

Addendum B - Hockey Operations Committee

This document provides an overview of the Hockey Operations Committee, including matters pertaining to team formation, activities, practices, games, and coaching within Sartell Youth Hockey Association.

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Hockey Operations Committee

Purpose Statement

The Sartell Youth Hockey Association (SYHA) Hockey Operations Committee (HOC) directly supports the mission of SYHA "to provide youth with the opportunity to enjoy the game of hockey and develop individual skills to their full potential." Through its membership of hockey expertise, the HOC serves to maximize the enjoyment and optimize the development of all SYHA players. The HOC operates within the SYHA Guiding Principles in execution of its core functions. Specifically, the HOC will proactively determine and define the core values that will form the basis of decisions made for the good of development of the whole group of players within SYHA and within each level of play, as well as provide timely communication and clear articulation of issues and decisions. The HOC demonstrates its commitment to the Association through rigorous analysis and application of best practices from USA Hockey, Minnesota Hockey, and other Associations.

Functions

The HOC is responsible for "all things hockey" and as such will manage all questions, concerns, and complaints pertaining to hockey functions presented by parents and/or players to the SYHA Executive Board. The HOC will make decisions, communicate with parents, and inform and advise the SYHA Executive Board in the following primary subject areas:

1. Player Development Model and Curriculum, to include Goalie Development, and also including competition, practice models, game/practice numbers, and practice format
2. Coaching Coordination, Selection, and Support
3. Numbers of Teams and Team Size determinations at each age-group division, plus issues pertaining to player placement and movement across and within the divisions
4. Tryout Processes and Procedures

Player development and coaching support serve as the primary focus for the HOC as they are ongoing. Team determination and tryout processes are time-limited functions each year.

The HOC will make every effort to maintain and promote consistency and transparency with decisions and issues, and effectively articulate the basis of said decisions.

The HOC will partner closely with the SYHA Executive Board regarding matters that involve financial analysis and determinations. All matters that included in items in B.1-4 (above) are expected to have financial implications, and all financial decisions are understood to be made final by the SYHA Executive Board. The HOC is committed to close collaboration with the Executive Board and is responsible for assisting with consideration and analysis of multiple options and scenarios of items B.1-4.

All Conflict Resolution requirements as outlined in the SYHA Handbook will be followed.

Membership

The HOC is comprised of knowledgeable current and past coaches that represent the teams and levels of the entire program. Proposed membership group would be as follows:

- Hockey Director
- Junior Gold Coordinator
- Bantam Coach Coordinator
- PeeWee Coach Coordinator
- Squirt Coach Coordinator
- Mite Coach Coordinator
- Mite Lead Coaches
- At-Large Members – Based on need
 - Skills Development Coordinator
 - Dryland Coordinator(s)
 - Goaltending Coordinator(s)

Consultative:

- Boys High School Head Coach
- Girls High School Head Coach
- St. Cloud State Coaches/Players

The Hockey Director is appointed by the SYHA Executive Board. The Hockey Director is not a member of the SYHA Board. The Hockey Director demonstrates coaching experience at multiple levels. If the director resigns or is removed by the SYHA Board by vote, the SYHA Board appoints a new Director. The other HOC positions would be named by the Hockey Director. The members named by the Hockey Director would require SYHA Executive Board approval annually in June after the SYHA Executive Board elections. Replacement of HOC membership at other times (due to resignation or removal) is completed by Director nomination for approval at the next monthly SYHA Board meeting. At-large members will be chosen based on area of expertise and need for broad HOC representation across the entire program. Committee membership may be assigned or requested to lead subcommittees or workgroups to execute the HOC functions. For example, workgroups such as Fall Dynamics, Practice/Game ratios, Practice models, Goalie Development, Tryouts, etc., could be considered. Decisions made at the meetings will be reported through monthly SYHA Board meetings as a standing agenda item.

Meetings

HOC meetings will be scheduled monthly, at a minimum, and special meetings may be called more frequently as the need arises. The HOC will meet with the SYHA Board as requested.

Player Development Model and Curriculum

Player Categories

Player Categories recognized by SYHA are based on affiliations with Minnesota Hockey and USA Hockey, and are guided as outlined in the annual Minnesota Hockey Handbook. All player development will align with the guidance from these entities, and will follow the SYHA Player Development Program expectations.

