



STMA Youth Hockey Association

2025-26 Travel Parent Meeting

September 15, 2025



Welcome to the 2025-26 Travel Hockey Season



AGENDA

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- Hockey Operations Committee

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Introductions

Board of Directors

Executive Board Members

- President – Adam Frost
- VP of Finance – Jack Rowan
- VP of Communications – Kristin VanHeel
- VP of Operations – Adam “Woody” Schoh

Voting Board Members

- Boys Travel Coordinator – Megan McChesney
- Girls Travel Coordinator – Gillian Rousslange
- Mite/8U Coordinator – Tim Steier
- HOC Admin – Kevin Hillman
- District 5 Representative – Aaron Levin
- Registration Coordinator – Amy Hertzog



Introductions Cont.

Non-voting Board Members

- Academic Excellence Coordinator – Emily Fausher
- Assistant Mite/8U Coordinator – Cammy Konop
- Assistant Ice Scheduler – Savannah Asbury
- Apparel Coordinate – Andy Larson
- Travel Manager Coordinator – Tiffany Peterson
- Coaches Registration Coordinator – Lindsey Asleson
- Communications Assistant – Jenna Dyba
- Finance Assistant – Garret Karels
- Equipment Room Manager –
- Gambling Manager – Tyler Stone
- Ice Scheduler – Erin Bruflodt
- Initiation Registration Coordinator – Kara Jandro
- Junior Gold Coordinator –
- Mite/8U Scheduler – Megan Zachman
- Recruitment & Retention – Joe Arvaca
- Sponsorship Coordinator – Kirk Dermerchant
- Tournament Coordinator – Adam “Woody” Schoh
- Travel Registration Coordinator – Nikki Christianson
- Volunteer Coordinator – Mandy Michels



Introductions Cont.

Hockey Operations Committee (HOC)

- Boys Varsity Coach – Sean Fish
- Boys HOC Director – Derek McChesney
- Boys Development Director – Sean Fish
- Bantam Coordinator – Chris Clark
- Pee wee Coordinator – Brian McLean
- Squirt Coordinator – Tony Gliniany
- Mite Coordinator – John Dubel
- Dryland Coordinator – TBD
- Goalie Development Coordinator – Kyle Hayden
- Girls Varsity Coach – Kaleigh Bean
- Girls HOC Director – Brandon Mitchell
- Girls Development Coordinator – Kaleigh Bean
- 15U Coordinator – Nik Jockisch
- 12U Coordinator – Robb Billman
- 10U Coordinator – Arin Van Culin
- 8U Coordinator – Paul Pelowski
- Dryland Coordinator – Kaisa Blake



2025-26 Tryout Expectations

- Team Declarations at Each Level
- Tryout Plan & Preseason Skills Clinics
 - ❖ Tryout Plan, Preseason Skills Clinics Schedule and Tryout Schedule: <https://www.stmayha.org/parent-resources/2025-26-tryouts/2453>
- Coach Selection
- Team Formations
 - 15U Team Formation Changes
- Player Conduct During Tryouts
 - Major penalties will result in removal from ice
 - Per USA Hockey neck guards are mandatory
- Team Schedules, Tournaments and Expectations
 - ❖ Tournaments: <https://www.stmayha.org/parent-resources/2025-26-travel-team-tournaments/5474>
- Q&A



District 5 Updates

- Multiple teams will play outside of D5 this season.
 - 15UA & B, BAA, PWAA, 12UA & B2, and 10UA will play a D10 schedule. Pee wee C will play a D3 schedule.
- Abuse of Official/Coaches/Players enforcement
- No District games scheduled between 12/22-12/26. No games in D5 can start after 2pm on Feb 8th.
- No blackout weekends currently
- Weather Policy



MN Hockey's 2025-26 Locker Room Monitoring Policy

MN Hockey acknowledges the Locker Room Monitoring Policy as established by USA Hockey. Monitors must be the same gender as the players and undergo background screening by MH to serve in this capacity.

No team or player shall be allowed to enter a locker room prior to a scheduled event until a locker room monitor is present in the locker room and such monitor shall remain in the locker room until the last player leaves the locker room unless coaches are present. When coaches are present in the locker room, they may serve as locker room monitors.

It can't be a 1:1 situation in the locker room where there is only 1 adult and 1 player. For example, when a player is ejected from a game there must be at least two (2) adults consisting either of locker room monitors or coaches in the locker room with the suspended player.

Alleged violations of these rules shall cause a mandatory hearing to be held in accordance with MN Hockey Bylaw Article 6. If warranted, a suspension penalty may be levied upon the head coach or person in charge of the team if the head coach is not present. The penalty for violations of this rule shall be \$500 for the first offense, \$1,000 for the second offense, and \$2,500 for the third offense. These fines are the responsibility of the offending team and shall be paid to the applicable district.



Parent/Legal Guardian Registration Requirements

EVERY parent/legal guardian is required to register on Crossbar at:
<https://www.stmayha.org/program/volunteer-registration/24820>
The following items are required:

1. **USA Hockey Number** (<https://www.usahockey.com>).
2. **Background Check** (<https://www.usahockey.com/backgroundscreen>).
 - USA Hockey Background check must be completed every 2 years.
3. **SafeSport Training** (<https://www.usahockey.com/safesporttraining>).
 - Must complete each season.
 - STMAYHA will receive confirmation of SafeSport completion through USA Hockey.

