



2024 - 2025 Annual Report

2024-2025 EHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Position	Name
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Equipment Coordinator*	Kiri Kocon
Registration Coordinator*	Liz Becker
Volunteer Coordinator	Liz Becker
Gambling Manager	Sue Downey
Gambling Assistant Manager	Shannon Cady

* Denotes Board of Directors Member

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following EHA Board members who will not be running for another term. Your contributions of talent and time to the association are greatly appreciated. Best wishes in your next endeavors!

Luke Cahill (2021-2025)
Nathan Krahn (2023-2025)
Pat Donohue (2023-2025)
Jack Czczok (2023-2025)
Kiri Kocon (2023-2025)



Support our gambling partners! Pull Tabs & BINGO!

Have some fun and support EHA by playing BINGO, or trying your luck at PULL TABS while enjoying great food and service at our charitable gambling locations.

Ansari's Mediterranean Grill & Lounge

1960 Rahnclyff Ct., Eagan, MN 55122

(651) 452-0999

- **Wednesday Night Bingo**
- **Pull Tabs**

Lone Oak Bar and Grill

3010 Eagandale Place, Eagan, MN 55121

(651) 789-2081

- **Pull Tabs**

Trail Stop Tavern

525 Diffley Road, Eagan, Minnesota 55123

(651) 493-3035

- **Pull Tabs**

Wildcat's Bar & Grill

1488 Yankee Doodle Rd; Eagan, MN 55123

(651) 452-2475

- **Monday & Wednesday Night Bingo**
- **Pull Tabs**

Eagan Arms

4250 Lexington Ave S. #111, Eagan, Minnesota 55123

(651) 348-7361

- **Pull Tabs**
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Dear Eagan Hockey Association Members,

As another great season comes to a close, I want to thank each of you for being part of another successful year of Eagan Hockey. This season was filled with exciting action, incredible growth in our players, and countless memories made both on and off the ice.

To our coaches, managers, and volunteers - thank you for your time, energy and leadership. To our parents and families - thank you for being the steady support behind every player. Most importantly, to the players - your hard work, team spirit and love for the game remind us all why we do what we do.

Our Association continues to grow with participation increasing yet again this last year. The growth we see is exciting as more and more kids are drawn to the opportunities our organization provides to enjoy the game of hockey. This past season saw more than 300 players at the younger levels which is incredible! Our travel level teams had success at all levels over the course of the past season as well.

Again this past season we all realized the benefits from the hard work and efforts of Sue Downey and her team with the charitable gambling operations. Sue and her staff continue their efforts to maintain our relationships with local establishments which results in EHA's ability to invest in our players, equipment and facilities. We remain committed to our community through donations provided to other organizations as well as with the annual scholarships awarded to Eagan High School graduating seniors. Thank you to Sue and the team for all that they do to help us advance our mission.

We continued this past year to build upon our relationship with the City of Eagan. The Goat Hill project saw big changes to the site with the construction of the new pavilion, new parking lot, and additional components added to the covered rink including the installation of glass. Thank you again to all the volunteers who have helped make the Goat Hill site what it is today. A special thank you to Mike Larson and Robert Braun for their continued efforts acting as our project liaisons with the City. Looking forward, we will continue to connect with City leaders to partner and collaborate with the goal of making hockey in our community the very best it can be for everyone.

A big thank you to all the Board Members who gave of their time this past season. There are five Board members who will be leaving the Board including: Pat Donohue, Jack Czczok, Nathan Krahn, Kiri Kocon, and Luke Cahill. Thank you for your service to the Eagan Hockey Association during your time on the Board.

As we head into the off-season, we hope you take some time to rest, recharge, and reflect on the many accomplishments of this year. Planning and work is already underway for another exciting season. We can't wait to see you all back at the rink!

Sincerely,

Kristian Thonvold

President – Eagan Hockey Association

Registration Coordinator – Liz Becker

Summary of the last ten years.

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022 - 23	2023-24	2024-25
Male	409	403	379	380	353	357	389	408	446	471	499	488
Female	118	113	129	120	113	113	131	139	173	180	181	190
6U/8U	39	0*	14	25	19	41	34	28	45	55	30 (8U) 26 (6U)	35(8U) 10(6U)
10U	26	27	24	10**	20**	22**	29	38	32	26	29	31
12U	34	28	23	29	18**	15**	22	21	30	38	39	29
15U	17	15	16†	16†	14	14	9	9	15	7	***	15
16U/19U	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Termites						33	56	42	41	55	52	45
Mini Mites	63	84*	104	93	88	73	85	125	118	120	129	112
Mite	67	78	64	64	77	68	72	68	95	106	129	132
Squirt	62	56	65	67	51	55	65	62	64	76	84	107
Pee Wee	85	69	59	52	59	60	55	62	61	61	71	70
Bantam	88	90	74	66	61	46	55	55	56	61	55	58
Jr. Gold	46	52	50	50	58	45	36	35	39	46	36	34
Total	527	516	508	500	466	470	520	547	619	651	680	678

* 2014-15 6U/8U numbers were low enough that we rolled them into the Mite/Mini Mite program. The total number of female players at Mites/Mini Mites was: 31

** IGH/Eagan coop: 2016-17 10U program was cooperative with IGH, registered with USA Hockey through IGH. Coop continued in 2017-18 and 2018-19 with 10U through IGH and 12U through Eagan. These numbers, for the remaining years, represent the players who reside in Eagan and registered through EHA.

