



February 2025 Newsletter

ARAA Updates

Board Elections

After nine years of dedicated service to the youth of Anoka and Ramsey, Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association Vice President Jen Niska called it a career and retired from service.

Jen has been a driving force for progress, helping to streamline operations and elevate our organization's professionalism and standing in our community. Her wisdom, experience, and tenacity have been invaluable, and her impact will be felt for years to come.

The thing we are certain Jen would most want to be remembered for was her creation of our sponsorship dinner used to fund our Grant-in-Aid program. Before Jen joined the board we were able to provide registration aid to 15 athletes annually. Because of Jen's vision and heart, we are now able to provide free or reduced registration to hundreds of athletes every year who would otherwise be unable to participate.

Though irreplaceable, we will be voting for her successor at our monthly meeting on February 23rd. Those interested in the position and learning more please contact Dustin Reeder at President@arsports.org

Thank you, Jen, for your endless sacrifice for our kids and your consistent willingness to raise your hand when we needed one.

Charitable Gambling

Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association partners with businesses to offer charitable gambling to our community. What is Charitable gambling? Charitable gambling is an opportunity for community members to support the youth of Anoka and Ramsey with organized sports and activities to participate in. Our gambling partners provide incentivized giving to our organization. For our 4400 athletes over 10 activities, the charitable gambling contributions provide upgraded playing facilities, equipment, and experiences. Please consider visiting one of our partners and check out our charitable gambling Facebook page for the latest info on bingo, meat raffles, and more!

[Acapulco](#)

Pull tabs and etabs daily

[Aurelio's](#)

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[Greenhaven](#)

Tuesday's

Bingo 7:00 Through March

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[Chanticlear Ramsey](#)

[McDuffs](#)

Monday's Bingo 7:00

Tuesday's Meat Raffle 5:30 Horse Racing 6:30

Saturday's Meat Raffle 4:00

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[Northfork](#)

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[Northwoods](#)

Wednesday's Bingo 6:00

Thursday's Meat Raffle 5:00 Horse Racing 6:00

Saturday's Meat Raffle 2:00

Sunday's Meat Raffle 2:00

[The Ponds](#)

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[Senor Patrons](#)

Pulltabs Daily

[Willy McCoy's](#)

Friday's Meat Raffle 5:00

Saturday's Bingo 1:00

Pulltabs and etabs daily



Soccer

Contact: president@northernlightsoccer.org

**SPRING +
SUMMER
REC
SOCCER
REGISTRATION**

**EARLY BIRD ENDS
FEBRUARY 23**
STANDARD REGISTRATION \$175
LATE REGISTRATION* FEE (\$10) APPLIED
AFTER APRIL 13

*PLACEMENT NOT GUARANTEED

2025 SPRING + SUMMER

REC SOCCER SCHEDULE



THUR MAY 1 | Coaches Meeting

MON MAY 5 | Season Starts (M/W)

TUES MAY 6 | Season Starts (T/Th)

THUR JULY 10 | Regular Season Ends

SAT JULY 12 | Super Soccer Saturday

NO SOCCER DUE TO HOLIDAYS

MON MAY 26
TUES MAY 27

WED JULY 2
THUR JULY 3



Baseball

Contact: baseball@arsports.org

House Registration is OPEN for all levels. Check www.arsports.org/baseball for more information and to register today! Registration links are separated by age level - be sure to select the appropriate level for your child's age/grade level.

House Evaluations and Uniform Tryon is scheduled for March 1st at Lord of Life Church. More details will be available soon.

ARAА Baseball has **Open Board Positions**. If you are interested in any of the following board positions or have questions, please contact Anoka Ramsey Baseball Commissioner, Adam Byrd, at baseball@ARSports.org. Thank you!

Available Positions:

- Junior House Coordinator
- Equipment Coordinator
- At Large Member - Uniforms

Positions up for Re-Election 10/2025

- o Assistant Commissioner
- o Marketing and Comm Director
- o Senior House Director
- o Junior House Coordinator
- o Fundraising Director
- o 7th/8th/9th grade coordinator
- o Uniform Coordinator



Lacrosse

Contact: araalax@gmail.com

We are in full swing for lacrosse registration. We have an option for everyone. Join a team now!

