

# The Countdown Continues: Ice is On and Important Dates Ahead!

Hello 12U Girls Hockey Families,

We are just about ready to hit the ice! The excitement is building as we get closer to our first official practice. The ice is on and the fresh paint is dry!

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## On-Ice Practice and Mandatory Meeting Change!

We have an important schedule adjustment for our mandatory meeting to accommodate several fall sports conflicts.

- **First On-Ice Practice (Optional):** We will still hit the ice for our first team practice on **Monday, October 6th!** As a coaching staff, we understand some players have prior fall sports commitments; therefore, the first few practices are **optional**.
  - **Mandatory Parents/Players Meeting (NEW DATE/TIME):** Please join us on **Tuesday, October 7th at 5:15 PM** at the **RACC in Conference Room 3B**. This meeting is mandatory for a parent/guardian and the player. We will go over expectations for the season and sign sportsmanship pledges.
    - **If you cannot make this mandatory meeting, you must** reach out to **Team Manager Cassie Walker** to schedule an alternate time. **Players will not be allowed on the ice after October 17th** until parents and players have met with the coaching staff and gone over expectations.
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## Final Preseason Dryland Practice

We have one final preseason dryland practice this week to keep the momentum going before we switch to the ice.

- **This Thursday, October 2nd: 7:00 PM – 7:45 PM** in the upper mezzanine. This session will focus primarily on stick handling.
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## Schedules are Live!

All District Games and practices have been added to the Sports Engine calendar. Please make sure to download the app and check the calendar regularly. This is the official source for all our game and practice times.

Now that the District Game schedule is set, we will start working on filling in with scrimmages with comparable teams for extra ice time and practice. Details will be added to the Sports

Engine calendar as they are finalized.

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## Fun Off-Ice Team Bonding: Gophers Women's Hockey Game

We are planning an exciting family-friendly team bonding event: a trip to watch the **MN Gophers Women's Hockey team take on St. Thomas on December 6th!**

We are working with Gophers representatives to secure a memorable experience for the girls. **The more tickets we purchase, the more involved the girls get to be!** Involvement can range from:

- **Low End:** Zamboni rides during the game
- **Mid-Range:** Fist-bump tunnel participants, Bench Buddies, and Lineup Buddies
- **High End:** Locker room tours or ice time with the team

**We need your interest submission to determine the best possible experience!** Please use [this link](#) to submit your interest in attending. Tickets are only **\$8.50 each**, and we encourage the whole family to attend!

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## Home Tournament and Staying Connected

- **Save the Date: Home Tournament!** We are thrilled to be hosting our new home tournament from **February 6th – 8th**. Please mark your calendars! We will need all hands on deck for volunteers to make this a successful weekend.
- **RAHA 12U Girls Webpage:** Remember this is your go-to for all up-to-date information, including hotel blocks for our away tournaments and schedules.
- **Stay Connected:** Please ensure that all pertinent caregivers are receiving these updates. If you have not done so yet, please download the **Sports Engine App** today! If you need to add any caregivers to the email list for these updates, please send the information to **Team Manager Cassie Walker**.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone this Thursday, October 2nd for our last dryland, on **Monday, October 6th** for our first skate, and **Tuesday, October 7th** for our mandatory meeting!

Let's Go 12U Girls!

Team Staff