

## **RIVERHAWKS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

This RiverHawks Cooperative Agreement (“Agreement”) is made effective as of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022, by and between STMA Youth Hockey Association (“STMAYHA”) and Monticello Youth Hockey Association (“MYHA”).

**WHEREAS**, STMAYHA and MYHA desire to combine their respective girl’s youth hockey programs, for levels 8U through 15U, into one cooperative program (“RiverHawks Co-op”) to increase the number of players at each age level, thereby allowing the opportunity to form teams at different level classifications; and

**WHEREAS**, the main objective of the RiverHawks Co-op is to provide girls within the STMAYHA and MYHA communities the opportunity to play age and skill level appropriate hockey; and

**WHEREAS**, STMAYHA shall be considered the lead association, and will be responsible for the overall management of the RiverHawks Co-op each hockey season, including, but not limited to, player evaluation and placement, team declarations, coaching selection, uniform selection, tournament selection and coordination, and District 5 communication.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, STMAYHA and MYHA agree to the following terms and conditions:

### **1. TERM**

1.1. The term of this Agreement is two (2) years from the Agreement’s effective date.

1.2. This Agreement shall automatically renew under the current terms and conditions for successive two-year periods thereafter unless either party provides written notice to the other party of its intent not to renew at least twelve (12) months in advance of the end of the initial term or renewal term, as the case may be.

### **2. REGISTRATION FEES**

2.1. Players will pay registration fees directly to their home association according to their home association’s fee schedule.

### **3. FINANCES**

3.1. Each association will be responsible for reimbursement of coaching expenses for coaches within their respective association.

3.2. STMAYHA will pay all expenses incurred by the RiverHawks Co-op during each hockey season and will invoice MYHA for its portion (or its players’ portion, as set forth below) of all such expenses immediately following the conclusion of each hockey season, or as soon thereafter as reasonable. Such expenses may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ❖ Expenses Split Equally by STMAYHA and MYHA
  - Ice costs for pre-tryout skills clinics and tryouts
  - Uniforms (i.e., game jerseys and socks, practice jerseys, etc.)
  - Advertising and marketing

- Dues & subscriptions (i.e., website, etc.)
- Other miscellaneous expenses solely related to the ongoing management of the RiverHawks Co-op
- ❖ Expenses Split per Player on Each Team
  - Ice costs for practices, scrimmages, and games
  - Tournaments
  - Non-parent coaching fees
  - Referees
  - Specialized training (i.e., goalie, etc.)
  - District 5 fees
  - District/Region participation fees

#### **4. ICE SCHEDULING**

4.1. STMAYHA will be the designated ice scheduler.

4.2. MYHA will provide STMAYHA's Ice Scheduler with 12-14 hours of ice time per month to rent at Moose Sherritt Ice Arena each hockey season.

#### **5. FUNDRAISING**

5.1. Each player is required to complete their home association's fundraising requirements.

5.2. Each player may participate in any team specific fundraisers.

#### **6. VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS**

6.1. Each player's family is required to complete their home association's volunteer requirements.

6.2. Each player's family will be responsible for team related needs, including, but not limited to, locker room monitor, scoreboard, scorekeeper, and penalty box duty.

#### **7. COOPERATION AMONG THE PARTIES**

7.1. Except as otherwise provided herein, STMAYHA's Hockey Operations Committee ("HOC") and the MYHA's RiverHawks Coordinator ("MRC") will be responsible for the day-to-day hockey operations of the RiverHawks Co-op.

7.2. The HOC and MRC shall consult with MYHA's ACE Coordinator and Athletic Director about the tryout process, team selection, and coaching selection each hockey season.

#### **8. RECITALS**

8.1. The recitals above are incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

## 9. COUNTERPARTS

9.1. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

## 10. PDF SIGNATURE

10.1. This Agreement may be executed by PDF signature or other electronic transmission signature and such signature shall constitute an original for all purposes.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective authorized officers thereunto duly authorized, as of the date first above written.

### **STMA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

By: Megan Esterberg  
Name: Megan Esterberg  
Title: President

### **MONTICELLO YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

By: Justin Dorion 07/11/22  
Name: Justin Dorion  
Title: President

### **MINNESOTA HOCKEY DISTRICT 5**

By: Steven Gapinski  
Name: Steven Gapinski  
Title: Director