Guiding Principles – Adapted from USA Hockey and Minnesota Hockey

U8 (Mites):

- FUNdamentals – Hockey For Life
- Engagement – not too easy, not too hard – small games do the teaching
- Active Practices – High Go to Rest Ratios – learn more doing than listening and watching
- PEP (Power Edge Pro) Station-Based Practices: 85% individual skill improvement, 15% hockey sense, 0% systems (team play training)

U10 (Squirts):

- Golden Age of Skill Development; Learning to Train
- Fun – Players willing to invest the time necessary to develop skills
- Engagement – targeting the optimal level for each player
- Active Practices – Aiming for 40-45 minutes of activity per skater for a 60-minute practice
- PEP (Power Edge Pro) Station-Based Practices: 75% individual skill improvement, 15% hockey sense, 10% systems (team play training)
- Knowledge of Rules

U12 (Peewees):

- Learning to Train
- Fun and Engagement
- Active Practices
- Body contact
- PEP (Power Edge Pro) Station-Based Practices: 65% individual skill improvement, 25% hockey sense, 10% systems (team play training)

U14/15 (Bantams):

- Learning to Compete/Train to Compete
- Active Practices
- Body contact/ Body checking
- PEP (Power Edge Pro) Station-Based Practices: 50% individual skill improvement, 35% hockey sense, 15% systems (team play training)

SYHA Mite Program

Goals/Mission

The SYHA Mite Program is first and foremost centered around a fun environment which is family-friendly and focused on maintaining high retention levels.

To this end, the following attributes comprise this philosophy:

- Sustainable, skill-based instruction curriculum based on USA Hockey ADM (American Development Model.)
- Dedicated coaching group committed to teaching through repetition, accommodating all skill levels, and communicating with other coaches and parents
- Offer an elective option for older skaters to increase exposure to tournaments and full-ice hockey in preparation for Squirts
- Regular and routine parent communication via email (to include USA Hockey and Minnesota Hockey resources)

Levels

- Youth 8U / Mite (generally 2nd and 3rd graders)
- Youth 6U / Mini-Mite (generally 1st grade and younger)

Season Timeline

- Section 1 (September – October)
 - Pre-season
 - Fall 3 on 3 (Elective and added cost)
- Section 2 (October- February)
 - Dynamics practice sessions – small stations and small area games
 - Skill-based teams (Experienced/Intermediate/Novice) established and defined based on coaches' consensus
 - Initial teams formed November – Saturday becomes game day
 - Half-ice and cross-ice games
 - Teams are based on skill-matched sessions designed to optimize "puck touches" for each player; skater levels continually addressed and adjusted for player development
 - Introduction to Hockey program starts – one day per week for those not in mite program.
- Section 3 (February- March)
 - Squirt/U10 Preparation sessions for last year Mites
 - Full-ice controlled scrimmages x2 (coaches on ice, teaching off-sides, icing, change on the fly, face-offs, etc.)

- Game days: coaches on ice teaching penalties, face-offs, changing on the fly, basic offense/defense concepts, black pucks
- Jamborees
- Skate with next year's level

Goalie Development Program

SYHA is committed to goalie development forming a community of goaltenders.

- Specialization as a goalie is not expected at the Squirt/U10 level, as our association strives to allow as many players to experience the position as possible.
- Goalie Development Coordinators will provide oversight and guidance for all teams at each level to ensure proper development principals are being followed and exercised. The Coordinators will report to and work collaboratively with the HOC.
- Goalie focused practices will be scheduled a minimum of twice monthly during the season. These may be sessions led by the goalie coordinators and goalie coaches locally in Sartell.
- Each team will have a designated goaltending coach. The goalie coaches are required to attend the goalie focused practices in an effort to execute a coordinated and consistent model of goalie instruction at each level.
- Goalie mentors and outside coaches may be utilized to help build skills and confidence.
- At each of these goalie development opportunities, goalies and coaches will be provided simple groups of drills that can be applied as part of the regular team practices throughout the year.
- Parents are invited to attend any of the sessions and parent meetings can be arranged to allow for time for Q&A with other parents and coaches.

Junior Gold

SYHA will offer a Junior Gold program each season as dictated by potential player numbers and coaching availability. The Junior Gold program will be run as close to break-even (financially) as possible. The cost will be determined by the amount of practices, games, and tournaments the team chooses to play in.

Parents will not be required to buy/sell calendar raffles, but gun raffle tickets can be an option to offset fees. There will not be any required volunteer hours, other than providing workers for their own home games.

