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As we close out the 2025-26 season and begin planning for the 2026-27 season many of our players continue to play in the MN Hockey CCM High Performance Program. The purpose of the CCM High Performance Program is to identify, train, educate and evaluate Minnesota's best hockey players. The competition throughout the program gives each player the opportunity to measure themselves against others in their age group, gain knowledge about their development and to be exposed to outstanding coaching. Players participating in the HP program are evaluated for selection to USA Hockey National Development Camp for consideration to make Team USA competing in International events. Here is a look at all the ages and Phases of the MN Hockey Spring HP Program:

2026 MN Hockey Spring High Performance Program							
Level	Ages	Selection	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5
Girls 14s	Born in 2012	District 15 OPEN Tryout	District 15 Tryout	District Skill Sessions 30 players selected from the District Tryout	Spring Festival 20 players selected from the Skill Sessions to play as the D15 team	MN Hockey Development Camp 120 players selected from the Spring Festival	
Boys 14s	Born in 2012	District 15 OPEN Tryout	District 15 Tryout	District Skill Sessions 30 players selected from the District Tryout	Spring Festival 20 players selected from the Skill Sessions to play as the D15 team	MN Hockey Development Camp 120 players selected from the Spring Festival	USHL Fall Classic Tournament 2 Teams of 20 players selected from Dev Camp as Team MN
Girls 15s	Born in 2011	District 15 OPEN Tryout	District 15 Tryout	District Skill Sessions 30 players selected from the District Tryout	Spring Festival 20 players selected from the Skill Sessions to play as the D15 team	MN Hockey Development Camp 102 players selected from the Spring Festival	USA Hockey Development Camp 20 players selected from MN Hockey Development Camp
Boys 15s	Born in 2011	District 15 OPEN Tryout	District 15 Tryout	District Skill Sessions 30 players selected from the District Tryout	Spring Festival 20 players selected from the Skill Sessions to play as the D15 team	MN Hockey Development Camp 102 players selected from the Spring Festival	USA Hockey Development Camp 20 players selected from MN Hockey Development Camp
Girls 16s	Born in 2010	Section BAA/A Tryout - Players recommended by HS Coach	Section BAA/A Tryout	Spring Festival 18-20 players selected from the tryout as the Section 8 team	Final 68 68 players selected from the Spring Festival	USA Hockey Development Camp 15+ players selected from Final 68	
Boys 16s	Born in 2010	Section BAA/A Tryout - Players recommended by HS Coach	Section BAA/A Tryout	Spring Festival 18-20 players selected from the tryout as the Section 8 team	Final 68 68 players selected from the Spring Festival	USA Hockey Development Camp 15+ players selected from Final 68	5 Nations Tournament 20 players selected from USA Development Camp as Team USA
Girls 17s/18s	Born in 2009 or 2008	Section BAA/A Tryout - Players recommended by HS Coach	Section BAA/A Tryout	Spring Festival 18-20 players selected from the tryout as the Section 8 team	Final 68 68 players selected from the Spring Festival (17s only)	USA Hockey Development Camp 15+ players selected from Final 68	
Boys 17s	Born in 2009	Section BAA/A Tryout - Players recommended by HS Coach	Section BAA/A Tryout	Spring Festival 18-20 players selected from the tryout as the Section 8 team	Final 68 68 players selected from the Spring Festival	USA Hockey Development Camp 15+ players selected from Final 68	Gretzky/Hlinka Tournament 20 players selected from USA Development Camp as Team USA
Boys 18s	HS Juniors Born in 2008	Section 8/Section 7 - Players appointed by panel of HS coaches	Ted Brill Great 8	CCM NIT Tournament 18-20 players selected from the Ted Brill Great 8 as team MN 18s			
Boys Seniors	HS Seniors Born in 2008 or 2007	Section 8/Section 7 - Players appointed by panel of HS coaches	Ted Brill Great 8	CCM NIT Tournament 18-20 players selected from the Ted Brill Great 8 as team MN 18s			

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## **Hockey Committee Update**

The Hockey Committee continues to focus on player and coach development initiatives and will meet again in May to discuss: formation of a Skill Development Committee, Summer Skills, Fall 3v3 League, and the 2026-27 Calendar.