***2023-2024 15U girls were really low in numbers. The EHA girls were waived to other associations.

† 2015-16 Minnesota Hockey went to 15U on a pilot program for girls – previously 14U.

These numbers represent our total registrations. They do not consider move-ups or players that quit after registering for the season. The registration for the 2024-2025 season was a tremendous success! We continue to see high numbers --- highlighting much growth with our female athletes. Across the board from first-time players to returning stars, each participant is growing, competing, and creating lasting memories.

These numbers are a nod to our wonderful families and many volunteers that make EHA an amazing program.

Volunteer Coordinator - Liz Becker

Volunteer Requirement

Volunteers are the backbone of the Eagan Hockey Association, dedicating their time, talent, and energy to ensure the program's success. Their efforts not only benefit the players but also foster a strong sense of community among our members. Volunteer requirements for the 2024-2025 season were four hours for individual players and five hours for families with two or more players. In addition, the DIBs deposit checks remained at \$400.00 and an "opt-out" option continued at the time of registration. We had an array of

volunteer opportunities for our members to choose from including, but not limited to, helping during our hosted tournaments, various opportunities during tryouts, game day help, hot-dog hockey help, multiple committees, 3v3 operations, social events, and much more. We had 98% of our families fulfill their DIBs requirements for this season. Thank you to all of our families who stepped up to help make this season a success. Your time and commitment to EHA does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated.

Hockey Operations – Michael Lavine

So much time, commitment and organization goes into making a hockey season. Eagan Hockey continues to have a solid number of participants, volunteers, players and families that work hard to put together a successful program and season.

Over the past season, we have taken a closer look at how we utilize the ice hours that we are able to secure. We reserve ice at several facilities across the south metro, and continue to strive to have teams practice as locally as possible, especially at the younger ages. The level coordinators, as part of an Ice Committee, will continue to review preliminary schedules as provided by our schedulers and will recommend changes to help balance when and where teams skate. We are setting up some guidelines over the off-season to help with the process of minimizing excessive late practices for teams and being more diligent about the scheduling review. With the coordination of both on-ice and off-ice activities, and knowing that it is a long season from October to early March for some teams, we look for the right balance of development and rest.

With regards to the tryout process, we continue to strive for a process that delivers an evaluation of our players that is fair to all and maintains a clear process. We look for improvements during the off-season using data from the past months on how teams performed and how players developed. A combination of both board members and EHA members at-large make up the tryout committee so ensure that a wide variety of voices are present to help ensure the integrity of the process. We review provided feedback from parents, coaches and our outside evaluators to continually improve the structure year over year, including the selection of evaluators, the involvement of parent and paid coaches and the timing of the sessions for the different levels. Parents, thank you for providing feedback and continue to do so, especially to those non-board members who assist with tryouts. We ultimately strive for the tryout committee to be a conduit to run the tryout process, aid with the organization and scheduling, but to not have an influence on the placement of players. A special thank you to all the tryout committee members for your time and dedication to help run our tryouts for all levels.

We will also look to utilize pre-season ice for pre-tryout warmups, contact clinics and 3v3/4v4 leagues. These options, especially the fall 3v3/4v4 leagues, continue to be a popular way to get into the season and have our players in fun, on-ice activities together before the season starts.

Thank you level coordinators for helping to put together another fun season for your levels. Your hard work in providing communications, answering questions and organizing the details and registration for tournaments is greatly appreciated.

2024-2025 / Treasurer’s Report – Jake Machacek

The fiscal year end is May 31 of each year and budget documents for the end of each fiscal year are included in the Board meeting minutes after year end. Below is a summary of the account balances as of this time compared to the previous year.

Account Balances (rounded to the nearest thousand)

	This Year	Last Year
Checking/MM/ICS *	242,000	73,000
Charitable Gambling	365,000	298,000
Line of Credit (Availability)	250,000	250,000
Total	\$857,000	\$621,000

Budget – Highlight Items (rounded to the nearest dollar)

1. Ice Time (including tryout ice time):	\$461,600
2. Tournaments:	\$126,888
3. Donations given:	\$83,500
4. Coach Stipend/Travel:	\$59,026
5. Tryouts (not including ice time):	\$56,866
6. Home Ice Advantage (including ice time):	\$56,073
7. Outdoor Ice Rink:	\$51,701
8. Travel Team Jerseys/Socks:	\$50,167
9. Player/Goalie Development:	\$45,490
10. Slush Fund Contribution:	\$44,805
11. District 8 Fees:	\$36,430**
12. Mini Mites/Mites:	\$35,606
13. Dryland Facility:	\$35,000
14. Little Wildcats:	\$25,339

*MM = Money Market; ICS = Insured Cash Sweep

**\$6,640 relates to an inadvertently missed Junior Gold outstanding invoice from the 2023-2024 season

NOTE: At year end, the chart of accounts and general ledger are reviewed and items above may be reclassified to a different account (ex. ice time related to tryouts and Home Ice Advantage)

Taxes/Reports

- Tax returns and gambling reports for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2024 are completed.
- 1099 Forms for calendar year 2024 have been mailed and filed in accordance with deadlines.