Preference will be given to SYHA/Sartell School District players. If there are not enough players from Sartell to fill the team, consideration will be given to other local players.

SYHA expects that this team will practice once per week, using non-peak ice-time in most cases. The Junior Gold team will begin practicing around mid to late November, to give those wishing to try out for the Bantams or High School teams time to do so. As this program is relatively new to SYHA, the Board reserves the right to review, alter, and amend the program as needed.

Coaches

Only individuals with a current USA Hockey Coaching Certificate appropriate for the team level will be allowed to coach. Coaches may request to be reimbursed for the certificate cost for the level at which they coach. See Handbook section Coach's Responsibilities and Rights , for more details on coaching expectations. This content will be reviewed with all coaches at the preseason coaches' meeting, at minimum. Coaches are expected to attend a preseason coaches' meeting, and periodic coaches' meetings during the season. Information from the HOC will be shared at these meetings and via email. Coaches will be provided a list of expectations prior to coaching and prior to the season, and will be held responsible and accountable for all expectations. Only coaches who agree to the SYHA Player Development expectations will be considered for coaching positions.

Player Movement and Participation

SYHA team sizes and levels for players above the Mite/U8 age classifications are defined annually and placed within the MN Hockey age group Divisions. The HOC and SYHA Board retain the right to adjust movement guidelines based on specific situations but in general will adhere to the following guidelines.

Player Movement up one Division

SYHA has identified (5) plausible situations in which a player may request or be requested to move up one Division. Players are not allowed to move down a competitive Division. All USA Hockey, Minnesota Hockey and District 5 player movement rules shall supersede any guidance below, since those handbooks and manuals are often updated in the fall. District 5 approval of player movement is required.

- 1) **Team Size:** There may be instances where the number of Division registrants exceeds the maximum recommended number of players per team but does not meet the minimum number of players for an additional team. The HOC will also complete an assessment on the potential impact of the program at the lower Division.

There will be a minimum of 10+1 Squirts/U10 and PeeWee/U12. There will be a minimum of 11+1, Bantam/ U15. There will be a maximum of 13+2 for Squirts/U10 and 15+2 for PeeWee/U12 and Bantam/ U15, and the optimal size for Peewee/U12 and Bantam/U15 is 13 skaters.

- 2) **Goaltending:** The possibility exists that Divisions do not have enough Goaltenders to field the appropriate number of teams and/or competition level. SYHA will allow Goaltender movement to address these situations. If after exhausting all possibilities to field a Goaltender within the Division, the Division coaches may submit a written petition to the HOC for the upward movement of the Goaltender. All parties including coaches, parents, player, and HOC must agree on the move. HOC will ensure adequate goaltending at each level. HOC should make every attempt to identify the need prior to tryouts so that all of the eligible Goaltenders can be assessed accordingly.

3) **Siblings:** There may be instances where siblings within the same Division are placed on different competition level teams. The HOC will allow a Parent to submit a written petition to move their players within the Division. A player will only be allowed to move to a lower competition level within a given Division. (A player to B, B to C):

4) **Grade Appropriate:** The SYHA enforces the policy of placing all participating skaters in the level of play associated with their age/birth date. Starting with the 2019-2020 season, Minnesota Hockey "Play-Up" rule states, Association Play-Up policies must now accommodate players with younger birthdates but in the same grade as older players so they can "peer up" and participate with their classmates if they desire. This policy affects skaters who are young relative to their grade in school, as follows.

Player Not Age Eligible But Entering

Squirts/ U10 Girls - 4th Grade

PeeWees/ U12 Girls - 6th Grade

Bantams/ U15 Girls - 8th Grade

SYHA does not allow skaters to "play down" a level, in accordance with MN Hockey rules. An exception to this would be a Bantam eligible skater who has already competed two years at the Bantam level may play a third year at the Bantam level as long as MN Hockey & USA Hockey age guidelines are followed. Also, to ensure a place on a Bantam team, the (third year eligible) Bantam player MUST register in SYHA as a Bantam player and participate in SYHA Bantam tryout process. Should the player make either the JV or Varsity high school team, all fees and dues will be refunded with the exception of the MN/USA Hockey fees and the tryout fee.