**Skill Development Committee:** The Skill Development Committee is made up of Hockey Committee Members and will be reassessing current skill curriculum, establishing age appropriate progressions, building out a resource library, and developing a training and implementation plan. This is a continued commitment to provide MYHA players with the most progressive ideas in skill development as the foundation of long term player development.

**Summer Skills:** Once again we will be offering Summer Skills sessions at CHC for our Tot, Mite, and 8u players! These sessions will focus on the Play-to-Learn model and include skill work along with small area games to develop skating, puck skills, and tactics through competition and game play. You can find more information at our Summer Skills page: <https://www.moorheadyouthhockey.com/summerskills>

**Fall 3v3 League:** The Hockey Committee is planning to kick off the fall with our pre-season 3v3 league at CHC. This is a fun way for players of all abilities to get on the ice a couple times per week prior to Fall Clinics and Tryouts. The preliminary dates are set and you can find them and more information at our Fall 3v3 page: <https://www.moorheadyouthhockey.com/page/show/6523954-fall-3v3-opportunities>

**2026-27 Calendar:** I am working with the MYHA staff and arena staff on all dates and schedules for Fall 3v3, Try Hockey Events, Registration, Fall Clinics, Tryouts, Tournaments, Practice Schedules, etc. You will be able to find the MYHA Annual Calendar posted on the website.

As always, feel free to reach out or stop in anytime if you want to talk hockey!

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Hey That's

COOL

What a Spring we had...

Junior Gold 18B - State Champs!



Bantam AA - State Runner-Up!



Junior Gold 16B - State Consolation Runner-Up!



Mom's Social - Graduating Mom's



Bantam White - Tournament of Champs, Runner-Up



Moorhead Youth Hockey

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## ***The Cullen Hockey Center & Moorhead Sports Center***



We have gotten through a busy spring here in the rinks and are now looking forward to our summer schedule. We will have lots of camps and rentals that will keep two rinks busy at CHC and the south rink busy at MSC. The north rink has been taken out at MSC and the construction project is underway in that space. It will get new paint on the ceiling, new LED lights, and a dehumidifier which will make that rink so much nicer! The Scheels rink at CHC comes out in a couple of weeks, and we will lay the turf down like every summer.

It will be a great time for us to focus on fixing things around the buildings, painting all over the arena, and other miscellaneous projects that we have not had a chance to get to because of all the hockey we have seen in the past 9 months. We enjoy making the rinks nicer for our members and take a lot of pride in the work that may go unnoticed. Enjoy the summer, the lakes, the golf courses and everything that makes a Minnesota summer special. But there is always a place for our hockey players at CHC and MSC!

*Aaron Herdt*  
*Arena Manager*

# CHC Pro Shop

# WHAT'S NEW



PUZZLES, GAMES, TOYS,  
WATER BOTTLES  
& STICKERS



All year long, we restock with new fun items in our shop! We are open nights and weekends during practices, games, & tournaments. Not only do we stock basic hockey items, but we are the one stop shop for Spud hockey apparel and awesome hockey gifts.

***SKATE SHARPENING - MYHA APPAREL - BOYS & GIRLS HS APPAREL - HOCKEY SOCKS - SKATE GUARDS - LACES - TAPE***



**MYHA Annual Board Meeting  
Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup>  
at 6PM in the Great Room at  
the Cullen Hockey Center**

## **A LOOK AHEAD.....2026-2027**

### **Mark your Calendars!**

Sept 15th.....	Reg Night/Mandatory Parent Meetings
Oct 1st .....	MYHA Fall Social
Nov 6-8 .....	Bantam AA & A Blue Ox Tournament
Nov 20-22 .....	Pewee B Tournament
Nov 22-24 .....	Team Picture Day
Nov 22-24 .....	Wreath Pick Up
Dec 4-6 .....	“The Eli” Squirt B Tournaments
Dec 11-13 .....	“Skate 218”10U A / 10U B Tournaments
Dec 11-13 .....	15U A / 15U B Tournaments
Dec 18-20 .....	Bantam B Tournament
Jan 1-3 .....	JG 18UA / JG 16U Tournament
Jan 8-10.....	JG 18U B / Pewee AA / Pewee A Tournament
Jan 15-17 .....	Squirt C Tournament
Jan 22-24 .....	12U A / 12U B Tournaments
Jan 29-31 .....	VFW MN State Tournaments
Feb 11 .....	Giving Hearts Day <3
Feb 24-27 .....	Girls High School State Tournament
Feb 26-28 .....	Bantam AA / Pewee AA Region Play Ins
Mar 5-7 .....	MN Hockey Regional Tournament
Mar 10-13 .....	Boys High School State Tournament
Mar 19-20 .....	MN Hockey State Tournaments



## Hi Moorhead Hockey Community!

My name is Casey Purpur and I am excited to introduce myself as the new Head Coach of the Girls High School program.