Boys Box

<https://arsports.sportngin.com/register/form/997450280>

Boys Spring

<https://arsports.sportngin.com/register/form/305566350>

Girls Spring

<https://arsports.sportngin.com/register/form/902111896>



ARAA BOYS AND GIRLS LACROSSE SEASONS

Questions? aaralax@gmail.com; www.arsports.org/lacrosse
Register by January 17 and receive \$50 off 10U-14U spring registration

Boys Lacrosse

Box Season - 12U & 14U

- Played indoors late February – April
- Weekday practices – Adrenaline & Anoka Ice Arena
- Games – weekend double-headers
- Cost – \$295

Spring Season - 8U, 10U, 12U & 14U

- Played outdoors April - June
- Weekday practices – Anoka High School
- Weekend games
- Tournaments: 1-2 tournaments
- Cost – \$50 (8U); \$250 (10U); \$300 (12U & 14U)

Possible Summer and Fall Seasons

Girls Lacrosse

Spring Season - 8U, 10U, 12U & 14U

- Played outdoors mid-April – June
- Weekday practices – Anoka High School
- Games – weekends
- Tournaments – state tournament in June
- Cost – \$50 (8U); \$200 (10U); \$220 (12U & 14U)

Summer Season - 8U, 10U, 12U & 14U

- Played outdoors June - July
- Weekday practices – Anoka High School
- Games – weeknights
- Tournaments – state tournament in July
- Cost – \$50 (8U); \$200 (10U); \$220 (12U & 14U)

Tiny Typhoon Program also available for ages 5-8 during the spring season.

Tiny Typhoons

<https://arsports.sportngin.com/register/form/870253675>

Tiny Typhoons – Boys and Girls Lacrosse

ARAA Lacrosse is excited to offer a **Tiny Typhoon program**. Tiny Typhoons is an ideal introduction to the game of lacrosse for both parents and **children ages 5-8**.

Tiny Typhoons will be held one hour a week at Gray Ghost Fields – by Anoka High School.

The \$50 registration includes the six-week program and a t-shirt and lacrosse stick to keep.

Registration is open at www.arsports.org/lacrosse. Join our Facebook page Anoka Ramsey lacrosse club for more information.



Outdoors

Contact: tr87ta@msn.com

- **BOARD OPPORTUNITIES:** A/R Outdoors is a unique part of Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association, offering less-traditional sport options like fishing and archery. Join the board and be a part of growing this program for the youth in our community! If you are interested in any of the following board positions or have questions, please contact Anoka/Ramsey Outdoors Commissioner, Terry Rehm, at outdoors@ARSports.org. Thank you!

Available Positions:

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Sponsorship & Fundraising Director
- Fishing Coordinator

We are looking forward to the upcoming hunting and ice fishing seasons! Stay connected at www.arsports.org/outdoors for more information on upcoming activities for the winter!

- **TRY ICE FISHING EVENT:** Save the date for our annual Try Ice Fishing Event on Sunday, March 2nd. More details will be available soon!

- **BASSERS FISHING TEAM:** Information about the 2025 Bassers Fishing Team and Registration will be available in February. Keep an eye on our Facebook and website for more information as it is available.

- **ARCHERY EVENT:** The Outdoors Board is in the process of planning an Archery event in early spring. More details will be available soon!



Volleyball

Contact: Volleyball@arsports.org

We're excited to announce some new additions to our Volleyball Board!

Please join us in welcoming Coach Olivia Wolbert as our new House Director and Becky Althoff as our Events and Volunteering Director. We're thrilled to have them onboard and look forward to the great work ahead.

As we approach March, we also have two positions open for the next term: JO Director and Treasury. Both positions are running unopposed and are set to be voted back in for another term in March!

JO Program Update:

The JO season is in full swing, and we are excited to introduce a new initiative – the Tornado Award Program! This program is designed to encourage positive conduct and create a supportive environment for our athletes. We will be recognizing individual players on each team for displaying key attributes: Teamwork, Positivity, Cheerfulness, Inclusivity, Attitude, Leadership, and Communication.

Additionally, we will be introducing motivational clothes pins that each team will decorate and give to peers and opponents as a way to share positive energy and encouragement. Picture Day is also on the calendar for February 11, so be sure to mark your calendars!

House Program Update:

The House program season is gearing up, and we're working on some exciting new ideas for the year. We're aiming to open registration early, so stay tuned for more information!

Youth Volleyball Clinic Recap:

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the recent Youth Volleyball Clinic! Coach Olivia Wolbert and the team had an amazing time improving skills, building teamwork, and fostering a fun atmosphere on the court. The energy was infectious, and we hope everyone walked away with new techniques and a passion to continue learning.

If you missed it, don't worry! There's one more session available on **Saturday, February 15th**. We have two time slots:

Grades 1-5th: **1:00-3:00pm**

Grades 6-9th: **3:30-5:30pm**

Registration is now open for this final session – [click here to register!](<https://form.jotform.com/243514962063153>)

Please reach out to Coach Olivia with any questions at Olivia.wolbert@ahschools.us



Football

Contact: Football@arsports.org

Football training at Adrenaline on Sundays. No registration is required!

Defense 1-215

Offense 215-330

Linemen will have an opportunity to work during this time as well.