Other

- Renewed EHA’s \$250,000 Line of Credit (LOC) with Tradition Capital Bank in Q2 of 2025. The LOC is subject to renewal after one year and will be available, if needed but not limited to, any substantial outdoor rink expenditures at Goat Hill or the Eagan Civic Arena.
- Money Market current interest rate (APY) is 3.10% (down from 4.00% a year ago)
- Insured Cash Sweep current interest rate (APY) is 2.85% (down from 3.75% a year ago)



Coach-In-Chief / Player Development – Jon Kerr

As part of our continued efforts to enhance player development and support our coaching staff, several important updates were implemented this season under my role as Coach-in-Chief for the Eagan Hockey Association. These initiatives reflect our commitment to providing a structured, supportive, and development-focused environment for all players and coaches.

Coaching Development Initiatives

Fortis On-Ice Coaches Skills Session:

To kick off the season, we partnered with Fortis to deliver an on-ice skills development session specifically for our coaches. The session focused on advanced instruction in skating technique, puck handling, and edge control. It was well-received and helped set a high standard for skating skill instruction across all teams.

Coaching Resource Enhancement – The Coaches Site:

We introduced TheCoachesSite.com as a new resource for all head coaches. This platform provides access to a vast library of content including drills, systems, practice planning strategies, and insights from professional and elite-level coaches. It has become a valuable tool in helping our coaches grow, stay organized, and implement age-appropriate development plans.

Player Development Enhancements

Best Shift Training – Stickhandling & Shooting Instruction:

New this year, we implemented Best Shift Training for our travel-level teams. Best Shift provides specialized coaching in stickhandling and shooting technique. The program received excellent feedback from both parents and coaches and contributed to the skill development of our players. Sessions were high-energy, detailed, and immediately applicable to game situations.

Continued Partnership with Training Haus – Dryland Training:

We maintained our relationship with Training Haus to provide professional dryland training for our athletes. Their structured programming continues to play a critical role in helping our players improve strength, agility, and overall athleticism in a hockey-specific context.

On-Ice Skills Instruction with Erik Anderson:

Erik Anderson continued his role as our lead on-ice skills instructor. Erik brings a wealth of knowledge and consistency to our development model. His sessions are skill-focused, reinforcing core fundamentals while challenging players to elevate their game.

Home Ice Advantage:

Our Home Ice Advantage summer program was run by E-train. The older group (squirt/U10 and up) skated three days per week with one day of dryland training at the Training Haus. The younger group (mites/mini-mites) skated two days per week.

Tournament Report – McPherson/Czczok

In the 2024-25 hockey season, we successfully hosted the annual Carter Weber Thanksgiving Shootout, along with the Bantam AA/A district playoffs and Girls 10U A district playoffs.

Carter Weber Thanksgiving Shootout:

We welcomed 8 Bantam B2 and 8 PeeWee B2 teams. Each team received a tournament puck to gift to their opponents, along with the opportunity to select their team MVP. Continuing a popular tradition, we featured our tournament graphics on beanies, which were given to all participants. A huge shoutout to the High School Booster Club (both girls and boys) for their crucial role in volunteering—manning the score clock, penalty box, and GameSheets. Your dedication made the tournament a success. Thank you!

Bantam AA/A District Playoffs:

We continued the tradition to host the Bantam AA/A district playoffs. This tournament presented some unique challenges due to the need for additional ice resurfacings. With many evenly matched teams, several games went into overtime, making for thrilling, nail-biting hockey—but also causing some scheduling delays. Despite this, the tournament was a great success, and the level of competition was outstanding.

Girls 10U A District Playoffs:

For the first time, we hosted the Girls 10U A district playoffs, and we were thrilled to see our very own SpartaCats (EHA/IGHHA Coop) take home first place. The tournament followed a round-robin format, where all teams played each other. The highlight was the SpartaCats' exciting journey: after tying Lakeville Icecats 2-2 in their first game, they faced them again in the championship and claimed a 1-0 victory.

While the tournament was a success, we did experience a volunteer shortage. However, thanks to the dedication of our hockey families, last-minute volunteer shifts were quickly filled—sometimes within an hour. Thank you to everyone who stepped up!

Recommendations for Next Year

- 1. Volunteering:**
 - Release volunteer hours as early as possible to allow families more time for planning.
- 2. Ice Time:**
 - Continue the practice of reallocating any unused tournament ice back to EHA teams to maximize usage.
- 3. District Playoffs:**
 - Continue hosting district games exclusively on the West Rink at Eagan Civic Arena (ECA), which worked smoothly this year.
- 4. Eagan Civic Arena (ECA) Coordination:**
 - Collaborate with ECA staff earlier in the process to ensure locker room assignments are displayed on the digital screens.
 - Provide team lists and schedules in advance to streamline this process.
- 5. Swag & Gear:**
 - The beanies were a huge hit—consider expanding the swag lineup (e.g., scarves, hats, etc.) for future tournaments.
- 6. Trophies:**
 - Begin brainstorming early for a unique and sought-after Carter Weber trophy.

