

2024-25 Central MN Riverblades Co-op U10 Parent Information Meeting

September 5th, 2024

6:30pm





Tonight's Topics



Introductions

Registration

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Helmet
Stickers

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Requirements

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Co-op Committee

A co-op committee has been meeting regularly to work on the details of merging the three associations. The committee consists of three members from each association (one of which must be a board member, none of which are presidents of any association) to manage the off-ice hockey functions and day-to-day operations of the combined girl's youth program and to ensure the program is operating within the guidelines set forth within the co-op agreement. The co-op will be the decision maker for the girl's program and will work directly with each association to budget, execute and grow the program!

MEMBERS

Kyla Ditlefsen
Jennifer McCormack
Sara Devos

Jeremy Mathiasen
Jennifer Robak
Taffy Kroll

Mandy Frederichs
Becca Hartel
Kelly Kadlec



Girls Hockey Operations Committee (GHOC)

GHOC was formed to manage the on-ice hockey functions, including but not limited to player development, coaching coordination, number of teams and team size, and tryout process and procedures. GHOC works directly with the Co-op. Members consist of two members of each association and they consult with coaches from the Storm'n Sabres and St. Cloud Crush High School teams.

MEMBERS

Craig Boyle
Eric Loberg

Joe Bovy
Kyla Ditlefsen

Jon Ellering
Chelsie Meemken

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Central Minnesota Riverblades Hockey website. At the top left is the SportsEngine logo. The main navigation menu includes 'HOME', 'OUR RINKS', 'TEAMS', 'CALENDAR', 'ABOUT US', and 'DIBS'. A '2024-2025 REGISTRATION' button is located in the top right. The background features a hockey player's stick and a red helmet. A large shield-shaped logo with a blue river and the text 'CENTRAL MINNESOTA RIVERBLADES' is centered. A white text box in the bottom left contains the following text:

CENTRAL MINNESOTA RIVERBLADES HOCKEY
Our site is undergoing a re-design with SportsEngine. Please check back for updates!

Riverblades Parent Communications



- ★ Central MN Riverblades Facebook page
- ★ www.riverbladeshockey.com
- ★ Emails will come from our new page.
 - Example: All girls communications, scheduling, competitions, etc.
- ★ Home association communication
 - Example: Registration is open / Fundraising information

*** Please email riverbladeshockey@gmail.com with questions ***

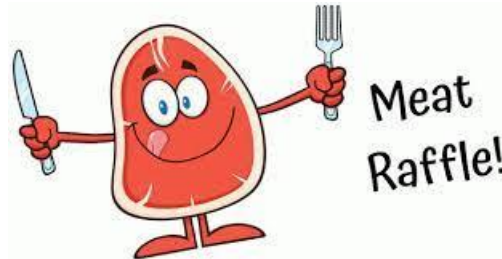
MEAT RAFFLES

Each team will be required to do 3 meat raffles at **ALL** 3 locations listed below:

- St. Cloud @ Howies
- Sauk Rapids @ Benton Station
- Sartell @ Blue Line



**Money raised is used for year end parties or whatever your team chooses to use the funds for (example: pizza party at a tournament) **



FUNDRAISING

You are required to do all fundraising per your **HOME** association.

Example:

Sauk Rapids calendar raffle

Sartell calendar raffle



ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER (DIBS) HOURS

DIBS hours need to be completed according to your **HOME** association requirements. See your association website for more details.



Helmets, Gloves & Breezers Black



NEW REQUIREMENT

Players will not be allowed on the ice without a neck guard.



REMINDER
NECK LACERATION PROTECTION
REQUIRED

WHO IS REQUIRED TO WEAR NECK LACERATION PROTECTION?
ALL PLAYERS COMPETING IN
YOUTH - JUNIOR
GIRLS - HIGH SCHOOL
PLUS ON-ICE OFFICIALS UNDER-18

STARTING ON
AUGUST
1

REMEMBER
NECK LACERATION PROTECTORS (NLP) MUST BE
WORN PROPERLY WITH
NO ALTERATIONS

ALL DISABLED DISCIPLINES ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR NECK LACERATION PROTECTION

WHAT IS THE PENALTY FOR NOT WEARING NLP?
FIRST VIOLATION - PLAYER SUBSTITUTION & TEAM WARNING
FURTHER VIOLATIONS - MISCONDUCT PENALTY

WHAT HAPPENS IF A PLAYER LOSES THEIR NLP?
• THE PLAYER IS ALLOWED TO PLAY UNTIL THE NEXT STOPPAGE
• AT THE STOPPAGE, PLAYER MUST REPLACE NLP OR BE SUBSTITUTED WITH ANOTHER PLAYER

HANGING THROAT PROTECTORS DO NOT QUALIFY AS NLP FOR ANY PLAYER INCLUDING GOALIES

USA HOCKEY VISIT [USAHOCKEY.COM/PLAYERSAFETY](https://www.usahockey.com/playersafety) FOR MORE INFORMATION



Team Apparel



Lettermen Sports

- Player package- Sweatshirt, joggers and winter hat
- Bauer apparel / Jerseys still available on this order.
- We will have 3 ordering opportunities:
 - **August 23rd - September 8th** - Ships right to your door (Sept 30th - Oct 6th)
 - **October 18th - November 3rd** - Ships right to your door (Dec 9th - 25th)
 - **November 29th - December 25th** - Ships right to your door (Jan 13th - 19th)

Play it again Sports

- Multiple Riverblades options for all ages

Helmet Stickers

- All players will receive a new set helmet decals after teams are formed. Please remove all other helmet stickers.

