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## *Becker Big Lake Youth Hockey Association*

### *Financial Overview & Nonprofit Status*

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#### **ABOUT US**

The Becker Big Lake Youth Hockey Association (BBLYHA) is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, officially recognized by the IRS as a tax-exempt, charitable entity. This designation means that we operate for the public good, not for profit. All revenue we receive is reinvested directly into our programs, facilities, equipment, and coaching—never distributed to individuals or stakeholders.

As a nonprofit organization, our operations are guided by transparency, accountability, and a commitment to community service. We receive money through registration fees, ice fees, fundraising, donations, and grants. These funds are carefully budgeted and allocated to cover essential expenses, including rink rentals, coaching, equipment, tournaments, and administrative costs. Every dollar spent is aimed at maximizing player development, safety, and accessibility.

At the start of each new fiscal year, the entire BBLYHA board meets an average of 2–3 times to establish, review, and finalize the annual budget. This process is taken very seriously, with input gathered from association members, coaches, and board members to determine the organization's needs for the upcoming year. These discussions guide our financial planning and ensure that our resources are aligned with our mission and priorities.

BBLYHA is committed to responsible stewardship of funds to ensure that our athletes have the best possible experience. Our nonprofit status ensures that revenues are used to sustain and improve programs, facilities, equipment, and coaching, creating a safe, inclusive, and enriching environment for youth hockey.

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## ***OUR REVENUE SOURCES***

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**We rely on four primary sources of revenue to keep our programs running:**

- Registration Fees: Paid by players at the start of each season.
- Ice Fees: Payments for rink ice time, essential for practices and games.
- Fundraising Dollars: Raised through community events, sponsorships, and campaigns.
- Donations & Grants: Contributions from community members, businesses, and grant applications.

These revenue streams are carefully managed to ensure transparency and accountability.

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## ***HOW OUR REVENUE IS USED***

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All funds are allocated responsibly to ensure the best experience for our players and to maintain our facilities and programs.

### ***Operating Expenses***

<b>Expenses – Operating</b>	<b>Description</b>
Rink Ice Rental Fees	Cost of ice time for practices and games
Referee Fees / FTO Officials / Scrimmage Officials	Payments for officials officiating games and scrimmages
Tournament Fees	Entry fees for tournaments
District 10 Fees	Fees paid to the district overseeing our league
Volunteer Expenses	Expenses related to volunteer support and materials
Fundraising Expenses	Costs associated with fundraising activities
Summer Development Camp operation expenses	BBLYHA Summer camp ice time, jerseys and equipment

Outside Evaluators	Payment to Outside Evaluators for team placement
Non-Parental Head Coach Reimbursement	Non-Parental Head Coach Reimbursement
10K Puck Expenses/Incentives	10K Puck Expenses/Incentives
Bald Eagles Event	Bald Eagles Event

**Purpose:** These expenditures ensure players have access to ice, refs, and competitive opportunities, while supporting the essential backbone of our league operations.

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### ***ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES***

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These are costs necessary for overall management, communication, and organizational support:

<b>Expenses – Administrative</b>	<b>Description</b>
Registration Expenses (t-shirts, signs)	Printing and materials for registration
Advertising & Marketing	Promotion of our programs and events
Accounting / Bookkeeping	Financial management and record keeping
Bank Service Fees	Banking and transaction fees
Dryland	Costs related to dryland training programs
Coach USA Hockey Fees	Fees for coaching memberships and certifications
Printing, Publication, Postage, PO Box	Communication costs
Equipment	Purchase and maintenance of equipment
Skating Coach	Payments for professional coaching staff

West Rink Improvements	Improvements and maintenance to the rink facilities
J. Eagles Camp Expense	Special training or camp costs
Retain & Recruitment	Recruiting efforts for new players or coaches
Team Funds	Slush funds for each team to utilize for team events
Website (SportsEngine/Crossbar)	Website hosting and maintenance
Auto Ice Scheduler (Avario)	Scheduling software fees
Zoom	Virtual meeting platform charges
QuickBooks Accounting software	Accounting software subscription
Supplies	Team and administrative supplies
Tax Filing Fees	Tax Filing Fees

**Purpose:** These expenses ensure effective organization, communication, recruitment, and development of our players and staff.

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### ***EQUIPMENT EXPENSES***

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These expenses directly support the equipment needs of our players and teams:

<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Description</b>
Socks	Player socks
Pucks	Hockey pucks
Mite Jersey A-D Levels	Uniforms for Mite teams
Travel Team Jerseys	Uniforms for travel teams

Goalie Equipment	Equipment for goalie players
Practice Jerseys	Extra jerseys for practice
Dryland Equipment	Off-ice training equipment
Helmet Stickers	Custom stickers for helmets
Equipment Organization	Storage and management supplies
Manager Kits	First aid kits, safety supplies

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### ***DISTRICT 10 FEES AND THEIR SIGNIFICANCE***

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Our organization also contributes to District 10 through various fees essential for the league's operation and oversight. These funds support foundational elements, including rule enforcement, safety standards, league integrity, and overall management, ensuring that our league remains fair, organized, and capable of providing a positive environment for young players.

These expenses reflect our commitment to offering a high-quality, safe, and well-regulated hockey experience. They ensure that safety standards are upheld and that all teams compete within a consistent framework that promotes fairness and enjoyment.

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### ***BREAKDOWN OF D-10 FEES***

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- **D-10 Travel Fee (League Fees):** Covers the costs associated with organizing league-wide activities and ensuring fair competition across districts.
- **D-10 Officials:** Pays referees and officials who uphold fairness and safety during games.
- **D-10 Playoff Fee:** Supports the logistics and organization of playoff events, providing additional opportunities for competitive play.
- **D-10 GameSheet:** Covers documentation and record-keeping costs for official game reporting.

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## ***WHY THESE FEES ARE NECESSARY***

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Funding these fees ensures that our league operates smoothly, maintains high safety standards, and provides a structured environment for our athletes. The fees help us sustain the integrity of the league, support officiating, and facilitate a positive, competitive experience for every player.

By collectively contributing to these services, we focus on delivering a positive hockey experience—prioritizing safety, fairness, and development at every level.

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## ***INVESTING IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR OUR PLAYERS***

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**We are committed to equipping our athletes with the highest quality resources and training opportunities. We collaborate with:**

- Cal Miska, a certified professional skating coach known for innovative techniques that improve agility, speed, and skating efficiency.
- M.E.G.A. Goalie Training, a specialized program for goalies focusing on advanced techniques, situation awareness, and mental resilience.

These programs provide personalized coaching to help athletes build confidence and mastery on the ice.

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## ***ICE FEES AND THEIR IMPORTANCE***

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**Ice time is one of our most significant expenses. It supports:**

- Practices, games, and tournaments
- Facility maintenance
- Utilities and staffing
- Safety measures

Maintaining affordable ice fees is a priority to ensure hockey remains accessible to families.

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### ***TOURNAMENT FEES***

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**Tournaments are vital for player development. They offer:**

- Exposure to competitive scenarios
- Opportunities to build teamwork and sportsmanship
- A sense of community pride

Each season, a portion of our budget is allocated to cover tournament registration fees, supporting these experiences.



*BBLYHA IS COMMITTED TO RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP OF FUNDS TO MAXIMIZE PLAYER DEVELOPMENT, SAFETY, AND ACCESSIBILITY. OUR NONPROFIT STATUS ENSURES REVENUES ARE USED TO SUSTAIN AND IMPROVE PROGRAMS, FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, AND COACHING.*