborees
 - Begin scrimmages in Nov/Dec through March
 - Bloomington Jamboree (Feb)
 - CCHA Pond Hockey (Jan '26) / CCHA Hoopla (Mar)
 - Ridder Arena Day



8U PROGRAM OVERVIEW



4 Teams

- Evaluations will determine levels and how many at each level (Advanced, Intermediate and Beginner)
- 51 Players Registered
 - 12-13 players per team
- 3 Ice Touches per week
 - 1 Weekday + Saturdays & Sundays
- Scrimmages & Jamborees
 - Begin scrimmages in Nov/Dec through March
 - Lakeville Jamboree (Dec) / Bloomington Jamboree (Feb/Mar)
 - CCHA Pond Hockey (Jan '26) / CCHA Hoopla (Mar)
 - Ridder Arena Day



A REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS



Team Managers

- Very important role for creating a memorable experience for our kids
- Help coordinate swag bags for tournaments/jamborees
- Work closely with coaches to help coordinate team activities, coaches gifts, end of year celebration for team

6U/8U Scrimmage Coordinator

- Work with Lower Girls Commissioners to schedule home & away scrimmages
- Estimated Time Commitment: ~3-5 hr/month
- Both positions fulfill your volunteer requirements for the year



GIRLS DEVELOPMENT



We are supported by the GHDC (Girls Hockey Development Committee) to boost the developmental value of your player's time on the ice.

- Build and Runs Tryouts
- Helps build strong coaching
- Creates Mid-Season Skills Clinics
- Makes sure our players skills are growing!

Coaches:

 See the 'Become a Coach' page on the CCHA website for requirements if interested in helping coach!

1 Head Coach per team

2-3 Assistant Coaches per team

 Follow USA Hockey's ADM American Development Model www.admkids.com

GHDC Members:

Patrick O'Leary - Chair

Brandon Graffunder

Erika Spande

Dana Sorensen

https://www.cchockey.org/coaching-resources/become-a-coach/63856had Lundeen

Nick Gerebi

Adam Boser



GIRLS HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT



Tryouts

- 2 Skates for 8U
 - 5 v 5, (evaluators discretion 4 v 4)
- Evaluation Criteria:
 - Competitiveness, Compete, Hockey IQ, Position play
 - Skills: Skating, Passing, Shooting, Stickhandling

Player Development

- Continued focus on skating/skill development
- Game Strategies and Tactics

Coaches

- If parents interested in coaching please go to the website and complete coach registration
- Coach meeting will be at the beginning of October



6U/8U EVALUATIONS



6U OCTOBER 11

8U OCTOBER 10 & 11

PURPOSE:

6U: Create evenly balanced teams

8U: Create 4 teams at Advanced, Intermediate, Beginner skill levels

Place players where they'll have <u>the best opportunity to develop</u>.

WHO EVALUATES AND WHAT IS EVALUATED:

- HDC conducts evaluations and team/level placement
- A mix of skill drills and scrimmages are used to evaluate
- See Tryout Document posted on CCHA Tryout Webpage for a more detailed explanation

TEAM PLACEMENT:

- Final Team Assignments Posted a few days after Tryouts End
- Team Assignments are FINAL
- Questions on Placement / Concerns about Process / Etc. must be submitted in writing to level commissioner. Remember 24 hour rule before voicing concerns.



Rookie Mite/Mite 1-2 2025-2026



BEN SIEBERT

Commissioner

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Mite Divisions

Creating like ability groups for better individual development

UPPER MITES

(112 currently registered)

- Mite 4 advanced
- Mite 3 intermediate

LOWER MITES

(144 currently registered)

- Rookies: 37
- Mite 1/2: 107
- Registration to close Tuesday, September 30
- Registration link on website is still active



LOWER MITE PROGRAM



Our Philosophy: FUN! FUN! FUN!

Safety

Develop Skating Fundamentals

Kids need to: Get on the ice and TRY!

Parents need to: Encourage their child to keep trying!

We consider the season a success when your players want to return next year.



