



Spring Lake Park / Coon Rapids  
Youth Hockey Associations  
Boys' Cooperative Agreement

Mission: To provide the youth boys hockey players in the Spring Lake Park & Coon Rapids Youth Hockey associations a fun and rewarding experience for its hockey players, parents and coaches, and to foster a high level of skill development for all of its hockey players.

COOP Agreement Duration: 2 years, starting 2025/2026 through 2026/2027 seasons.

Identity: The COOP shall be named Spring Lake Park / Coon Rapids (SLPCR) and shall register for events under this name.

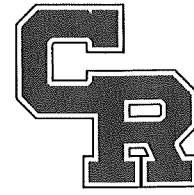
Membership Location: Both associations agree to follow MN hockey guidelines for membership location. Boundaries are defined within the following independent school districts: \*Spring Lake Park - Spring Lake Park School District 16 / \*Coon Rapids – Anoka Hennepin School District 11. School boundaries and waiver policies will apply.

COOP Committee

1. The COOP Committee will consist of Presidents from each association, one (1) Traveling Director, and (1) coordinator from each association.
2. Association boards will support the assignment of new committee representatives upon completion of their term.
3. A quorum is defined as a minimum of three committee members from each association to be present at each meeting.
4. Situations where the vote is split 50-50 must be brought to both association boards for final decision.
5. Financial decisions above the initial budget need to be approved by each association's board.

Team Registration/Participation

1. The associations agree that the Boys' COOP teams be registered under the SLPCR joint COOP. For the purpose of keeping records for association communication along with collecting season fees, players should first register with their home association.
2. The COOP will be represented at all District 10 meetings by a Spring Lake Park and Coon Rapids representative. The representatives will be responsible for communicating any requirements/deadlines to the COOP committee, coaches, and managers as appropriate.



3. The Participation rule as set forth by Minnesota Hockey as well as District 10 rules and policies shall govern the COOP.

### Rostering

1. The intent of this COOP is to field teams annually at age levels Peewee - Bantam.
2. The COOP will have a minimum of one "A" one "B" team at each level.

### Tryouts

The purpose of traveling level tryouts is to separate skaters according to their ability, measured without regard to the ability of skaters outside of SLPCR COOP. All players meeting the minimum grade (as set forth below) for any level of traveling play will be able to tryout for a traveling team without restriction following MN Hockey age guidelines:

- Peewee/U12
- Bantam/U15

A player must be in good standing with their home association to participate in tryouts.

Any properly registered player not able to complete tryouts (for reason other than illness or injury, which are discussed below) must notify a Traveling Director prior to the commencement of tryouts and, in order to be placed on a team, must petition your association's Traveling Director in writing stating the reason for not participating in tryouts. The COOP Committee will consult coaches for the appropriate level of play and, upon the majority vote of the COOP Committee and consent of the appropriate coach, will place the player on a team.

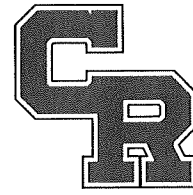
If a player's absence from tryouts is due to injury or illness, the player/parent/guardian must deliver a completed Application for Excused Absence from Tryouts Due to Injury and a written doctor's note to a Traveling Director prior to the commencement of tryouts. An injured/ill player must be expected to return to 100% of his/her playing capabilities by December 31st, based on a doctor's estimation, to be eligible for any spot on an A or B traveling team. Players who do not meet this requirement may be placed on the lowest level team for the season, provided there are openings on such a team. The COOP Committee will consult coaches for the appropriate level of play and, upon a majority vote of the COOP Committee and consent of the appropriate coach, will place a qualifying player on a team.

- The Traveling Director will schedule tryouts for the traveling level teams with an effort to avoid as many foreseeable conflicts with other sports/activities as possible;



provided, however, that a major consideration in the scheduling of tryouts is ice availability.

