



WELCOME!!

Red Wing Amateur Hockey Association would like to welcome you and your family to the 2025-2026 hockey season!!

RED WING AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION VISION

To promote, grow, and provide a positive youth hockey experience for players of all skill levels and ages within the Red Wing and surrounding communities.

MISSION

RWAHA exists to introduce and offer a high quality, affordable opportunity for all youths that show an interest in the game of hockey in the Red Wing area. We strive to always deliver a positive hockey experience that delivers outstanding value to the children, parents/guardians, families, and community of Red Wing. We are focused on the development of our youth to not only become better hockey players, but more importantly to become outstanding individuals as a result of teaching life lessons in leadership, sportsmanship, hard work, discipline, personal growth, and outstanding character.

VALUES

Respect – Among all players, coaches, refs, families, fellow members, volunteers and opposing teams on and off the ice.

Integrity – All conduct will be carried out with the utmost honesty, respect, and character. Always do the right thing.

Leadership – At all levels of the organization through leading by example and inspiring others.

Sportsmanship – Exhibit the following characteristics: Supportive of teammates, a positive attitude, respectful, always willing to learn, and self-control.

Hard Work – Always give your best effort no matter the situation.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- To protect and serve the mutual interests of all RWAHA members
- Foster an environment of collaboration, teamwork, respect and positivity by actively seeking and recognizing differing viewpoints through open communication
- Cultivate strong future leaders, board members and coaches who demonstrate all values herein mentioned
- Promote and improve volunteerism from all stakeholders
- Encourage a strong sense of community pride and participation in the RWAHA
- Adhere to the rules, regulations, and guidelines set forth by MN Hockey and USA Hockey

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Important Dates

September 14, 2024 11:59 pm -Early bird pricing for registration ends

Pre-season Clinics

10/3/2025- Squirts 5:30-6:30 & Bantams 6:45-7:45

10/4/2025- Bantams 12:00-1:00 & Squirts 1:15-2:15

10/6/2025- Squirts 5:30-6:30 & Bantams 6:45-7:45

10/7/2025- Squirts 5:30-6:30 & Bantams 6:45-7:45

Try Outs

10/9/2025- Squirts 5:30-6:30 & Bantams 6:45-7:45

10/11/2025- Bantams 1:00-2:00 & Squirts 2:15-3:15

10/12/2025- Bantams 11:45-12:45 & Squirts 1:00-2:00

All other traveling teams will begin practices immediately in October due to no try out needed. Individual team schedules to come soon and will be added to Crossbar calendar.

RWAHA/FORTIS ALL MEMBER MEETING- Location TBD

October 13th, 6-7pm – All Coaches

October 13th, 7-8pm – All Parents

Rental Equipment fitting and pick up

October 2nd 6-8pm

October 10th 6-8pm

October 12th 1-4pm

Mites start dates

10/29/2025 5:30-6:45	11/1/2025 Group 1: 8:15-9:15am & Group 2: 9:15-10:15am	11/2/2025 Group 1: 12:00-1:00 & Group 2: 1:00-2:00
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Intros start dates

Intros will begin end of October / beginning of November. Stay tuned to Crossbar schedule.

Red Wing Hockey Day - 1/10/2025 **Raffle tickets are due 1/10/2026 by noon in the wooden box near the concession stand.

South Shore Hockey Camps - July 6th- July 23rd 2026 – Prairie Island Arena

Summer of 2026 - We will host another 10,000 Puck Challenge

Home Tournaments

Squirt B- Dec 12th -14th, 2025

10UB2- March 2nd – 9th (District 8 Playoffs)

Squirt C- Dec 19th-21st, 2025

Away Tournaments

All information including booking links where available will be on the web site under resources for parents

10UB2

December 12-14, 2025 - Willmar	January 16-18, 2026 - Fairmont
Holiday Inn Express Willmar - \$180/night	Comfort Inn - \$115/night
Block Name: Red Wing 10U/12U Hockey	Cutoff Date: December 6 th , 2025
Cutoff Date: November 12 th , 2025	Booking Link: Not provided

12UB2

December 12-14, 2025 - Willmar	Jan 30-Feb 1, 2025 - Mora
Holiday Inn Express Willmar - \$180/night	AmericInn Mora - \$189/night
Block Name: Red Wing 10U/12U Hockey	Block Name: Red Wing Hockey
Cutoff Date: November 12 th , 2025	Cutoff Date: January 30 th , 2026
	Booking Link: Not Provided

SQUIRT C

December 19-21, 2025 - Home Tournament	January 16-18, 2026 - Albert Lea, MN
	AmericInn Albert Lea - \$110/night
	Block Name: Red Wing Hockey Squirt C
	Cutoff Date: January 2, 2026

