

12U RAHA Newsletter: New Year & Tournament Season Prep

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Let's make 2026 a fantastic year for 12U girls' hockey!

Critical Deadlines & Action Items

- **Raffle Ticket Turn-In:** All tickets must be turned in by **February 6th** to be entered into the drawing.
 - **Ticket Pickup:** If you have not yet picked up your raffle tickets, please reach out as soon as possible to make arrangements.
 - **Google Survey:** Please complete [this Google Survey](#). We need this information to prepare for the end-of-season banquet.
 - **RSVPs:** With a jam-packed schedule through early February, it is vital that you RSVP for every game in Sports Engine so coaches can plan logistics.
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Upcoming Fundraisers: Bucks for Pucks

Immediately following the raffle drawing, we will begin our **Bucks for Pucks** fundraiser.

- **Distribution:** Cards will be distributed on **February 9th**.
 - **Payment:** Money is due upfront when you receive the cards.
 - **Cost:** Cards are **\$10 each**. Your total cost depends on the selection you made between raffles and "Bucks for Pucks" during registration. If you do not remember, reach out and I can let you know.
 - **Validity:** These cards are valid from **April 1st through September 30th**.
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Schedule & Travel Updates

The next several weeks will move very quickly! All game schedules for Fairmont and our Home Tournament are now posted in Sports Engine.

- **This Week:** We only have practice on Monday night.
- **New Scrimmage:** A scrimmage with the New Ulm Sleepy Eye 10U team has been added to the schedule for Tuesday in **Sleepy Eye**
- **Worthington (Jan 10):** Game on Saturday; arrival time is 10:00 AM.
- **Frost Game (Jan 11):** For those participating, this is the MN Frost suite opportunity. Please reach out if you need a ride or are interested in carpooling and saving on parking.
- **Fairmont Tournament (Jan 16–18):** **FIRST GAME: Friday vs. Austin; arrival time is 1:45 PM.**
 - **Rides:** If your player needs a ride Friday afternoon, reach out ASAP for carpooling.
 - Players can hang out at the hotel after the game until parents arrive.
 - **Schedule Note:** Due to Fairmont running two tournaments on one ice sheet, there is a large gap after Friday's game. The next game isn't until **Saturday at 7:30 PM** (arrival time), wrapping up Sunday afternoon.
- **Late January:** A normal practice week follows Fairmont, with games in Sleepy Eye (Saturday) and Windom (Sunday). The month concludes with two scrimmages on Saturday, January 31st.

Home Tournament & Volunteer Needs

Our home tournament will be here soon. We need to "rally the village" to make this a success!

- **Dibs Openings:** There are **51 open spots** for the tournament weekend, including some Varsity game openings.
- **Who Can Help:** Volunteer hours are not limited to parents! Grandparents, neighbors, co-workers, and older siblings (16+) can all work shifts to credit your Dibs hours.

Reminder: District Tournament (Worthington)

The District tournament location is set for **Worthington** in February.

- **Hotel Block:** Holiday Inn Express & Suites Worthington.
- **Deadline:** Rooms must be reserved by **January 9th** using Group Code **EG1** to secure the block rate.