- The Traveling Director's will appoint 6 tryout evaluators (each association will appoint 3 independent outside evaluators) and 1 goalie evaluator, all of which must demonstrate to the Directors, in the Directors' sole discretion, an adequate level of hockey knowledge. The evaluators are permitted to communicate only with the Traveling Directors during the tryout process. Upon completion of each tryout session, all evaluators will be required to forward their score sheet to a member of the Tryout Board of Directors and will not be permitted to have access to or maintain any scores from a previous session. Participants' scores are permitted to be known only to the Tryout Board of Directors and will not be released to players, parents or any other party at any time during or after tryouts. Each association's President and Traveling Director will appoint a 3<sup>rd</sup> member to the Tryout Board of Directors.
- The Traveling Directors will appoint an on-ice official for tryouts. The on-ice official may, in his/her discretion, remove a player from participation in a tryout session due to a player's continued lack of discipline or ongoing disruption to the tryout process. Any player so removed will not receive points for that session.
- To conceal the identity of players during tryouts, players are prohibited from wearing any jersey, helmet, socks or other identifying gears or items. Players must wear standard game equipment including SLPCR numbered tryout jersey will be provided. All helmet stickers (other than those issued by SLPCR) must be removed. Any player not in compliance with this policy will first be asked to change and, if they refuse, will not be allowed to participate in tryouts and may not be placed on a team.
- Teams of 10, 11, or 12: Top 7 skaters are automatic qualifiers. Teams of 13 +: Top 8 are automatic qualifiers.
  - Pools are decided by aggregated judge scores and cut after two tryout sessions
  - Pool numbers are dictated by anticipated team size and automatic qualifiers.  
EX – Team of 11 = 16 in pool, Team of 12 = 17 in pool, Team of 13 = 19 in pool
  - The Tryout Board of Directors can at the coaches request alter any set pool size by a maximum of 5 players as they deem necessary.
  - The coach for the top team may then select the remaining number of skaters from the pool of players available to fill the top roster at the conclusion of the tryout process.
- Skaters who are not selected in their respective pools are automatically placed at the next level. e.g. if a player makes the A pool and is not selected on the A team they are guaranteed a spot at the next available level B1



Parents, except for designated volunteers and head coaches, are not allowed in the arena during the tryout process. A parent volunteer may not be present during their player's level closed tryout process.

Traveling tryouts will include 2 judged sessions consisting of a combination of drills and scrimmages. There will also be a goalie only evaluation session. There will be additional sessions for the purpose of coaches to evaluate and finalize their rosters. Once teams have been selected, team rosters will be posted to the SLPYHA & CRYHA websites.

Independent judged tryout sessions will be closed to spectators.

#### Move-ups

1. SLPCR COOP generally discourages the movement of players out of their normal Minnesota Hockey defined age group.
2. COOP committee to approve any move-up requests
3. Players must register with their home association at their age defined level.

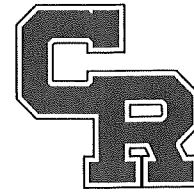
A written request must be received and approved by the coop committee 1 week prior to the first day of tryouts.

#### Jerseys

1. Use of jerseys, socks, and stickers, etc. to be defined by the COOP committee.
2. Both associations to be represented equally on the jerseys.
3. Cost of jerseys, socks, and stickers, etc. to be split by association based on the percentage of players from each association.

#### If all players are from one association end up on one team

1. That team is still to register for events as Spring Lake Park / Coon Rapids.
2. Teams are to wear COOP jerseys and not home association jerseys under any circumstance including scrimmages.



### Ice Scheduling

1. Practice and game ice will be split between the two associations. Per request by District 10, the host team will be the primary Ice Scheduler, working very closely with Ice Scheduler from the other association on the details and schedule.
2. Ice schedulers will be responsible for determining practice/game schedules between SLP and CR Ice.
3. All sessions of ice shall be counted to the totals, including those with outside skill instructors.

### Practices and Games

4. The associations agree that practice and game scheduling will be handled per age-appropriate guidelines defined by Minnesota Hockey and USA Hockey.
5. SLPYHA and CRYHA ice schedulers shall work together using the same ice scheduling software to coordinate ice scheduling for the COOP.
6. Efforts should be made during the season by teams to utilize outdoor ice weather permitting.

