



2018-2019 Handbook

The purpose of this document is to communicate basic information about Roseau Youth Hockey (RYH). While there is a significant amount of planning that goes into each season, there are many factors that influence what ultimately occurs, including mandates from D16 and other governing bodies, such as MN Hockey. Please understand these are general guidelines and estimates and that actual dates, costs, etc. will vary.

General Information

RYH is a tax-exempt organization under section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Board of Directors (BOD) consists of four officers, four at-large members, and the head coaches of Boys High School, Bantam, PeeWee, Squirt, Mite, Tiny Mite, Girls High School, 15U, 12U, 10U, 8U and 6U teams. Each year in the spring, there is an annual meeting at which time elections for these positions are held in accordance to RYH by-laws. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

RYH has a website: www.roseauhockeyonline.com and uses this, along with email, as the primary source of communication. Things such as team info, arena schedules, relevant links and contact information can all be found on the website.

Funding for RYH comes from: Registration fees, golf scramble, fair stand, banner/scoreboard/Zamboni advertising, concession stand rent and donations/fundraisers. Expenses of RYH include, but are not limited to: building rent, utilities, insurance, referees, coaching certification fees, maintenance, additions and upkeep of the facility. The North Rink is solely funded by RYH.

Center Ice Club (CIC) is a tax exempt booster club for youth hockey in Roseau. They do things such as hockey camps, golf scrambles as well as adult and youth hockey tournaments. Anything related to The North Rink, that the CIC would like to do, must be approved by the RYH BOD.

Endowment Fund and Project Fund accounts have been set up for RYH by the Northwest Minnesota Foundation. These donations and memorials are tax deductible and can be used for a sustaining gift where the principle is never used or for an immediate or designated use, as directed by the giver. For more information on these great ways to keep the tradition of RYH going, please see the website or contact BOD member.

Registration

RYH has open registration in the fall each year. These specific dates for this will be on the website closer to the registration date. All registration is done online. Once you have completed the online registration, you will bring the necessary paperwork to the signup night. All fees are paid online via debit or credit card. NOTE: Any player who has not previously registered with USA hockey must provide a copy of their birth certificate. If you have questions regarding registration, please contact the Registrar, Tracy Halstengard at ryhreg@hotmail.com. During the registrations process, you will be asked to supply an email address. Please use one that you check regularly. This will be our main communication point with you.

Players MUST play at the level consistent with their birth date/MN Hockey guidelines. Any exception to this must approved by RYH BOD.

Coaches

All head coaches are approved by the BOD. Anyone wishing to be a coach for RYH may submit an application to the BOD for consideration.

RYH coaches are governed by MN Hockey rules and must have the proper certification based on the level they are coaching. See MN Hockey website for more information.

Once elected head coach, RYH BOD empowers each coach to evaluate and select their team. The head coach also selects assistant coaches to work with for the upcoming season.

All ice time (North Rink, Memorial or Ram Center) is scheduled through City of Roseau's Parks and Recreation Director. If you need to adjust times, contact them directly. Before committing to a game on Roseau ice with an out-of-town team, get their approval prior to scheduling the game.

Team Manager(s)

Team manager(s) are selected by the head coach for each team. They will assist the coach with much of the paperwork and planning for the season. RYH will offer website training for any Team Manager in need. A complete list of team manager duties is available.

Petitioning to play outside of the Minnesota Hockey Age Classifications

Players register and participate at the age level consistent with MN hockey rules and regulations, unless there has been a Board approval of a petition to play outside the guidelines.

If a player wishes to "play-up" from their current level, a petition form must be completed by the parent of the player. The current coach, as well as the upper level coach must provide information to support or oppose the request. The BOD will vote on the request.

If a player petitions up, and after tryouts wishes not to play at that level, they can return to their current level of play prior to team registration deadlines.

If a player wishes to "play-down", a petition form must be completed by the parent of the player. The BOD will rule on the petition. If approved by the BOD, the petition will be forwarded to the District Director for a decision, and if approved by the district, it is forwarded to MN hockey for final approval, per the MN hockey guidelines.

Play-Up Policy for Squirt/10U/ through Bantam/15U

1. Objectives

- a. Cultivate a "WE" vs. "ME" attitude for players and parents.
- b. Continue to play at the "AA" level, not the "A" level.
- c. Supplement a team "short" of players.
- d. It is not the objective to promote individual player development above the team.

2. Method/Criteria

- a. Players will register and play within the Minnesota Hockey age classifications.
- b. Roseau Youth Hockey (RYH) board initiates all petitions and action is based on team numbers after registration is complete. Parents do not initiate this process.