If you are unsure of your completion status, you can check your status here: <https://www.stmayha.org/parent-resources/background-screening-and-safesport-confirmation/11490>. If you believe your status with USA Hockey is incorrect on the reports please contact USA Hockey at memberservices@usahockey.com.



Volunteer Policy

- ☐ This policy is in effect from May 1, 2025, through April 30, 2026.
- ☐ Families must complete **12 hours/per player**. There is not a separation in required hours for gambling volunteer shifts and hockey volunteer shifts.
- ☐ Families have the option to buyout their volunteer hours at \$1,200 per player.
- ☐ ***Failure to meet requirements by the end of the policy year will result in \$1,200 charged per player to the credit card on file this is considered all or nothing.***
- ☐ Every family is expected to volunteer for team specific activities that supports their player's team. Volunteering for such activities does not apply to each family's volunteer requirements as outlined above.
 - Examples: Running the clock, scorekeeping, running the penalty box during player's scrimmages/games, locker room monitor duties, making door signs and other team specific activities.
- ☐ **No Show Policy*** - If you are signed up for a volunteer shift (gambling or regular) and do not complete that shift, for whatever reason, you will be charged:
 - 1st offense – **\$100****
 - 2nd offense – **\$250****
 - 3rd offense - full volunteer requirement amount of **\$1,200****
 - *Canceling a volunteer shift within 48 hours will result in no-show fees.
 - **Fee charged to the card on file in Crossbar.
- ☐ All opportunities are posted on the website:
<https://www.stmayha.org/dashboard/volunteer>.



Minnesota Hockey's Waiver Requirement

Per MN Hockey's current Participation Policy, players must participate with the association whose boundaries incorporate the player's residence. If a player lives outside of an association's boundaries but open-enrolls in a school within that association's boundaries, a School Attendance Waiver can be granted at their first year of travel hockey.

- If you player played on a school waiver for STMAYHA during the 2023-2024 season you do not need to do anything you are grandfathered in.
- If your player lives outside the STMA School District and is either homeschooled or is enrolled in STMA Online, your player must play for their association of residence.
- If you fall outside of the possibility of a school waiver please reach out to Adam Frost @ president@stmayh.org to have a discussion about a discretionary waiver.



Parent/Legal Guardian Code of Conduct

*****Because our children learn from our example, we need to exemplify the highest level of sportsmanship by supporting all players, coaches, team managers, referees, and parents.*****

No inappropriate yelling at or actions towards players, coaches, officials, arena personnel, volunteers, parents or spectators. Parents/legal guardians who are hostile or otherwise act inappropriately in any arena or via email, phone call, text message, written/typed letter, or any social media avenue may be subject to disciplinary action by the STMAYHA Executive Board.

Observe the 24-hour rule: No parent/legal guardian, or relative of any STMAYHA player, in a fit of frustration/anger over a player's ice time/position, coaches' play of a player, and/or team status per STMAYHA's tryout policy will contact the coach, level coordinator, or any other member of the STMAYHA Board of Directors within 24 hours. This includes face to face, email, phone call, text message, written/typed letter, or any social media avenue.

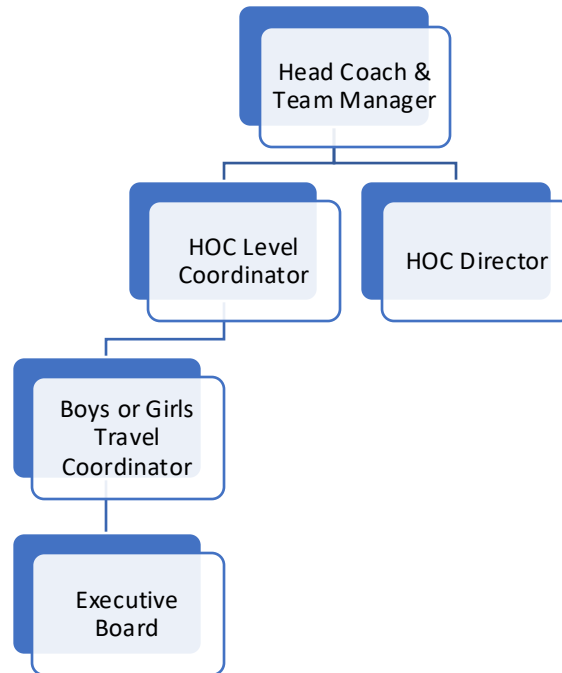
This Policy is adapted from USA Hockey's "Zero Tolerance" Parent Code of Conduct – *Please be advised that non-compliance will result in sanctioned consequences.*



STMAYHA'S Parent Code of Conduct can be found on the website:
<https://www.stmayha.org/about/documents/1890>.

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Process for reporting alleged violations of Parent Code of Conduct:



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Additional Information

- ☐ *Please join us for our Kickoff Weekend November 21-23 Kick off party on November 21st and events all weekend at the rink.*
- ☐ *All 12U/Peewee, and 15U/Bantam teams will be scheduled for dryland session with Wieser Fitness. The goal is for these teams to get there twice per week during the season for strength and conditioning. You will see a fee of \$150 sent to you for this after final rosters are made.*
- ☐ *Parent Travel Meeting PowerPoint Presentation will be uploaded to the website within 48 hours following Travel Parent Meeting.*
- ☐ *Board and HOC Members may be contacted individually via email directly from website.*



Thank You!

Wishing you and your player(s) a safe, fun and memorable 2025-26 hockey season! We hope you enjoy watching your player(s) progress through the season and have fun with our hockey community.

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