Season Schedule & Important Dates



Lower Mite Season Runs from November through Mid-March

Rookie Mites: 1 Ice Touch per week

Saturday Practice Day

Mite 1 & 2s: 2-3 Ice Touches per week

- Weeknight ice added outdoors weather permitting
- Saturday Practice Day
- Sunday's Half-Ice In-House Games

Key Events:

- Pond Hockey Tournament (CCHA Rinks): January 2-4, 2026
- Picture Day: TBD
- Mariucci Day (3M Arena): TBD
- End of Year Hockey Hoopla: March 11-15, 2026





Mite 3-4 Program 2025-2026

MATT BECKMAN

Commissioner

Mites@cchockey.org



UPPER MITE PROGRAM



Our Philosophy: Continue to lay a foundation for the long-term enjoyment of the sport, while developing skills players can use on and off the ice

Kids should: Demonstrate Sportsmanship, show Respect at all times, show up and be a good Teammate, HAVE FUN

Parents need to: Be supportive of your child, coach, and association. Set a positive example of how kids should act.

Reach out with any comments, questions, or concerns during the season - our #1 goal is for the kids to LOVE coming to the rinks.



Season Schedule & Important Dates



Lower Mite Season Runs from Late October through Mid-March

Mite 3 & 4s: 3-4 Ice Touches per week

- Generally consists of 2 practices and 1 scrimmage
- Outdoor ice added in January
- Mostly half-ice Scrimmages
- 10 Full Ice Scrimmages allowed (includes any in-house)
- Opponents from outside CCHA to be scheduled later in the season

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BHDC Members:

Mike Erickson - Chair

Justin Bronce

Nick Hanson

Jon Maruk

Joe Patnaude

Corey Grothman

Mike Nesdill

Dustin Elbing

Brett Lawler



BOYS HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT



- Devenir Goalie Pods (back on moving to Sundays)
 - Possible Mite sessions, like last year. More information to come later in the season if applicable.
- Coaching Development
 - Ice Hockey Systems
 - Age specific goalie content being added to IHS
 - Coaches Meeting to be held October 12 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Chanhassen Legion



MITE EVALUATIONS



MITE 3/4 OCTOBER 6-9

MITE 1/2 OCTOBER 13

PURPOSE:

Mite 1/2: Create evenly balanced teams

Mite 3/4: Teams will be based on skill level, split between Mite 3 (2 Divisions) and Mite 4

Place players where they'll have <u>the best opportunity to develop</u>.

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PLEASE TRUST THE TRYOUT PROCESS.
SUPPORT YOUR PLAYER AND THE TEAM THEY END UP ON.
REMEMBER ALL PLAYERS DEVELOP AT DIFFERENT TIMES.



EVALUATIONS (Overall)



MITE 3/4 OCTOBER 6-9 OCTOBER 11 **OCTOBER 10-11 MITE 1/2** OCTOBER 13

Evaluation Check In & Rules:

- Pick up Pinnie at check in; keep pinnie until end of last session. (Don't forget it, you won't be able to skate your sessions without it!)
- Arrive Early Players should be ready 15 minutes prior to session start time for important pre-session instructions that are provided in locker room
- Tryout sessions are considered open for lower levels, but <u>NO Parent is to Interact with Evaluators or Players on the Ice If you stay to observe, you must remain quiet.</u>
- Neck Guards & Mouth Guards Required
- Evaluation session times cannot be requested or changed
- Lower Mites can opt out of the evaluation process and be placed at the Mite 1 level— Send e-mail request to lower mite commissioner

VOLUNTEER CHECK REQUIRED:

- \$750 volunteer check must be submitted prior to receiving a tryout pinney
- No Exceptions, your skater will not be allowed on the ice without a volunteer check!

UNIFORM AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Jersey and Socks must be solid or previous season issue in CCHA colors (White, Gold, Purple, Black)
- No Jerseys with Last Names or AAA or Camp Names
- No helmet stickers, numbers, names, etc. from outside CCHA



SPONSORSHIP









MICHELLE SMITHSON-ALDOUBAL

Sponsorship Committee Chair

Michelle has been a part of the Sponsorship committee since June 2023. She is married to Sam and they have two sons, Ethan (II) and Ryan (6) both playing CCHA hockey in Peewee and Mites.



