



STMA Youth Hockey Association

2025-26 Mite/8U Meeting

October 9, 2025



Welcome to the 2025-2026 Mite/8U Hockey Season!

Meeting Agenda



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Introductions

2025-26 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 Director – Megan McChesney
- Girls Travel Director – Gillian Rousslange
- Mite/8U Director – Tim Steier
- HOC Admin – Kevin Hillman
- District 5 Representative – Aaron Levin
- Registration Director – Amy Hertzog



Introductions Cont.



Non-voting Board Members

- Academic Excellence Coordinator – Emily Fausher
- Apparel Coordinator – Andy Larson
- **Assistant Mite/8U Coordinator – Cammy Konop**
- Boys Equipment Coordinator – TBD
- Boys & Girls Assistant Travel Coordinator - Adam “Woody” Schoh
- Boys & Girls Travel Manager Coordinator – Tiffany Peterson
- **Coaches Registration Coordinator – Lindsey Asleson**
- Communications Assistant – Jenna Dyba
- Finance Assistant – Garret Karels
- Equipment Room Manager – TBD
- Gambling Manager – Tyler Stone
- Ice Scheduler – Erin Stack
- Ice Scheduler Assistant – Savannah Asbury
- Junior Gold Coordinator – TBD
- **Mite/8U Manager Coordinator – Danielle Bloom**
- **Mite/8U Registration Coordinator – Kara Jandro**
- **Mite/8U Scheduler – TBD/ Tim Steier**
- **Recruitment & Retention – Joe Avarca**
- Registration Coordinator – Megan Huggins
- Safe Sport Coordinator – TBD
- Sponsorship Coordinator – Kirk Demerchant
- Travel Registration Coordinator – Nikki Christianson
- Volunteer Coordinator – Mandy Michels

Introductions Cont.



2025-26 Hockey Operations Committee (HOC)

- Boys Varsity Coach – Sean Fish
- **Boys HOC Director – Derek McChesney**
- Boys Development Coordinator – Sean Fish
- Bantam Coordinator – Chris Clark
- Pee wee Coordinator – Brian McLean
- Squirt Coordinator – Tony Gliniany
- **Mite Coordinator – Jon Dubel**
- 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**
- Goalie Liaison – Kyle Hayden
- Co-Player Development Coordinator – Kyle Hayden
- Co-Player Development Coordinator – Val Popowski
- Strength & Conditioning Coordinator – Kaisa Blake

Mite/8U Information & Expectations

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Mite/8U Structure



Mites (Boys) and Girls (8U) will play separate from one another, but structure is similar:

- **Gold:** Typically, 4th year skaters (2016/2017 birth years)
- **Blue:** Typically, 3rd year skaters (2017/2018 birth years)
- **Silver:** Boys only. Typically, 2nd year skaters (2018/2019 birth years)
- **Junior Knights/Junior Hawks:** Multi-age skaters - 1st/2nd year, Kindergarten and Pre-k

Skills Clinics/Evaluations



- Skills clinics starting this weekend, 10/11
- Rookie camp starting this weekend, 10/11
- Evaluations for returning players will start the weekend of 11/1.
- No evaluations for Rookie players (Junior Knights/Junior Hawks).
- Practice for Junior Knights/Junior Hawks will begin weekend of 11/1.
- Times for both evaluations and practices will be emailed out.

Team Formations



- **Gold/Blue Teams:** Formed by November 12th.
- **Silver/Junior Knights/ Junior Hawks Teams:** formed around the same time.
- After teams are established, communications will be coming through the Crossbar app.

Practices & Games



- Early season focused on development.
- Practices follow USA Hockey guidelines.
- Scrimmages are primarily half-ice and cross-ice.
- **Silver, Junior Knights and Junior Hawks Levels:** one game and one practice on weekends.
- **Blue Level:** one game and one practice on weekends
- **Gold Level:** one game and one practice on weekends. Will have half-ice scrimmages with equal level teams from nearby associations and play up to 10 full ice games.
 - There maybe one weeknight practice when ice is available, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday nights.

Equipment

- Helmet with full face cage or shield.
 - Have players name on the front of their helmet
- Neck Guard: A standalone or neck guard shirt that provides protection around the neck.
- Shoulder Pads
- Elbow Pads
- Gloves
- Hockey Breezers
- Hockey Shin Guards
- Mouthguard
- Protective Cup
- Hockey Skates
- Hockey Stick



What will be provided, once teams are created:

- Jersey
- Socks

Jamboree Plan

- **Junior Knights and Junior Hawks Level:** 1 End-of-season Jamboree
- **Silver and Blue Levels:** 2 Jamborees
- **Gold Level:** 3 Jamborees



Coaches

- Head Coach & Assistant Coaches
- Practice Plans
- Practice Expectations
- Scrimmage Expectations
- Volunteer Hours Fulfilled
- Need to complete CEP Training with USA Hockey by 12/31.