5) **Skill level:** For players who are developing ahead of their age group: SYHA's first preference is to follow MN Hockey age group guidelines. Every effort will be made to continue to challenge and develop these exceptional players within their age group Division. "Skill level move-up" is defined as a player choosing to play in a category designated for older children (e.g. if a PeeWee age category player wants to play on a Bantam category team). Players may move-up only one age category. Move-up occurs only at the recommendation of SYHA according to the following procedures:

Mite Program level to Squirt level - move-up requests are generally not granted but can be initiated by the HOC based-on numbers of participants at the Squirt level. Players approved for a move-up must pay the tryout fee (nonrefundable) which includes dynamic sessions and tryouts. Any move from Mites to a Squirt team higher than the lowest Squirt team would require District 5 Director approval, which is highly unlikely. Since age appropriate teams must be made up of 2/3 age appropriate players, the HOC reserves the right to limit the number of Mites trying out.

Squirt level to PeeWee level. Player requesting move-up must pay both the PeeWee and Squirt tryout fees (non-refundable) and participate in tryout sessions at both the Squirt and PeeWee levels. The request will be approved after having 2 HOC members evaluate the player in minimum number of sessions determined by the HOC to confirm skill level comparable with the top players at that level. A player must be ranked in the top ten (10) going into the final tryout session to continue PeeWee division tryouts and have a final PeeWee ranking in the top five (5) skaters. If the player does not rank in the top five (5) PeeWees, he/she will be placed on the appropriate team at the Squirt level based on their final ranking from the Squirt tryouts. A goalie must finish ranked #1 to move up based on skill.

PeeWee level to Bantam level. Player requesting move-up must pay both the Bantam and PeeWee tryout fees (non-refundable) and participate in tryout sessions at both the PeeWee and Bantam levels. The request will be approved after having 2 HOC members evaluate the player in minimum number of sessions determined by the HOC to confirm skill level comparable with the top players at that level. A player must be ranked in the top ten (10) going into the final tryout session to continue Bantam division tryouts and have a final Bantam ranking in the top five (5) skaters. If the player does not rank in the top five (5) Bantams, he/she will be placed on the appropriate team at the PeeWee level based on their final ranking from the PeeWee tryouts. A goalie must finish ranked #1 to move up based on skill.

Players should always register with USA Hockey for their age group Division.

All move-up requests are subject to final approval by the HOC, the SYHA Board of Directors and subject to MN Hockey rule that states all teams must be comprised of at least two-thirds (2/3) age appropriate players.

All players who are approved to move-up are required to pay any adjustments in registration and team fees at their new level of play.

It is the responsibility of the player's legal guardian(s) to submit a written request to the HOC and Executive Board each consecutive move up year (1st year PeeWee, 1st year Bantam). Approval is granted in conjunction with District 5 approval.

Player Movement within Same Division

Once having been selected to a SYHA team, a player may be moved only for extreme reasons. The most common example would be team sizes within a level that are close to equal after tryouts become discordant due to players leaving association play (for example, make the high school team). Both head coaches involved, the player and parent, and the HOC must all agree to the move. If any member of the group is a parent, he or she is not eligible to participate in the decision.

If a parent/child has a preference to play on a B team versus an A team, that parent shall notify the Association of their decision before the tryout process. The player will go through the normal tryout and if they qualify for the A team, will be placed on the B team. If a player chooses not to try out, he/she will be placed on the least-advanced team at his or her respective level.

Playing Time

The following guidelines are used regarding playing time at the Squirt, PeeWee and Bantam levels. This guideline assumes adequate practice attendance and participation (effort, conduct) by the player.

Level of Play	Playing Time	Power Play Unit	Short Handed Unit
Squirt A	Equal, rotate lines	Rotate lines	Rotate lines
Squirt B	Equal, rotate lines	Rotate lines	Rotate lines
Squirt C	Equal, rotate lines	Rotate lines	Rotate lines
PeeWee A and AA	Equal, rotate lines	Allowed with strong communication to players on how spots are attained and maintained	Allowed with strong communication to players on how spots are attained and maintained
PeeWee B1	Equal, rotate lines	Rotate lines	Rotate lines
PeeWee B2	Equal, rotate lines	Rotate lines	Rotate lines
Bantam A and AA	Earned, may not be equal but should try to be equal over the course of the season	Allowed with strong communication to players on how spots are attained and maintained	Allowed with strong communication to players on how spots are attained and maintained
Bantam B	Earned, may not be equal but should try to be equal over the course of the season		
Junior Gold	Earned, not necessarily equal	Allowed	Allowed

Playing time at any level may be adjusted by the player's coach in conformance with discipline required under the Code of Conduct or as described in the coach's attendance policy (see Commitment Policy on Page 11 of the SYHA Handbook). Such discipline (to address suboptimal effort, attitude, conduct, or attendance) should be communicated via team expectations early in the season and proactively to the player. Communication between coaches and parents in these situations is ideal, and is expected at the Squirt and PeeWee level. This information will be reviewed during coaches' meetings and included in the written expectations for each coach.