LINDSAY FRIES

Sponsorship Committee Representative

Lindsay Fries is starting her fourth year on the sponsorship committee. She has resided in Victoria since 2017 with her husband, Casey, and their three sons. Two of her sons, Cully (9) and Coyer (7), are involved in hockey.



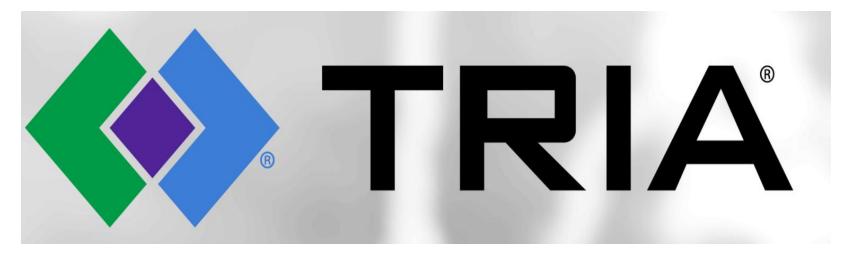
Sponsorships play a huge role in keeping CCHA strong and affordable for all families. The funds raised through our sponsors directly help reduce ice costs, provide scholarships for players in need, cover essential equipment and coaching resources, and support day-to-day operations. Sponsorships allow us to invest back into our players and make hockey accessible, competitive, and fun for every player in our community.



2025-2026 STANLEY CUP



Girls Level Sponsor





2025-2026 STANLEY CUP



Squirt Level Sponsor





Mouth Guard Clinic
. Monday, September 29th
. Tuesday, October 7th

*Link to sign up to follow



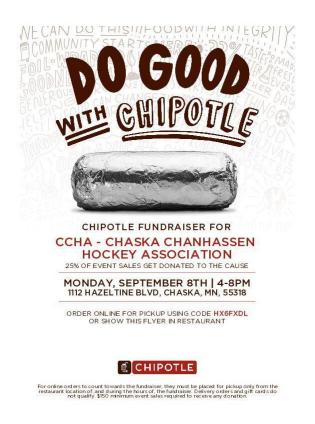
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Chipotle Chaska

Monday, September 8th: 4-8PM

*This event coincides with the Apparel Try-On Event!

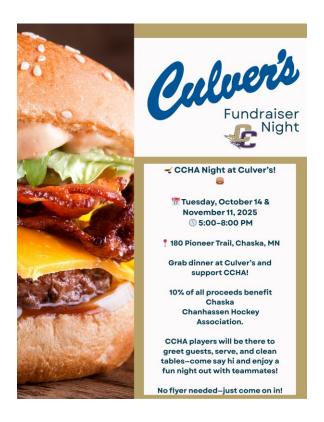


McDonald's Chaska

Monday, September 29th: 4-8 PM







Culver's Chaska

Tuesday, October 14: 5-8 PM Tuesday, November 11: 5-8 PM



Join us for dinner and help raise funds for the Chaska Chanhassen Hockey Association (CCHA)!

♣ CCHA players will greet guests & clear tables!

When you order and a 15% of sales supports CCHA Eat well. Give back. See you there!

Chick-fil-A Chanhassen

Monday, October 20: 5-8 PM Monday, December 15: 5-8 PM







Mizzy's Pizza, Carver

Monday, November 11th: 4-8 PM Tuesday, December 1st: 4-8 PM



Burrows Mite Nights, Victoria
*Party dates will be announced soon!

Parent-Level Only Parties- 15% discount
Monday or Thursday Evenings for CCHA
Contact Sponsorship@cchockey.org







Hackamore Brewing, Chanhassen
Winter Date TBD

Also available for Parent-Level Only Parties- 15% discount

- Monday or Thursday Evenings for CCHA
- Contact Sponsorship@cchockey.org



TOURNAMENT REMINDERS











Brick City *November 2025*

Pond Hockey Classic *January 2026*

Hockey Hoopla

March 2026

Caddyshack Classic *August 2026*



QUESTIONS?