- Explore creative, custom designs that will stand out and generate excitement from other associations.

10U/12U/15U Girls Program – Nathan Krahn

The 2024– 2025 season was the second season under the written co-op agreement between EHA and the Inver Grove Heights Hockey Association. As is often the case, with additional time comes more familiarity and improvements in processes/structures which help make the program go. A very big thanks to the two other EHA representatives on the Spartacat Committee, board member Jake McPherson and Christian Mondick, who worked closely with me to administer the program. Our partners from IGHHA and South St. Paul (not a formal member of the co-op, players waive in) and their leadership also deserve a lot of thanks for their efforts this season. I would be remiss if I did not also offer my substantial, and public, gratitude to all the Eagan families, parents, players, coaches, managers and volunteers who made this season a success. Youth hockey does not work without everyone trying to make it a good experience.

2024-2025 Co-op update: The Co-op had a number of positive developments and successes this season. Notably, the tryout evaluation process did a good job evaluating the girls at the 10U and 12U levels (there was only one team at 15U, no tryouts were held). While the tryout process is always stressful and not every parent and player is pleased with the outcome, it seemed that the independent evaluators got placements correct. The Co-op created three teams at 12U (A, B1 and B2) and four teams at 10U (A, 2 B1 teams, B2). Thanks in part to good prior planning the co-op was able to get a full slate of tournaments for each team this season. Training sessions were hosted at Eagan Civic Arena using the shooting and treadmill rooms and on-ice by EMForce. Programming included a 3V3 season last summer prior to tryouts. The addition of Goat Hill as a training venue gave us even more ice and time for instruction. While there were notable successes this season there are still some items that the co-op continues to work upon. A slate of handbook updates and changes to provide clarity on rules and flowdowns from higher hockey authorities is planned. The tryout process is still looking for a way to balance the need for impartial evaluations with coach feedback and input; those discussions continue. Feedback from the season suggests that the co-op could do a better job of communicating expectations for volunteering (i.e. locker-room moms) and scheduling (i.e. the frequency of later night, weekday practices). There were some challenges with goalie training scheduling which will be addressed moving forward. Filling out a functional Hockey Development Committee will also be on the docket. Finally, it was identified that the Spartacat Committee itself needs additional help and bandwidth most notably for running tryouts (when some committee members are conflicted out). Discussions are ongoing for these and other improvements.

2024-2025 on the ice records: Spartacat teams had good seasons on the ice and some had exceptional seasons. While the 10U years are not generally seen as successful largely from the win/loss record, 10A finished with the regular season championship in District 8, had great tournament success and won the District 8 playoff. The two B1 teams finished with almost identical district records and competed well in a B1 pool that saw three associations without A teams added to the fact the Spartacats were the only organization with two B1 teams. The B2 team finished in the middle of the table and had a five game unbeaten streak in district play and were runner ups in their district flight. At 12U, B2 had a successful district campaign finishing

top half of the table and enjoying a good season of development. B1 had a mid-standings finish and lost an epic 4-overtime thriller in the district playoffs. 12A finished second in the district standings for the season and made it to the regional tournament where they competed but fell in overtime. It was a season to remember for 15U as not only did they finish at the top of the District 8 season standings but made a run all the way to the State Tournament.

2024-2025 Other activities: This season the various Spartacat players/families attended PWHL games, volunteered for activities like Feed My Starving Children, skated at the EHS varsity games as flag bearers (EHA members only for that one), attended various youth nights for the HS teams and attended HS games with free admission while wearing their jerseys.

Outlook for next season: The outlook for next season is bright. While there is always work to be done to plan and improve the girls' program there are many positive foundations to build upon. Numbers are expected to continue to be strong and hopefully grow. For instance, it is likely that the program will have two 15U teams next season. Continuing to build a quality girls' hockey program that meets the needs of our players and families is the mission and our collective goal.

6U/8U Girls Program – Nicki Le

The 2024-2025 season was another year of positive transitions for the 6U and 8U programs. Since moving these age levels back from the co-op last year, we've been continually tweaking and adjusting how they will operate to best fit the girls. We've made significant steps in the right direction and are providing our girls with a great program to be a part of.

We had 35 girls play 8U this year- an improvement from last season! After evaluations, we formed two intermediate teams (Toronto and Boston) and one advanced team (Minnesota). A big focus this year was on making sure the 8U teams were practicing and playing with their similar level mite counterparts. Toronto and Boston were on the ice with mite 2 teams and Minnesota was on the ice with mite 3 and 4 teams. Making this switch from last year allowed players to consistently receive training at their ability level.