Originally from Grand Forks - played high school hockey at Grand Forks Central. Following high school I played 4 years at Northern Michigan University.

Following my playing career I moved to the Twin Cities where I served as an assistant coach for the Edina girls varsity program for 8 years where we participated in 8 state tournaments 5 state championship games and winning 3 state championships.

My wife Colie and I stay busy in our free time chasing my two kids around Louie (4) and Goldie (2). We are extremely excited to join the Moorhead hockey community this season and can't wait to meet everyone!

*-Coach Casey Purpur*

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## Back to Work

Another season of Spud hockey is in the rear view mirror. Every season is an opportunity to reflect on successes and failures and to develop a plan moving forward. This season there were many things to celebrate.

While the hockey season is a great opportunity to improve as an athlete and person, it is only a small portion of the calendar year. Know that it is okay to get away from hockey. Hockey is a long term development sport, meaning that many individuals continue to improve as athletes into their late teen years. Your development story is not done. Continue to work towards your goals as a hockey player, but know that it is good for you to play other sports and learn from other coaches. Better athletes make better hockey players.

There are a number of opportunities for you to become a more active and successful person, make sure you make decisions that reflect your goals. Remember, there are three things you can control in life: showing up, your effort, and your attitude. It's time to get back to work!

*-Coach Jon Ammerman*



## **Board of Directors 2025-2026**

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## **MYHA Staff**

Elli Laurila - *Executive Director*

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Aaron Herdt - *Arena Manager/Scheduler*

Luke Krause - *Assistant Arena Manager*

Brad Pederson - *Assistant Arena Manager*

## **MYHA Charitable Gaming Staff**

Anne Norris - *Gaming Manager*

Darlene Werth-*Gaming Admin*



## **A note from the Executive Director....**

As we conclude another successful season, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to its success. This year's accomplishments—including a Junior Gold B State Championship, a Bantam AA State Runner-Up finish, and a Boys High School State Championship for the second consecutive year—reflect the strength, dedication, and talent within our program.

Moorhead's proud hockey tradition runs deep, and it is built at the foundation level within our association. Our continued success is a direct result of the commitment shown by our players, families, volunteers, and staff. Their unwavering support ensures the long-term strength and vitality of our program.

As we look ahead, we are excited to build upon this momentum with the continued support of our community and generous donors. We are also actively seeking individuals interested in serving on our Board of Directors—those who are passionate about Moorhead hockey and eager to help shape the future of our association.

Thank you for an exceptional season and for your ongoing dedication to Moorhead hockey

Sincerely,

*Elli Laurila*

Executive Director

Moorhead Youth Hockey Association



# GOLF TOURNAMENT

**MHS  
BOYS  
HOCKEY**



**MOORHEAD  
YOUTH  
HOCKEY**

**THURSDAY | JULY 16, 2026**

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## **MYHA Fundraisers**

- **Gun Raffle**
- **Golf Tournament Social**
- **Fall Social**
- **Holiday Wreaths**
- **Giving Hearts Day**
- **Graduating Mom's Spring Social**
- **Capital Campaign for facility additions and improvements**

## **Fundraising Committee**

- Anne Kallhoff
- Amy Mohelski
- Matt Oachs
- Paul Campbell
- Josh Jaster

Do you like to play BINGO?  
Come out & support MYHA at Vic's!

Monday & Wednesday

6:30 PM

Thursday

3:00 PM

Saturday

2:00 PM

Sunday

3:30 PM

BINGO				
10	18	40	53	74
3	23	37	55	70
15	24	★	51	62
5	30	43	54	65
1	28	33	58	67



**MEAT  
RAFFLES!!**

Courts & Pints - Start May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6PM



## HORSE RACES

Mainline - Thursday 6:00 PM

Courts & Pints - Starting May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6PM



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