Practice Policy

Only rostered players are allowed on the ice unless a specific request is made to the board and approved by a simple majority. Goalies are allowed within their level and individuals invited by the coaches to “teach a specific skill” may be allowed on the ice. For example, a high school or college hockey player may be invited to demonstrate a skill to younger players, or older players and goalies may be assigned as part of a “Mentor Program” to younger players to demonstrate a skill. The intent of the Mentor Program would be to demonstrate for players one division below the mentor. The Association recommends that these invited individuals have a current coaching certificate and/or completed SafeSport training, as required.

Practice Cancellation

A team practice cannot be cancelled under any circumstances unless in direct conflict with a district game, a tournament game or because of weather.

Practice to Game Ratio Policy

A minimum focused practice to game ratio of 2:1 is encouraged for all levels. Teams should strive for a ratio of 3 hours of focused practice to every game played during the season.

Opportunities for focused practice:

- Team on-ice practices
- Team off-ice practices – shooting, stickhandling, agility.
- Outdoor ice – small area games, skill development competitions
- Open Hockey / Open Skating

Game Counts/ Travel Guidelines

Game counts will be considered by the number of skaters on each team to provide equal “game experience” for each season for each level.

- Bantams/U15 – Up to 50 games
- Peewees/U12 – Up to 45 games.
- Squirrels/U10 – Up to maximum set by Minnesota Hockey (35 games) for full-ice games and/or half-ice games
- Mite/U8 Program teams will not travel outside the Sartell Metro Area (Sartell, Sauk Rapids, St. Cloud,) for inter-city competitions except to play District 5 teams.

Tryout Process

The Tryout process is used to assign players to the team that best matches their ability. Players mature and develop at different rates and their improvement will be best facilitated by playing with and against players with similar ability. Making this year's "A" team does not indicate the future potential of that player as a number of current pro players were not selected as "A" team players as youngsters. Placing a player on a team that exceeds their ability, leaves that player at a disadvantage as they have very limited puck controlling or "touch" time in game situations (due to their current ability vs. their opponents).

Parents may briefly assist their skater in the locker room if needed during the tryout sessions. In addition, the HOC will assign neutral, qualified and experienced judges; this policy is designed to provide them with an atmosphere conducive to non-pressured and unbiased evaluations. As stated above, bench coaches will assist skaters with equipment in the locker rooms before tryouts.

The Code of Conduct and conflict resolution procedures will be followed. Significant effort has been made and substantial time will be spent by all volunteers involved to try to reach as fair of results as possible. Results can nonetheless be disappointing at times; The Board and HOC every year will consider improvements to the process and welcome suggestions designed to help in that effort. Tryout judges must not be contacted in any way under any circumstances regarding any issue related to tryouts other than by those responsible for conducting tryouts. Please refer to the code of conduct regarding this issue. Also, please refer to the conflict resolution procedure to address any concerns you may feel have not been addressed.

SYHA Tryout Procedures in the Locker Room

- Players will be split into evenly skilled teams by the dynamic's coaches and HOC. The teams will be sent out via e-mail by the level coordinators along with the nights each team will skate. Goalies will skate all tryout sessions.
- One tryout representative will be present in the lobby to help assist players find their appropriate locker room.
- Each locker room will have a volunteer to hand out jerseys and parents may assist skaters getting dressed if needed. Each skater may be assigned a different jersey number each night of tryouts.
- All skaters must wear the Sartell socks.
- As skaters show up, they will be assigned a tryout number which will be placed on tape on the back of their helmet and on the top of their right glove. This number will be used to determine when the skater will be on the ice during scrimmage play.

SYHA Tryout Procedures on the Ice

- When the skaters are allowed on the ice, at least one coach from each locker room will be out on the ice to assist in warm-ups, and volunteers will remain in each locker room until all skaters are dressed and on the ice.
- Tryout evaluators must be approved by the HOC following a review of their hockey experience. A tryout judge may not assess a level in which they have a child or relative

participating. At least 2 evaluators to review skaters and one judge to review goalies will be present at each tryout session.

