

Dear Families, Coaches, and Volunteers Involved in Youth Hockey,

After extensive input from all of your Youth Hockey Association Presidents in the Greater Kansas City Metro Region (including Topeka, KS and St. Joseph, MO), we are excited and pleased to announce the formation of the Kansas City Youth Hockey Association (KCHYA) which will serve as the umbrella organization for all of youth hockey in the region and play under one USA Hockey number.

The "KC Stars", the "Jr. Mavs", the "Carriage Club", the "Saints", the "Jr. RoadRunners", the "Griffons", and the "KC Storm" have all come together and agreed to form one organization, the Kansas City Youth Hockey Association (KCYHA). KCYHA will house all teams, including what will now be referred to as "Club" (formally "House"), "Select", and "Travel" hockey teams and will be run in a cost-efficient manner that will benefit you, the parents and your children, who are so passionate about the sport of hockey.

All "Club" and "Select" teams will keep their existing names and logos and continue to operate out of their existing rinks. While there will be guidelines for geographical areas of play based along existing school districts, no one will be asked to leave a playing/practice scenario they are comfortable with. All travel hockey under the auspices of the Kansas City Youth Hockey Association (KCYHA) will operate under the brand of the "KC Mavs" with full support from the Missouri Mavericks, the Premier "AA" franchise member of East Coast Hockey League (ECHL). The KCYHA wants to focus on travel hockey becoming a single, unified program that can support that level of hockey with local, home grown players.

The KCYHA will also operate the Kansas City Youth Hockey League (KCYHL) which will be responsible for the scheduling of all club team games. A new website will comprehensively support the individual identity of each club and will be your full service source for: Online Player Registration, Team Pages, Player Rosters/Profiles, Calendar/Schedule, League Management with Stats/Standings, Live Scoring, Email messaging, Mirror Content, and IT Support. It will be the one stop shopping place for your hockey playing family! The benefits of this unification will also include more young skaters that will grow into hockey players, more local tournaments putting Kansas City on the map as a go-to-place for youth hockey, and better skills development with clinics and camps throughout the year. This includes growing programs such as "Learn to Play Hockey" exponentially and exploring the development and building of new sheets of ice in the community.

The 5-member Executive Board of the KCHYA consists of Mike Curry, Lamar Hunt, Jr, Tom Tilley, Guy Gronberg, and Peter Long. The Advisory Board, providing valuable input to the Executive Board, will consist of representatives from all of the clubs listed above.

The KCYHA is a non-profit entity solely for the benefit of those who want to be involved in the sport of youth hockey. The Mavericks have no ownership interest in KCYHA. As the president of the Missouri Mavericks it is my sole interest in promoting the growth of youth hockey in the Kansas City region for the benefit of the children and their families.

Thank you for your consideration and should you have any further questions, please feel free to speak with the Advisory Board Representative from your association directly.

Sincerely,



Lamar Hunt, Jr.
President Missouri Mavericks