

2024 Farmington Youth Hockey Association Candidate Application

Scott Mack

Running For At Large (five positions open)

Number of Years in FYHA 2

Children or Dependents in FYHA Hudson (Mite 1)

Prior FYHA Experience (board member, coach, volunteer, etc.)

Coached in Ponies program in 2022-2023. Helped with Mite & 8u evaluations in 2023 Head Hockey Coach Mite 1 Black 2023-2024

Previous and Current Hockey Experience

Youth Hockey - East Grand Forks High School Hockey - East Grand Forks (Graduated in 1998) Junior Hockey - American Westerns Hockey League (AWHL) Butte, MT 1998-1999 College Hockey - University of Minnesota-Crookston (MCHA), 1999-2003 Adult Hockey - Men's league (2009 - current)

Why I am Running for the Board

As a passionate advocate for hockey with a playing career spanning over four decades, I am excited to bring my wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the Farmington Youth Hockey Association board. My hockey journey began in East Grand Forks, where my participation in youth hockey fueled my love for the game, helping me earn the opportunity to play in the Minnesota State hockey tournament my senior year in 1998. That same passion led me to play junior hockey in Butte, MT in the AWHL, followed by an enriching collegiate career at the University of Minnesota-Crookston, where we clinched two MCHA titles. My transition from player to coach/mentor began with my oldest son Hudson's entry into the Farmington youth hockey program as a Pony. This role has offered me the privilege of guiding young athletes, including my youngest son Sullivan, who is eagerly following in his brother's skates. Through coaching, I've seen firsthand the impact of dedicated mentorship on young players' development, fostering not just athletic skill but invaluable life lessons of

teamwork, discipline, and perseverance. One of my primary objectives in seeking a position on the board is to champion the development of a new hockey rink for Farmington. I firmly believe that a state-of-the-art facility is crucial for nurturing our youth program, providing our athletes with the resources and environment they need to thrive. A new rink will not only serve as a cornerstone for our community, attracting and retaining talent, but also signifies our commitment to excellence and the future of hockey in Farmington. Additionally, hosting hockey tournaments and regular games would draw visitors from across the region, offering a boost to local businesses, encouraging new business, and fostering a stronger community spirit. The need for such a facility is clear. It will enhance our training programs, allow for more community engagement, and ensure that our talented players have no need to look elsewhere for superior facilities or opportunities. My dedication to this project stems from a deep-seated belief that with the right resources, our youth hockey program can become a beacon of success, community, and PRIDE. In bringing my experience both on and off the ice to the Farmington Youth Hockey Association board, I am committed to not just sustaining but elevating our program. Securing a new hockey rink is a pivotal step towards this vision, promising a bright future for our young athletes. Together, we can create a legacy that will inspire and nurture generations of hockey players to come in Farmington.

Other information you should know about me as it relates to my perspective position on the FYHA board

Additionally, I am currently the President of the Hockey Players in Business - MN chapter.