- c. The board must approve any player movement to supplement a team "short" of players. Preference will be given to a 2nd year player.

Play-Up Policy for Tiny Mite/6U Through Mite/8U

1. Board decision is based on coaches input.
2. Player skillset is the primary reason for consideration.
3. Team numbers are secondary.
4. Parents do not initiate this process.

Ice Time / Dry Land / Games / Tournaments

RYH strives to be competitive at all levels. As you advance through the levels, the commitment level increases.

Practice times:

- Bantam and 15U typically practice 'early morning' 3 times per week and 1 evening practice.
- Peewee and 12U typically practice 'early morning' 2 times per week and 1 evening practice.
- Squirt and 10U typically have 3 evening practices per week.
- Mite and 8U typically practice 2-3 times per week in the evening.
- Tiny Mite and 6U practice 2 times per week in the evening.

RYH is very fortunate to have open skating / hockey every day at one of the three arenas. This is a great opportunity for kids of all ages to work on player development outside of formal practices. This open ice is free to everyone.

Equipment

RYH provides home and away jerseys to each player to use during the season as part of the registration fee. Players must provide their own socks as deemed by the head coach. They must also provide all other equipment.

RYH was awarded a Gear Up! Minnesota grant for some starter hockey equipment. If you are new to hockey and don't have access to any equipment, please contact Trish Remick at trisha_remick@hotmail.com to see about check out equipment availability.

Goalie Recruitment / Retention / Equipment Policy

Roseau Youth Hockey has adopted some new policies to recruit and retain our goalies along with increased training.

Here is a breakdown of what we will be offering players who register as goalies:

- RYH registration fee will be waived (not the USA hockey registration).
- RYH will reimburse goalies a set amount of money for equipment purchases each year.

First and second year squirt/10U - \$200

Peewee/12U and first year Bantam/15U - \$400

Second year Bantam/15U - \$500

In return goalies will have to sign agreement that they will participate in 8 sessions of RYH sponsored goalie events. That would include pre-season goalie clinic, behind the mask, and any other scheduled events such as classroom training and dryland. If the goalie should leave the position or program, RYH would have the right to buy back equipment at fair market value minus the accumulated reimbursements that person has received during their time in RYH. Keep an eye on the website for skills camp dates and times as well as the pre-season goalie clinic. Additional details can be found on our website under Goaltending Policies, or by contacting Wade Hinson at wade_hinson@roseauschool.org.

Commitment / Expectations

RYH strives to build pride and a legacy of winning into our organizations. This is in large part due to the dedication of the players, parents and coaches. The following expectations are designed to ensure all participants in RYH understand what is expected and that we continue on the path to success.

- The team is first; support your team
- Be at practice on time and ready to play
- Positive attitude and respect towards all team members, coaches, competitors and OFFICIALS
- A willingness to learn and improve
- Pride in your team and RYH Association
- Leave the locker rooms (regardless of location) cleaner than you found it
- The best players work hard to improve and have FUN doing it!

Dispute Resolution

RYH Board of Directors empowers our coaches to lead the team. Should someone have an issue that needs to be addressed, the first point of contact should be with the particular teams head coach. If, after a discussion with the coach, an agreement cannot be reached, your next point of contact is the board. The person with the issue should provide a written document explaining the concern to the president of the board. The issue will be brought to the next BOD meeting. The person that is submitting the concern must attend that meeting.

Fundraising

50/50 Ticket Sales: Youth from Squirt/10U through Bantam/15U sell 50/50 tickets at high school games. These funds help RYH pay for referees. Each player is expected to participate in selling.

Roseau County Fair Stand: This is fundraiser for RYH. Each player (or parent depending on age of child) is required to work a minimum of one shift at the fair stand. If you do not work a shift, a fee will be assessed. Annual signup for this is in July.

Raffle Tickets: RYH has routinely held raffles to raise funds. Players are required to sell a designated number of tickets. These tickets must be paid for at the time you pick them up.

Attendance

To ensure maximum team and individual player development throughout the season and to strive for overall team success, it is critical to have players at practices and games. We expect a lot from our volunteer coaches, as well as the players and understand the commitment that is necessary by parents for their children to play hockey.

- Players will be required to attend ALL games and practices.
- Acceptable absences include religion, illness and family emergencies.
- If an absence is necessary, communication to the coach is required.

As mentioned earlier, this document is intended to give players and their family's general information about the hockey season and set clear expectations about time commitments, costs and general formats. We are committed to open communication and will do our best to keep the membership updated on a regular basis via email and website. We are also open to direct contact with questions, feedback or ideas.

RYH Board

Let's make this Season a Great Season!