With low registration numbers at the 6U levels, we opted to combine the seven kindergarten girls that registered to play on a 6U team with their minimite counterparts. The eleven first grade girls that registered to play 6U formed their own team for practices (Frost), but for game days were placed on minimite teams to help keep things balanced. Both of these solutions for the low numbers worked for this season, but we are hoping for a big jump in registrations next year to be able to give the 6U players their own teams for both practices and games. We are working on ways to get the word out to the incoming kindergarten and first grade families!

Goat Hill continues to elevate the hockey experience for our skaters and families! With weekly outdoor practices, Hot Dog Hockey and playing in an outdoor jamboree here, Goat Hill adds so much excitement and enjoyment. Eagan is lucky to have such an incredible place to make hockey memories.

While the girls spent most of their time working hard on the ice, we also made sure to have some fun together! We attended a Gopher women's hockey game, a Minnesota Frost PWHL game, skated out with the starting lineup at the

Eagan girls varsity games, rocked our best outfits at our indoor Dress to Impress themed jamboree, were coached by JV skaters who attended a handful of practices, held team parties, played in away tournaments and so much more!

While we had a fantastic season, there is always room for improvement. Thank you to those of you who offered suggestions on how to make things better for next year.

Wishing the girls moving up to the 10U level next year the best of luck in the co-op! GO SPARTACATS!

Finally, a HUGE thank you to all the coaches, managers and parents who made the season a great success.

Roll Cats!

Mini Mite & Recruiting/Retention – Brya Norberg



above Mini Mite 1's (start of season)



above Mini Mite K's (last day of the season)

Our 2024-2025 season continued with record breaking numbers. Mini-Mites had 12 teams with a total of 121 kids. We split our program into 6 teams of Mini-Mite K's (Kindergartners) and 6 teams Mini-Mite 1's (1st graders). Teams were created based on schools to keep friends playing with friends. We combined the 6U-girls into the Mini-Mites this season due to low registration numbers. We combined the seven 6U-K's onto teams with Mini-Mite K's making sure they had other females on their team too. The eleven 6U-1's were also combined into the Mini-Mite 1's, and again were made sure each team had a few 6U-1 females together. This allowed for the 6U-1's to practice in a station group together during practices. The Mini-Mite program had 2 hours of ice every Saturday and Sunday for practice. These skill-based practices were very beneficial to the Mini Mite's this season, we saw tremendous growth from the start to end of the season in all skaters. We also offered the opportunity again for our Mini-Mite 1's to give goalie a try by providing each of the teams with a set of goalie gear. There were 4 "Game Days" at the Mini-Mite 1 level to continue building excitement about the love of hockey.

Our Little Wildcat program was yet again a hit! We had 74 skaters in our Little Wildcat Program this season. We had two groups that completed 3 hours of practice each. We were able to provide all these kids with new free gear from Pure Hockey, which went very smoothly.

This was the 6th year for our Termite Program. This program is for our Pre-K skaters that will be entering Kindergarten next year. We had 32 Termites this year. The development this group of skaters had was incredible. Some of them went from getting on the ice for the first time to skating the entire length of the rink by the end of the season. It was a great season for them.

The on-ice practices are the focus for our Mini-Mites. In addition to that development another major aspect of our program is the fun activities offered to our skaters. Unfortunately, there was a delay in kicking off our Hot Dog Hockey season due to construction again this year, but once it got started it was full steam ahead, and every Friday from December through February was packed. We hosted an indoor jamboree in January, an outdoor jamboree in February, and a high energy end of the year party in March. All Termite and Mini-Mite teams got to participate in a Little Chipper Game which is played in between the 1st and 2nd period of the Girls and Boys Varsity Home Games. We had some special coaches helping us at practices throughout the season from the Girls and Boys High School teams. It was a fun and exciting season for our skaters, parents, and everyone else who came to share in the joy of hockey.

Thank you to all the coaches and team managers who made this season a huge success!

Mite Program - Julie Ghere

The 2024-2025 Mite season was another successful year by many measures. Kicking off the season we had an 8 game Fall 4v4 opportunity for all our 2nd and 3rd grade skaters to participate in. This was a great 4 weeks to get the skaters back on the ice before the season started. We had 13 Mite level teams that partnered with the 3 8U teams to form a 16-team program for a total of 167 kids.

The season began with an evaluation in October to assist coaches in forming teams at the Mite 2, Mite 3, Mite 4 levels. This was EHA's second year of having a Mite 4 level in our program. It was also the first year that 1st graders could be evaluated to play at a Mite 2 level. There were a total of 19 first graders that joined the Mite 2 level this season. This was important for many reasons. It helped lower the number of skaters on the ice at the Mini-Mite 1 level, it placed skaters at the appropriate level for development, and it also provided more coaching at the Mite 2 level.

Our Mite program focuses on development, and that means no one level is more important than another. Once the season got going there were 3 ice sessions each week including Sunday's half ice game days.

In addition to the regular schedule our Mites participated in many fun events including:

- Hot Dog Hockey
- One out of association jamboree per team
- US Pond Hockey Championship Youth Night (brr that was a chilly one)
- EHA Indoor Paw Power Jamboree where our skaters Dressed to Impress!
- EHA Outdoor Jamboree at Goat Hill
- End of the Season Party

There were a lot of incredible memories made this season. I am very grateful to everyone who was involved at the Mite level including Coaches, Team Managers, Parents, Grandparents, spectators, and our skaters. It takes a village, and this is definitely a village I'm grateful to be a part of!