VOLUNTEERS = Successful Season

USA Hockey Number

Who needs a USA Hockey number?

- Co-op- manager/volunteer level
- GHOC- player/coach/mgr/volunteer level
- Coaches- player/coach level
- Level Coordinators- manager/volunteer level
- Team Managers- manager/volunteer level
- Locker room (all) moms- manager/volunteer level



Safesport / Background Screening Steps

→ www.riverbladeshockey.com

◆ Resources

- Volunteer - follow steps 1-4



**SafeSport
Program**

LOCKER ROOM MOM DUTIES



- The locker room attendant must be of the same gender as the team, so make sure you are covered.
- “All team events” means both **games** and **practices**, and monitoring is required whenever players are in the locker room.
- **All** recording devices should be banned from the locker rooms, including cell phones and cameras.
- Responsibility for locker room security, including allowing only team- authorized persons to enter the room and locking the room when the team is on the ice.
- Responsibility for the locker room key - IF one is available
- Being in the locker room at all times when a coach is in the room with a single player.

*** **ALL MOMs** are required to help cover the team locker room for games and practices ***



Our Rinks

- Sports Arena East (SAE)
- Municipal Athletic Complex (MAC)
- National Hockey Center (NHC)
- SCHEELS Athletic Complex (RDR)



Ice Scheduling

- Ice time among all the girls' teams will be scheduled where ice is available.
- SCHEELS Athletic Complex- RDR
- Sports Arena East- SAE
- Municipal Athletic Complex-MAC
- Herb Brooks National Hockey Center-NHC



Team Projections- U10

- 4 Teams
 - A
 - B1
 - 2 Equal B2
- 2-3 ice touches per week
- Games - no more than 35
- Awaiting D5 Guidance on District Assignment For A Teams



Coaching

We are always looking for coaches to help with Dynamics & Season play

The following requirements must be completed before participating in ANY team activities *NO EXCEPTIONS*:

1. Register as a member of USA Hockey & Minnesota Hockey. **Click Here**
2. Complete the background screening. **Click Here**
3. Complete Safe Sport Training. **Click Here**
4. Complete the USA Hockey Online Age-Specific Module(s) for the age level(s) of play you are coaching. *(Modules only need to be completed once per age level.)*

Complete coach registration.

<https://riverbladeshockey.sportngin.com/register/form/736100304>





Dynamics

- Sept. 9th – 26th
- 2 Sessions per week per group

- Dynamics this year will be coached by Dianah Klatt
- Each practice will incorporate;
 - Power skating
 - Skills
 - Small area games
 - Drills that the girls may see in tryouts
- During Dynamics the girls will be evaluated by coaches and put into 2 groups for Tryouts.

If you have any questions please reach out to the GHOC committee.

Locker rooms will be available, so we will also need help from **ALL Moms to monitor the locker rooms.



Tryout Process

September 28th – 29th

Sessions

2 sessions Saturday (skills)

1 Session Sunday (scrimmage)

- Players will be evaluated by no fewer than three independent volunteers. Evaluators will:
 - Be chosen by the GHOC.
 - Be experienced coaches or former players that are passionate about youth hockey.
 - Have played beyond high school hockey and/or have coached a minimum of two years at the Bantam A/U15A level or higher
 - Not have children or relatives skating at the level they are evaluating.
- Parents will not be allowed in the rink while their daughter is on the ice except for the final session, Sunday the 29th.

Please note: Teams will be posted within 72 hours of the final tryout session.



Tournaments



U10A	Bemidji December 6th - 8th 2024	OMGHA (Cabin Fever) January 10th - 12th 2025	Marshall (Battle of the Baron) January 24th - 26th 2025
U10B1	Sartell (Battle by the River) December 6th - 8th 2024	Albert Lea January 3rd - 5th 2025	Cloquet Jan 31st - Feb 2nd 2025
U10B2 Black	Sartell (Battle by the River) December 6th - 8th 2024	OMGHA (Cabin Fever) January 10th - 12th 2025	Minneapolis (Winter Storm) January 24th - 26th 2025
U10B2 White	Sartell (Battle by the River) December 6th - 8th 2024	MVI (New Years Tournament) January 2nd - 5th 2025	Minneapolis (Winter Storm) January 24th - 26th 2025

Co-op Volunteer Opportunities

DIBS: Dynamics & Tryout DIBS opportunities are posted in the DIBS section of the Riverblades website.

DIBS completed through Riverblades flow through to your home association.





QUESTIONS?