### Ice Compensation

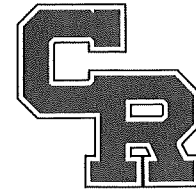
1. Upon season completion all ice hours from practices and games, and any District 10 fees incurred shall be compensated based on the percentage of players representing each association per team for the current year of participation.
2. Example: The majority association provides 60% of the players on a team, the minority association provides 40%. A total of \$5,000.00 is incurred for all fees and ice.  $\$5,000.00 \times .6 = \$3,000.00$  majority portion and  $\$2,000.00$  minority portion. 4. Any change in ice pricing by the vendors will be factored into overall ice costs.

### Hockey Fees

Fees associated with the cost for each player to play hockey (jerseys, ice costs, off-ice development, etc.) are to be reconciled and paid from SLPYHA to CRYHA both by May 15<sup>th</sup> each year.

### Off-ice development cost and structure:

1. Off-ice training and development will be decided and conducted by SLPYHA and CRYHA in agreement with the COOP committee.
2. The cost of off-ice training and development will be the responsibility of each home association based on their percentage of players on each roster.
3. Any increase in costs during the season by the vendor will be factored into overall cost.



#### Coaching/Managers:

1. All coaching applications will be submitted using the registering associations application form and process for application (typically identified on the association website). The following process will be followed for selection:
  - a. The registering association will provide all coaching applications to their respective COOP committee members.
  - b. The COOP committee will initially review and approve/reject applications and document any additional supporting information as needed.
  - c. All applications and additional documentation will be provided to the COOP committee for final decision.
  - d. The COOP committee will notify applicants of their approval status.
2. Coaches selected will be required to attend the SLPYHA or CRYHA coaching clinic and obtain all required USA coaching certifications required to coach at the level they are coaching as well as clear background checks.
3. The head coach and team manager must attend required District 10 functions.
4. The COOP committee will make every effort to have coaches from each association on every team, unless a non-parent coach is hired.
5. Salary amount of non-parent coaches (head and assistant) will be based on which association the coach comes from, then split up based on percentage of players on the team from each association.

#### Complaints and Disciplinary actions

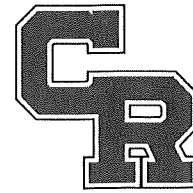
1. Each association will handle any team based complaints and/or disciplinary actions for their membership in accordance with association policy. Should a situation arise involving players from both associations the COOP committee will review the complaint/infraction, hold any necessary hearings and determine a fair and equal outcome.

#### Volunteer/Dibs Hours

1. All volunteer/dibs hours must be completed per players registering association volunteer work hour requirements.
2. If one association needs volunteers, the other association may participate and get credit with their home association for the hours worked at any co-op event.

#### Refunds

Players will adhere to their home association policies for all refund procedures.



### Registration

Registration of each player shall be provided to the COOP committee as soon as available.

### Tournaments

1. The tournament directors from both SLPYHA and CRYHA will work together to assign tournaments for each anticipated team at every COOP level.
2. If a COOP team reaches Regional or State Tournament play, SLPYHA and CRYHA are to split the cost of the team entrance fee based on percentage of players participating from each association.

### SKATE (Skaters Keep Achieving Through Education)

COOP committee to provide input as to how to appropriately recognize the kids who achieve academics while participating in the hockey season in order to recognize each association evenly with the rewards.

### Amendments

All amendments need to be reviewed and approved by each association's Board of Directors before July 1<sup>st</sup> of that season. The SLPCR COOP committee reserves the right to make amendments following a majority vote.

### Opt-Out Clause

1. A majority vote by the Board of Directors of SLPYHA or CRYHA must be held at a regularly scheduled board meeting.
2. A written opt-out notification must be delivered to either SLPYHA or CRYHA Board of Directors.
3. Opting out must be done after completion of the current season but no later than June 1 of that year. The COOP will complete the next upcoming season then separate.

Name (CRYHA President) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (CRYHA Traveling Director) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (SLPYHA President) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (SLPYHA Traveling Director) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_