Team Managers

- Weekly communication to parents.
- Coordination of team events/year end party.
- Distribution of jerseys.
- Establishment and facilitation of team slush fund.
- Facilitation and Distribution of end of year gifts/academic excellence awards.
- Very rewarding; engagement with parents, players, coaches. Volunteer hours fulfilled.



Parent/Guardian Registration Requirements

EVERY parent/legal guardian is required to register on Crossbar at:
<https://www.stmayha.org/registration/player/6656/>

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: [St. Michael - Albertville Youth Hockey | BACKGROUND SCREENING AND SAFESPORT CONFIRMATION](#) If you have questions, please contact Registration Coordinator Amy Hertzog via email at registration@stmayha.org.



BACKGROUND SCREENING AND SAFESPORT CONFIRMATION

SAFESPORT REPORTING

2025-26 PARENT MEETINGS

2025-26 VOLUNTEER POLICY

WEBSITE FAQs

BACKGROUND SCREENING AND SAFESPORT CONFIRMATION

2025-26 USA HOCKEY VOLUNTEERING REQUIREMENTS REPORT

Please see the chart below for SafeSport completion status and expiration as well as Background Screen completion. If you have not submitted your Parent USA Hockey number for the 2025-26 Season, you must complete 2025-26 Volunteer Registration. If you feel your status has been incorrectly reported, first check the date that this page was last updated to ensure you are looking at the most up to date report. If you still have concerns, reach out to MemberServices@usahockey.org. (Please note, background screens may take up to two (2) weeks from submission to be available to our registration team via our USA Hockey report.)

****Updated 10/4/25**



Volunteer Policy

The [St. Michael - Albertville Youth Hockey | 2025-26 VOLUNTEER POLICY](#) is in effect from May 1, 2025, through April 30, 2026, aligning with STMAYHA's fiscal year. All opportunities throughout the season are posted on the [website](#).

- Families must complete 12 hours/per player association volunteer hours; this does not include team volunteer shifts.
- Families will have the option to buy out their volunteer hours at registration and will be charged \$1,200 per player. If association volunteer hours
- Failure to meet requirements by the end of the fiscal year will result in \$1,200 charged per player to the credit card on file.
- In the instance volunteer hours are not completed and the credit card on file doesn't clear, a new credit card must be provided or the player will NOT be allowed to register for the upcoming season.
- Players that withdraw from hockey or are injured during the season will still face volunteer requirements. Circumstances are reviewed on a case-by-case basis which takes into account the date of player removal.
- Checks will not be held or accepted for the volunteer policy, only credit cards.

No Show Policy: If you are signed up for a volunteer shift (Gambling or Regular) and do not complete that shift, for whatever reason, your will be charged (**canceled a volunteer shift within 48 hours will result in a no-show fee**):

- 1st offense – **\$100****
- 2nd offense – **\$250****
- 3rd offense - full volunteer requirement amount of **1,200****

If you have questions, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Mandy Michels via email at volunteer@stmayha.org.



Minnesota Hockey's Waiver Requirement



Per MN Hockey's current Participation Policy, players must participate with the association whose boundaries incorporate either the player's residence or the school the player attends. 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 and proof of enrollment must be on file.

- If your player is currently open-enrolled in a STMA school and does not have a School Attendance Waiver and proof of enrollment on file, please contact President Adam Frost @ president@stmayha.org as soon as possible.
- Please be advised that 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.
- School Attendance Waivers and proof of enrollment must be updated anytime an open enrolled player changes schools (i.e., primary to elementary, elementary to middle school, middle school to high school).
- District 10 Director requires proof of enrollment to be submitted to her each season whether an open enrolled player has changed schools or not. Thus, if you live in the Rogers School District, please send proof of enrollment (i.e., copy of school schedule) to President Adam Frost @ president@stmayha.org.

Parent/Legal Guardian Code of Conduct



STMAYHA's [Parent/Legal Guardian Code of Conduct Policy](#) is adapted from USA Hockey's "Zero Tolerance"
Please be advised that non-compliance will result in sanctioned consequences.

******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 email, phone call, text message, written/typed letter, or any social media avenue.

Closing



- ❖ Relationships
- ❖ Memories
- ❖ Pay to Play Programs
- ❖ Parent Commitment
- ❖ Mite/8U Parent Meeting PowerPoint presentation will be uploaded to the website following the Mite/8U Parent Meeting.
- ❖ If you have any questions now or during the season, please feel free to contact Mite/8U Director Tim Steier via email at mites@stmayha.org.
- ❖ Other Board and HOC Members may be contacted individually via email directly from website.

THANK YOU!

Thank you all for your time! We know it is valuable and short in supply. We hope you found some value in this meeting and felt it was worth your while.

Wishing you and your player(s) a safe, fun and memorable 2025-26 Mite/8U hockey season!

#GOKNIGHTS #GORIVERHAWKS