- Non-parent coaches will participate in the tryout process through on-ice assistance, tryout evaluation, or tryout observation.
- Evaluators will be evaluating the following:
 - Player's Skating Skills
 - Player's Individual Hockey Skills (puck handling, passing, receiving, shooting, etc.)
 - Player's Team Skills (hockey sense, offensive skills, defensive skills, etc.)
 - Player's Positional Play, Teamwork, Game Skills, and Awareness\Player's Desire, Work Ethic and Self-Control

Level Specific Guidelines

All tryout procedures determined by the HOC will be communicated to parents and players prior to tryouts in a mandatory parent meeting, and changes to information below will be explicitly noted.

Final Results

- Final team placement will be based on the average of the scores from all tryout sessions or sessions completed for a skater who becomes sick or injured in tryouts.
- Any non-parent head coach will be allowed to pick the last three players of the team. These players need to have finished in the next 5 skaters, and the head coach must have viewed all the tryout sessions.
- Any ties that need to be broken will be done by going back to the previous night's scores until the tie can be broken.
- Team rosters for each level will be emailed upon completion, but this may be after the final day of tryouts if coaching determinations need to be finalized. Parent communication for each level will include the expected day/time the rosters will be posted. The Bantam level teams will remain "open" until December 15 with the following guidelines:
 - Teams will be picked via the normal process with judges.
 - Coaches will have the authority to move players from A to B or B to A in practice and for games until December 15.
 - Any changes to original teams will require Board approval.

Tryout Absences

All travel level players are expected to attend 100% of tryout sessions, and must attend at least 2/3 of the scheduled sessions. Excused absences are only granted in advance, and are generally limited to illness, injury, direct conflict with a fall sport, or family emergency (such as a funeral). Tier 1 games are NOT an automatic excusal as the program acknowledges that association tryouts should take priority.

If a player cannot attend 2/3 of the sessions, the HOC will decide on a case-by-case basis the placement of that player following tryouts. The HOC may, in its discretion, defer a final decision by placing the skater on a team temporarily and reviewing the player's circumstances after

further evaluation. All details going into the final decision will be communicated to the impacted coaches and the player's parents.

Parent Head Coach Player Selection

Final head parent coaching decisions will be made when tryouts are completed based on what team the judges have placed each skater on. Any parent head coach will be allowed to select the final three players of the team if he/she chooses to do so. This allows the coach to be able to round out a team with more defensive players in the event that the judges' teams are too heavy with offensive players or vice versa. The picks will be based on the following criteria:

The judges must have placed the parent head coach's skater on the team in question. The parent head coach is not allowed to move their own child up. If their child is one of the bottom three, the coach will be allowed only two picks.

For example: The number of players on the team will be 13. The parent coach's child is #14. The coach cannot move up child to make the team. If the coach's child is #12, the coach may pick for players #11 and #13.

The parent head coach will be required to attend at least 75% of the dynamics sessions of the level they will be coaching. The coach will not view tryouts.

The parent head coach is not required to pick players. They may choose to stay with the judges' selections.

The coach's picks must come from the next 5 available players, as determined by the judges.

**Girls teams are not reflected in the parent or nonparent picks as established in the coop agreement.

Team Meeting with Parents

Before tryouts, there will be a mandatory parents' meeting with the Level Coordinator and representatives of the HOC to review Association information, player development intentions, and Tryout information. Information from this meeting will be posted on the Association website for parent review.

Once teams are chosen, prior to the start of the season, a parents' meeting with coaches and Level Coordinator is mandatory. The meeting will have the following agenda:

- Head coach and assistant coach introduction;
- Distribution of parent handbook for the team and team schedule;
- Coaching philosophy, team objectives, attendance policy, and team goals for the season;
- Review of relevant SYHA Handbook items and specific team additions to Handbook Guidelines;
- Team manager selection
- Tournament overview
- Parent Directory and Player Roster

Other Items

Minnesota Hockey Regional/State Tournament Emergency Backup Goaltender

Per MN Hockey handbook, an emergency backup goaltender (EBUG) is encouraged for teams with one rostered goaltender. All EBUG requests need to be reviewed and approved by the HOC. Requests will be considered for approval in the following sequence:

1. Same level, SYHA
2. Same level, D5
3. Same level, non-D5
4. One level lower, SYHA
5. One level lower, D5
6. One level lower, non-D5
7. Two levels lower, SYHA
8. Two levels lower, D5
9. Two levels lower, non-D5