SQUIRT B

December 12-14, 2025 - Home Tournament	January 23-25, 2026 - Alexandria, MN Holiday Inn Express Alexandria - \$159/night (320) 763-6577 Block Name: Red Wing Hockey Cutoff Date: December 23, 2025
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BANTAM B

December 19-21, 2025 - Northfield AmericInn Northfield - \$179/night Block Name: Red Wing Hockey Bantam Cutoff Date: November 19, 2025	January 30-Feb 1, 2026 - Moose Lake AmericInn Cloquet \$129/night - 218- 879-1231 Block Name: Red Wing Bantam B Cutoff Date: December 30, 2025 Booking Link: Not provided
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BANTAM C

January 2-4, 2026 - Hayward, WI AmericInn Hayward \$149/night (715) 634-2700 Block Name: Red Wing Hockey Bantam C Cutoff Date: December 3, 2025	February 20-22 - River Falls, WI Country Inn River Falls \$109/night Block Name: Red Wing Hockey Cutoff Date: January 30, 2026 Booking Link: Not Provided
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PEEWEE B

January 2-4, 2026 Hermantown Option 1: Holiday Inn Duluth North \$164/night (218) 722-0909 Block Name: Red Wing PeeWee B Cutoff Date: December 3, 2025 Option 2: Edgewater Resort Duluth \$145/night (218) 728-3601 (Waterpark passes not included)	January 16-18, 2026 Willmar Holiday Inn Express Willmar - \$180/night Block Name: Red Wing PeeWee B Hockey Cutoff Date: December 16 th , 2025
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Registration process:

1. Register your player with USA Hockey (www.membership.usahockey.com)
2. Register your player at www.redwinghockey.org website. Click on the link to the right (scroll to bottom when using mobile website).
3. New to RWAHA hockey players will require a copy of their birth certificate.

RAFFLE TICKET REGISTRATION

All players will receive raffle tickets equal to the amount they paid for registration per player. Each raffle ticket will be valued at \$20. For example, a Squirt player will receive 46 raffle tickets at \$20 each, which will equal their \$920 enrollment fee. If the player/parent sells any or all of these tickets, they keep the money and that helps pay for their registration fee! **This gives every player the opportunity to play Red Wing Hockey at a greatly reduced rate!**

(please note: the only fees that **CAN NOT** be recovered are the ones collected by Minnesota Hockey and USA Hockey)

RAFFLE REGISTRATION FEES FOR 2024 - 2025:

INTROS = FREE!

MITES = \$680

SQUIRTS / 10U = \$920

PEEWEEES / 12U = \$1,080

BANTAM = \$1,200

*Dedicated (full time) goalies at the PeeWee/12U & up level are 50% off registration!

FAQ'S

WHY HAS RWAHA CHANGED TO AN ALL RAFFLE TICKET REGISTRATION?

Where do we start?? We get it, everything seems expensive these days! Some even say *hockey* is expensive! (*Some would disagree with that!*) The last thing we want is for cost to be a barrier for any youth to play hockey in Red Wing.

HOW WILL THIS FORMAT HELP ME?

As a player/parent, you have the ability to recoup your entire RWAHA registration cost by selling all of your raffle tickets. The only out of pocket fee you could potentially pay for is USA Hockey. In previous years, this was not possible. (Unless you knew a very generous person!)

WHAT IF I CAN'T SELL ALL OF MY TICKETS?

That's ok! Do your best! Raffle ticket drawing winners don't have to be present to win, so reach far and wide! Call your 2nd & 3rd cousins twice removed! Call your great aunts, uncles, & grandparents! Call up those past neighbors! Use social media! Whatever you can't sell, put your name on the tickets and give yourself a chance to win!

WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO TRY SELLING MY TICKETS?

That's ok too! If you like paying full registration you can just put *your* name (or someone you really like!) on the tickets and enter a chance to win!

WHEN CAN I PICK UP MY RAFFLE TICKETS? (THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT)

You **MUST** pick up your tickets from the RWAHA raffle ticket representative on September 14th, November 1st, December 1st or January 1st. WE WILL NOT TRACK YOU DOWN. IF YOU AREN'T AVAILABLE ON THOSE DATES THEN YOU MUST MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE SOMEONE PICK THEM UP FOR YOU OR THEY WILL BE FORFEITED.

Please reach out to Desiree Steele for ticket pick up.
630.222.3348 steele.desiree.rw.hockey@gmail.com

WHAT IF I CAN'T AFFORD TO PURCHASE ALL OF MY RAFFLE TICKETS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON?