Squirt Program - Pat Donohue

EHA fielded eight Squirt teams during the 2024-2025 season. EHA went with an A, two SB1's, three SB2's and two SC's. Each team had 12-13 skaters (99 skaters total) and one goalie. We had eight goalies, including two at the C level who threw the pads on for the very first time and quickly took to protecting the crease!!

A successful in-house pre-season EHA 3on3 league in September set the tone for the official start of the season in October. Scrimmage season kicked off with EHA's annual Squirt Faceoff in early November as EHA invited Bloomington Jefferson and Mahtomedi to compete in the first scrimmages of the year in back-to-back ice times on the West rink. In addition to the D8 regular season and scheduled scrimmages, each squirt team participated in at least three tournaments throughout the year. The season concluded with a successful D8 postseason run for all of our Wildcats - including D8 championships for our A and B2 White squads!

Thank you to all the parents, coaches, managers, streamers, and players for a successful season all around! We know it takes everyone playing a part to have organized and fun seasons for the kids. Below, let's take a closer look at each team's results for the year.

Squirt C Green

- Finished in 5th in the "Flight B" bracket in District playoffs
- Went 5-9-2 to finish in 7th place of the Squirt C National Division
- Tournaments - River Lakes Hockey (Richmond, 5th place), Tiger Winter Classic (New Richmond), Jim Foley Outdoor Classic (St. Mary's Point), Squirt International (Fargo)
- Thank you to head coach Jeremy Gaiser; Assistant coaches: Justin Boughton, Brett Johnson, and Brian Torborg; Team manager Jeff Baumann

Squirt C Blue

- Finished in 2nd place in the "Flight C" bracket in District playoffs
- Went 4-11-1 to finish in 8th place of the Squirt C American Division
- Tournaments - Winona, Jim Foley Outdoor Classic (St. Mary's Point), Squirt International (Fargo, 2nd in Emerald Division)

- Thank you to head coach Steve Squire; Assistant coaches Jeremy Doyle, Cory Kanz, and Anton Martinez; Team manager Liz Kesler

Squirt B2 White

- Finished in 1st place in the “Flight A” bracket in District playoffs
- Went 13-0-3 to finish in 1st place of the 16-team Squirt B2 American Division
- Tournaments - Talkin’ Turkey (Austin, 4th), Cowtown Classic (South St. Paul, 1st place Silver Cup), Skate on the Edge (Duluth, 1st), Squirtacular (Blaine, Consolation champions)
- Thank you to head coach Charlie Bauman; Assistant coaches Kevin Dixon, Dave Hanson, Joe Klenner, Andrea Kostiuk, Jackie Larsen; Team manager Sandy Aronson

Squirt B2 Green

- Finished in 5th place in the “Flight A” bracket in District playoffs
- Went 9-6-1 to finish in 7th place of the 16-team Squirt B2 American Division
- Tournaments - Thanksgiving Classic (Duluth, 3rd), Raider Classic (Hudson, 1st), Breezy Point
- Thank you to head coach Jason Oberhamer; Assistant coaches Jack Czczok, Stephen Deuth, Tom Haynes; Team manager Katie Suttentberg

Squirt B2 Blue

- Finished in 7th place in the “Flight A” bracket in District playoffs
- Went 13-1-2 to finish in 3rd place of the 16-team Squirt B2 American Division
- Tournaments - Much Turkey Extravaganza (Rosemount, 1st), New Hope Classic (1st), Ranger Classic (Forest Lake, 3rd), Squirt International (Fargo, 1st place in 2nd tier)
- Thank you to head coach Mike Olson; Assistant coaches Brett Bonin, Taylor Ghere, Michael Reveland; Team managers Megan Montpetit, Kadee Miller, and Julie Eisengart

Squirt B1 Green

- Finished in 3rd place in the “Flight B” bracket in District playoffs
- Went 5-9-2 to finish in 11th place of the 16-team Squirt B Division
- Tournaments - Thanksgiving Classic (Duluth), Battle of the Biscuit (Faribault), O-Town Showdown (Owatonna, 1st), Squirt International (Fargo, 2nd in Emerald Division)
- Thank you to head coach Jake Machacek; Assistant coaches Chad Brovold, Dan Dushinske, Tim Johnson, and Dave Morgan; Team manager Nicole Brovold

Squirt B1 Blue

- Finished in 6th place in the “Flight A” bracket in District playoffs
- Went 9-7 to finish in 6th place of the 16-team Squirt B Division
- Tournaments - Flyer Faceoff (Little Falls, 1st), Eli Johnson Memorial (Moorehead), Squirtacular (Blaine)
- Thank you to head coach Heath Pecor; Assistant coaches Aaron Diederich, Brian Geisler, Brya Norberg and Chris Walker; Team managers Janie Gossen and Meranda Walker