As in past years, RWAHA offers a payment plan that includes a down payment and 3 additional equal payments on November 1st, December 1st, and January 1st. Please keep in mind, you will ONLY receive the number of raffle tickets equivalent to the amount you have already paid. *I.E. You go to the kickoff party, register for the season and make a down payment of \$120. You plan to pay the rest of your registration fees on the payment plan. You will only receive 6 raffle tickets at that time. You will receive additional raffle tickets equal to each payment made on the payment plan. You are required to pick up those additional tickets on the previously mentioned dates.*

****RWAHA also offers scholarships/financial aid for those that qualify. Please navigate to "Resources, For Parents, Documents" on our website for additional information and to apply. All applications will be kept confidential.**

DO I STILL HAVE TO COMPLETE VOLUNTEER (DIBS) HOURS?

Yes you do! Please see the bottom of this page for more information.

VOLUNTEER HOUR REQUIREMENTS
INTRO & FIRST YEAR SKATERS- 6 Hours per skater
Mite Families - 10 hours per skater
Traveling teams- 16 hours per skater
VOLUNTEER CHECKS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR MITE AND ABOVE REGISTERED SKATERS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FIRST YEAR SKATERS. VOLUNTEER HOUR REQUIREMENT WILL BE UP TO TWO REGISTERED SKATERS AT 100% OF THEIR LEVELS REQUIREMENT AND ANY ADDITIONAL SKATER WILL BE 25% OF THE THEIR LEVELS REQUIREMENT. THE DISCOUNTED HOUR RATE WILL BE APPLIED TO THE LOWEST LEVEL SKATER(S).

Dibs credit will be given for the following:

Time clock, Score keeping, penalty boxes, concession stand, and committee members

"Box duties" will get credit for all league games, Reffed scrimmages, and tournament games

It is your responsibility to seek volunteer opportunities or select the buyout option described below which is only available at the time of registration

VOLUNTEERING OPTIONS BUYOUT POLICY

The hockey volunteer season runs May 1st - April 30th

Each Family is required to fulfill the required hours or have the option to buyout their volunteer hours

Buyout is \$500 per skater or a max of \$1000 per family which **must be selected at the time of registration**

Please keep in mind that the goal of the Volunteer Policy is to distribute the huge workload among all of the RWAHA families and is not intended as a fundraiser.

VOLUNTEER/DIBS CHECKS

1 Skater: \$500

2 or more Skaters: \$1,000

\$1,000 Maximum per family

Full/ partial credit roles include but are not limited to: Coaches, Team Managers, locker room monitor(s) Board Members and Committees of group or various events, etc if hours and requirements are met for the roles and responsibilities. Position credit value will be outlined by board in a separate document.

VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECKS

Volunteers for the season that will need to complete a Background Check and safe sport certification: All coaches, team managers, locker room attendants. If you plan to do any one of these things during the season please complete the background check by following this link:

<https://www.usahockey.com/backgroundscreen>

And safe sport by following this link: <https://www.usahockey.com/safesportprogram>

These need to be completed by 11/1

END OF SEASON - INSUFFICIENT HOURS:

The association will cash your check at the end of the season, if ALL volunteer hours are not completed. If you do not complete your volunteer hours and your check doesn't clear, you will NOT be allowed to register your player(s) for the upcoming season until paid.

HARDSHIP POLICY

On occasion there are families that are experiencing hardship and are unable to fulfill their volunteer hours commitment. If you are concerned about fulfilling your volunteer hours please contact the Volunteer/DIBS Coordinator and your situation will be reviewed.

COACH & TEAM MANAGER VOLUNTEERS

COACHING REQUIREMENTS (ALL COACHES ARE RECOMMENDED BY THE COACHING COMMITTEE AND APPROVED BY THE BOD)

If you are a coach and want to receive volunteer hours, you will need:

*To be a rostered coach

*A completed background check

*Completed Safesport

*To be current on CEP

Manager requirements

*A completed background check

*Completed Safesport

Locker room monitor requirements

*A completed background check

*Completed Safesport

*Set a schedule with the team manager for all team events home and away. Monitor must be of the same gender if the team is one gender. Must be in the locker room or standing outside the door with the door open as long as the players are in there. Exception is locker room Coaches talks at which point two or more coaches must be in the locker room for monitor to exit or door can be shut

If the schedule is not upheld to the agreement with the manager, volunteer credit will not be given.

Maximum of 4 rostered coaches per Team, 2 team managers, 4 locker room monitors

Committees

Committee objectives: As a general statement committees are expected to come up with a proposal and present to the board when completed.

More specific descriptions as follows: All committees will have a chair. The chair should email the board secretary seven days before the board meeting to be added to the agenda when the committee has information to share. Then the committee chair or other representative should attend the board meeting and share information.

Committee members will get the following dibs credits:

Chair 100% of of their highest level skater's needed hours

Up to four members will get 50% of their highest level skater's needed hours with chair confirmation of participation.

The committee chair may request more credit for dibs hours for any member with an explanation for the request.