Squirt A

- Finished in 1st place in the “Flight A” bracket in District playoffs
- Went 5-7-4 to finish in 7th place of the Squirt A Division
- Tournaments - Breezy Point (3rd), Squirtacular (Blaine, 3rd), Squirt International (Fargo, 12th place of 64 teams)
- Thank you to head coach Ryan Thomas; Assistant coaches Matt Lunneborg, Brent Martinson, and Marcus Ploeger; Team manager Terry Jung

Pee Wee Program – Kyle Loch

EHA fielded five PeeWee teams for the 2024-2025 season. There were a total of 62 skaters and 8 goalies, PWAA had 13 skaters and 2 goalies, PWB1 had 13 skaters and 2 goalies, PWB2-Blue had 12 skaters and 1 goalie, PWB2-Green had 12 skaters and 1 goalie, and PWC had 12 skaters and 2 Goalies. Of the 70 total PW players, 37 were 2nd years and 33 were 1st year

Preseason 3 on 3 had a great turn out with 63 skaters and 6 goalies and was a successful way to get ready for the regular season.

PeeWee AA

Final overall record of 14-36-4

Final district record of 6-7-3 (2nd place)

District playoff record of 1-2-0

Regions participant with a 0-2 record

Tournaments: Big Pumpkin (Rochester), First Test of the Best (Eden Prairie), 56th Annual Tradition Invitational (Edina), and Star of the North (Grand Rapids)

Thank you to Head Coach Chris Rasinen, Assistant Coaches: Heath Pecor, Stephen Deuth, and William Randall

Thank you to Team Managers Sheila Umland and Adrienne Todd as well as a thank you to videographer Chris Umland

PeeWee B1

Final overall record of 24-21-6

Final district record of 5-6-5

District playoff record of 1-2-0

Tournaments: Wolfpack Pumpkin Bash (Cottage Grove), Panther Classic (Spring Lake Park - 3rd Place) Head of the Lakes Classic (Duluth), PeeWee Showdown (Bloomington), and The Lakes Classic (Detroit Lakes)

Thank you to the Head Coach Ken Putt, Assistant Coaches: Tom Schlundt, Ty Renner, and Gene Chang. Thanks to Team Manager Robert Braun and Videographer Kirt Seiser!

PeeWee B2-Blue

Final overall record of 10-29-3

Final district record of 2-13-1

District playoff record of 1-1-0

Tournaments: Thanksgiving Shootout, Raider Classic (Hudson), Big Ole Tourney (Alexandria), and Zenith City Invitational (Duluth)

Thank you to Head Coach Mike Kolehainen, Assistant Coaches: Matt Knapp, Kevin Luther and Max Seeley

Thanks to Managers Brooke Correll and Mara Swanson and thanks to Videographer Kevin Madigan!

PeeWee B2-Green

Final overall record of 12-31-4

Final district record of 0-13-3

District playoff record of 0-3-0

Tournaments: Thanksgiving Shootout (Eagan), Barn Burner (Cloquet, 2nd Place), Battle at the Ice House (Blaine) and Battle at the Baron (Marshall, 1st Place)

Thank you to Head Coach Sean Scott, Assistant Coaches: Kyle Druse, Joe Reitzel and Brad Eckel.

Thank you to Team Manager Anna Sexe and Video team Kyle Loch, Matt Martinson, Mike St. Clair

PeeWee C

Final overall record of 8-32-1

Final district record of 2-13-1

District playoff record of 1-2-0

Tournaments: PeeWee Pool Party (Delano), Water Park Classic (WI Dells), Cowtown Classic (So. St. Paul), and Stan & Karen Hubbard PeeWee Classic (St. Mary's Point)

Thank you to Head Coach Nick Lent, Assistant Coaches: Brett Costain, David Wietecki, Bryan Stack, and Scott Criqui

Thank you to Team Managers Jen Criqui and LaDonna Ver Strate!

Bantam Program – Luke Cahill

We had 53 bantams finish the season with 47 skaters and 6 goalies. We started with larger numbers, but had several skaters and one goalie choose to play high school or quit hockey. The result was moving one skater up to AA and one B2 skater to B1. We were able to use those numbers to field teams at the AA (13 skaters, 1 goalie), B1 (12 skaters, 2 goalie), B2 (11 skaters, 2 goalies) and C level (11 skaters, 1 goalie). Our bantam teams were comprised of 19 second year players (16 skaters and 3 goalies) and 34 first year players (31 skaters and 3 goalies).

The season began with our annual 3v3 league which was a lot of fun and a good warmup for the players. All the boys skated hard over the course of the season with great play on the ice. The players also built friendships that are sure to continue into the future. We again concluded the year with the annual event for graduating

2nd year bantam players as a capstone for youth hockey. The event features a dinner, slideshow and scrimmage for the players.

Thank you to all of the coaches, managers, parents and families that made this season great!

Bantam AA

District 8 Record: 4-8-4 (6th)

District 8 playoffs (did not advance)

Coaches & Managers: Derek Porter (head, resigned mid-season), Gus Kluender (assistant - promoted to head coach), Michael Christensen (assistant) Mark Steinke (Team manager)

Tournaments:

Battle for the Blue Ox	Moorhead	Nov 8-10
First Test of the Best	Eden Prairie	Nov 29 - Dec 1
Center Ice Club	Roseau	Dec 6-8
Play for Patrick	Eagan/Apple Valley/Burnsville	Jan 3-5

Bantam B1

District 8 Record: 9-4-3 (4th)

District 8 Playoffs (did not advance)

Coaches & Managers: Jordan West (head), Benton Olson (assistant), Bessy Erickson(Manager), Liz Lann(Manager)

Tournaments:

Bloomington Winter Classic	Nov 8-10
Warroad	Dec 6-8
Prior Lake Laker Shootout	Jan 17-19
Alexandria	Jan 31-Feb 2

Bantam B2

District 8 Record: 6-7-3 (8th)

District 8 playoffs (Champions of second Tier)

Coaches & Managers: Austyn Kryzer (head), Dave Karsnia(assistant), Clayton Schneider (assistant), Jamie Pogatchnik (assistant),Becky and Brian Busanich (Manager)

Tournaments:

Carter Weber Thanksgiving Shootout	https://www.eaganhockey.com/page/show/5765323-carter-weber-thanksgiving-shootout	Eagan	Nov 29-Dec 1
New Ulm Super Spectacular Awesome Tourney	https://newulm.pucksystems2.com/tournaments	New Ulm	Jan 3-5
Laker Shootout	https://www.plsha.com/lakershootout	Prior Lake	Jan 16-19
City on the Bay	https://www.walkeryouthhockey.com/page/show/612416-tournaments	Walker	Jan 24-26

Bantam C

District 8 Record: 10-5-1 (4th)

District 8 Playoffs (2nd Place)

Coaches & Managers: John Stokes Jr (head), Wyatt Bouchard (assistant), Jason Bergstrom (assistant), Landon Potts (Student assistant), Lane Potts (Manager), Mara Swanson (Manager)

Tournaments:

St Louis Park Winter Classic	Nov 7-12
Rochester	Jan 10-12
River Falls	Feb 14-16
Moorhead - The Finale	Feb 28-Mar 2

Junior Gold – Luke Cahill

There were two teams representing Eagan hockey during the 2024-2025 season at the Junior Gold level. In the season there were a total of 32 skaters along with 2 goalies who skated and represented Eagan. Both teams skated hard and had success over the course of the season.

Thank you to all of the coaches, managers, parents and families that contributed to the overall success of the Junior Gold season this year.

Junior Gold B

Coaching staff & Manager(s): Jeff Kohlemeinen (head), Jim Sexton (head), Max Seeley (assistant), Chryssi Beckwith (manager), Lane Potts (manager)

Tournaments:

Wayzata Jr. Gold Classic	Jan. 23-26, 2025
Duluth Gordy Atol JGold Shootout	Jan. 31-Feb 2, 2025

Junior Gold 16U:

Coaching staff & Manager(s): Jeff Currie (head), Chris Bryntesen (assistant), Mike Hendrickson (assistant), Derek Cooper (assistant), Kerry Boyd (manager), Lori Olson (manager)

Tournaments:

Moorhead - <https://www.moorheadyouthhockey.com/jg16ub>

Dec 27-29, 2024

Wayzata Classic - <https://www.wayzatahockey.org/program/wayzata-jr-gold-classic/10219>

Jan 23-26, 2025

Special Events – Katie Usset

No report Submitted

Equipment – Kiri Kocon

Mini Mites/Mites went to reversible wildcat jerseys last season. This will continue for the 2025-2026 season and foreseeable future.

Mandatory Equipment: New as of August 1, 2024, USA Hockey requires the use of neck laceration protection guard. This includes players in all age classifications, except adults, in games and practices (as well as for on-ice officials under the age of 18). Neck guards are not provided by EHA.

As EHA's growth continues, we have more players than numbers available. Unfortunately, we have outgrown our jersey program and legacy numbers. The president/VP of the current board 2025-2026, have the suggested change from our jersey supplier. The new board will determine if/when to implement the plan or come up with another solution. This change will eliminate the possibility of duplicate jersey numbers ending up on the same roster. More information on this possible change will be communicated to our association members.

EHA will continue to partner with Pure Hockey as the primary provider of equipment, youth uniforms, and CCM/Bauer branded apparel, due to their loyalty points program that allows us to stretch your dollar even further to help our kids in all levels of play

I'd like to THANK the parents and committee volunteers who were instrumental on the EHA Equipment/Apparel committee who helped design, organize and distribute uniforms/socks/apparel for EHA teams. This group also keeps the squirt jersey tradition alive. Thank you for all your time, work and for keeping our players and families looking sharp!

This year, EHA continued to support several local businesses and past Eagan hockey alumni for fan apparel and travel team uniforms including Camesota, UNRL, Gemini Athletic and Verbero.

Gambling Report – Sue Downey

Thank you for continuing to support EHA and our partners. The end of year gambling report will be presented to the Board after the end of the Fiscal Year on June 30 and documented in the minutes.



Thank you EHA.....See You Next Year!