REGISTRATION - Configuring the online registration, creating and distribution of discount codes, track and report registration to board members. Involvement registration/kick off day. Tracking payments for payment plan along with Treasurer.

COACHING- Recruiting, evaluating, track certification, and supporting coaches at all levels. Establish number & levels for teams. Provide recommendations to BOD for level move up requests.

ASSOCIATION LEVEL MANAGER- Point of contact for all team managers, hold meeting at the beginning of the season, track certifications, answer questions etc.

TRYOUT- Establish evaluators, applicable drills/skill requirements to properly evaluate/score each skater. Compile scores and validate data integrity. Align with coaching committee to make sure each team will be at the correct level

FUNDRAISING/Sponsorship- Create document for businesses in the community for all levels of sponsorships (present to board for approval) Research and present other fundraising ideas such as but not limited to Pancake breakfast, meat raffle, product sales, etc.

TOURNAMENT- Find and sign up for away tournaments for each team (should be done in May- July) give to the board for approval and payment. Find hotels and make room blocks for teams away tournaments. Establish if we will host tournaments. If so, what level and dates. Work with team manager(s) to organize home tournaments

GRIEVANCE- Receive any filed grievances. Follow grievance policy as set forth by BOD.

EQUIPMENT- Off season- evaluate condition of equipment and disposal of unsafe equipment including expired helmets.

Beginning of the season- set rental date(s) and follow RWAHA policies for payment and lease agreement.

End of the season- Set equipment return date(s). Inspect returned equipment. Give list to board for lease return payment as needed following RWAHA policy. Track any off-season leases.

PHOTO- Identify a photographer for current season, book date(s) for all teams.

MITES- establish team numbers for jersey ordering. Set date for jamboree and bring proposal to board

CONCESSION- Work with high school to have concessions stocked as needed. Determine what dates and times the concession stand should be open. Learn and teach managers how to handle opening and closing.

WEB/SOCIAL MEDIA- Post content as needed and requested

RECRUITMENT- Find new ways to reach non hockey players and get them to be hockey players!! Examples- flyers to school, parades, community events (including any co-op towns)

DIBS-Enter dibs into the system based on available hours. Track and credit those who complete hours periodically throughout the season.

Referee Coordinator- Work within the District programming to assign refs to home games. Distribute any payments outside of that system.

District Rep- Attend District meeting and bring report to board

ACE Coordinator- Track all board members, coaches, managers, and volunteer required certifications, background checks, etc.

Registrar- Build and validate each team roster with USA Hockey

Ice Scheduler- Work with arena manager, teams, and district to assign all ice time for games and practices

Gambling- obtain gambling license for raffle ticket drawing

Raffle Tickets- Order and pick up raffle tickets, sort per skater/family and distribute. Track pick up and payments including ticket numbers and payment forms. Submit payments to board for deposit frequently

Hockey Day Red Wing- Coordinate events for Hockey Day Red Wing

Uniform/Jersey- Track and order jerseys including sizes and numbers

Girls Program- Find ways to grow girls program

Golf Tournament- Work with golf course and plan events for the tournament

Parent's Code of Conduct

Adopted from USA Hockey Code of Conduct

It is expected that all Minnesota Youth Hockey parents observe the following principles:

- Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. I will encourage and support my child's desire to play his/her chosen sport but will not pressure him/her into participating.
- I will remember that the game is fun. I will not taunt or disturb other fans, or embarrass my child by yelling at players, coaches, or officials.
- I will support and promote Fair Play by encouraging my child to play by the rules. I will display good sportsmanship by applauding a good effort by both teams in victory and defeat, and respecting players, coaches, and officials.
- I will remember that "wins" are based on my child's performance, teamwork, and playing within the rules.
- I will recognize the importance of volunteer coaches and will take the time to attend team meetings to get to know my child's coach's philosophy, expectations, and guidelines. I will communicate with my child's coaches and support them.
- I understand that when my child is on the ice, the coaches do the coaching. I will not yell instructions to my child from the sidelines or give my child instructions counter to those of the coach.
- I understand that it is my role to teach my child sportsmanship, how to deal with success and failure, and to support my child's development in the game.
- I will strive to become knowledgeable about the rules of the game and support the official's decisions on and off the ice.
- I understand the importance of skill development. For the lower age groups, I will remember that practices benefit my child more than games and competition.
- I will respect locker rooms as private areas for players, coaches, and officials.

- I will not place unreasonable expectations on my child. I have read and understood the principles stated above that were put forth by Minnesota Hockey.

I agree to abide by those principles with the understanding that if I do not follow them I may be asked to leave any practice, game, or event.

Parent

Signature_____Date_____

Print Parent

Signature_____

Player(s) Name(s)

Please retain this copy for your records Parent's Code of Conduct Adopted from
USA Hockey Code of Conduct