

2023-2024 RYHA Mite Season

Nate Moen - RYHA President
Dan Ritter - Mite Director
Dan Miller - Coaching Director
Zach Jans - Fundraising Director



AGENDA

- Welcome
- Board and Coordinator Roles
- DIBS Information
- Fundraising
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WELCOME

On behalf of RYHA, thank you for taking time to meet tonight. We want this to be a great experience for everybody, as this goes by quickly!



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ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

Monthly Meeting every 3rd Monday of the Month - ALL ARE WELCOME!

- President – Nate Moen
- Vice President – Bill Zacher
- Secretary – Josey Dooley
- Treasurer – Dara Allen
- Registration – Emily Barnacle
- Ice Schedule – Tim Hanson
- Gambling Manager – Mike Johnston
- Fundraising – Zach Jans
- Growth Director – Jeff Bredemus
- Development Director – Ryan Johnson
- Coaching Director – Dan Miller
- Girls Director – Dan Fitzke
- Boys Director – Matt Kleinbrook
- Mite Director – Dan Ritter

ASSOCIATION COORDINATORS

- U8 Coordinator - Rob Dubel
- U10 Coordinator - Andrew Pohl
- U12 Coordinator - Ryan Struck
- Mite Coordinator - John Groebner
- Web Master - Jason Lorentzen
- Communications Coordinator - Laurie Yunker
- Manager Coordinator - Jen Belland
- S.K.A.T.E Coordinator - Kristen Farnsworth
- Hockey Fights Cancer - Kari Como
- Volunteer Coordinator - Amanda Spilde
- Graphic Designer - Sabrina Dancer Hoover
- Finance Manager - Chris Nathe
- Goalie Coordinator - Jason Krey, Greg Ruiz(mites)
- Dryland Coordinator - ETS Performance
- Jr Gold Director -
- Growth Coordinators - Kayla Beccue, Erik Anderson
- Equipment Manager - Becky Chrisinger
- SafeSport Coordinator - Ronni Beatty-Kollasch
- Dryland Coordinator - Brian Harvala



HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT TEAM

- **Ryan Johnson**
- **Gino Guyer**
- **Emily Achterkirch**
- **Jeff Bredemus**
- **Dan Ritter**
- **Dan Miller**
- **Matt Kleinbrook**
- **Andy Pohl**
- **Chad Vukich**



BOARD POSITIONS

- All Voting Positions are currently filled!
- This has not been the case in the past, so we want to keep this momentum going and thank you for your support.
- RYHA is growing and with growth comes the need for more opportunities to divide and conquer. We will be adding supporting roles in the future with coordinator positions.
- Communication is Key – If you feel there are areas that seem to have gaps or could be improved, please communicate with your board members, remember this is a volunteer organization and there are over 500 kids in our association now!
- Our goal is to make this experience a good one for your son/daughter and your family!

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REGISTRATION / DIBS

- DIBS = VOLUNTEER HOURS
 - 1 Skater = 10 hrs
 - 2 or more Skaters = 15 hrs
- DIBS - checks will be cashed if DIBS are not fulfilled
 - If you did summer DIBS, you don't have to do tournament hours
 - If you do DIBS during tryouts, you don't have to do tournament hours
- If you do not turn in your DIBS check by 10/7/23 your player will not be able to participate in any RYHA activities. You can drop your check in the RYHA box near the RAC office.
- **All Mite Head and Assistant Coaches receive all their dibs hours.**
 - **Assistant coaches are limited to 4/team.**
 - **1 Manager per team.**

Important Registration Information

- IF YOU HAVE A 1ST YEAR MITE OR U8 PLAYER OR ARE NEW TO RYHA PLEASE EMAIL A COPY/PICTURE OF YOUR CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE TO:
RYHA.HOCKEYREG@GMAIL.COM
- YOUR CHILD CANNOT PLAY HOCKEY WITHOUT THEIR BIRTH CERTIFICATE ON FILE. THIS IS A USA HOCKEY REQUIREMENT.

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FUNDRAISING

- Zach Jans - Fundraising Director
- Personal fundraising
 - Not required
 - Heggies Pizza
 - Selling Pizza to help cover Personal Cost
 - Jordan and Kelsey Gauer
 - Great for family and friends



FUNDRAISING & SPONSORSHIPS

- Tiered “Packaged” Advertising Opportunities
- \$1,000/\$500
 - Mite Team Sponsor/Sponsor Daughter or Sons team.
 - Sponsorships for next year
 - All sponsorships full this year
 - Bar Down Classic Tournament Sponsor

Title Sponsor for Squirt-Pee Wee-

Mite Jamboree

- Annual Golf Event Sponsor.
 - Hole Sponsorship, Meal Sponsorship

Great way to showcase your brand name!

→ Most of my service providers are RYHA sponsors

FUNDRAISING & SPONSORSHIPS

Contact Zach Jans for any sponsorship details,
questions, or ideas!!

Email- ryhafundraising@rogershockey.com



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PRESIDENT TOPICS

- SafeSport
- Cell Phone Policy
- Association Apparel Guidelines
- Budget
- Ice
- Pictures
- Future Facility Updates



PRESIDENT TOPICS: SAFESPORT

All team coaches *and* volunteers must be current with SafeSport certification and the Background screening. These items are required.

Emphasis on electronic communication and locker rooms

Safe Sport Training:

<https://www.usahockey.com/safesporttraining>

Background Check:

<https://www.minnesotahockey.org/page/show/96281-screening>



PRESIDENT TOPICS: CELL PHONE POLICY

The use of cell phones in locker rooms is strictly forbidden. RYHA understands players may need to have a cell phone in their presence for personal reasons for rides and other communication purposes.

For this reason, RYHA will allow cell phones to be in an enclosed bag if the cell phone is confirmed to be powered off prior to entering the locker room.

Violations will be reported to D10 and the players family will be responsible for any fines.

PRESIDENT TOPICS: APPAREL

All teams will have the same warm-ups, which will be ordered from approved vendor.

- Eliminates team specific looks
- Uses approved RYHA Logo
- 2-year cycles
- Teams can still purchase other items from approved vendor(s) with approved logo

PRESIDENT TOPICS: MISC

Budget

- RYHA is in a strong financial position
- Gambling continues to contribute
- Planning for additional costs if/when additional rink is built

Mouth Guards

- Must be attached this year

Pictures

- Mite Pictures TBD

Future Facility

- Still discussing with City
- Exploring private options independently and with partners



Manager Training

- Each Mite team needs a manager to help coaches and parents stay informed and organized.
- Manager Training is held for all Mite Teams once teams are formed (date TBD).
- If you are interested in managing, reach out to the head coach once teams are formed.
- Please prioritize this training session to ensure you get your season off to a great start.

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MITE PROGRAM & DEVELOPMENT 2023-2024

*All items are subject to change





Mite Program Focus

- Individual Skill Development through repetition
- Skating, Puck Ability and Basic Hockey IQ
- Passion for the Game
- Player Retention
- Mites will follow Development Plan via Player Development Director

Mite Leadership Structure

- **Mite Director**

- Lead all Coordinators
- Lead Scheduling
- Drive Mission & Focus
- Create Skill appropriate game play
- Manage all extra activity(jerseys, preseason planning, parents meeting, coaches meeting, Ice time, off-ice training, player development)
- Lead Level Strategically through all Board activities

- **Mite Coordinators**

- Manage all Level and Training Camp Activity
- Lead Coaches
- Settle any questions by Level/Manager or submit to Level Director
- Drive Player engagement
- Support Mission and Focus

Season Prep

- Equipment lease night – Jeff Bredemus - first year skaters
 - October 4th 5:30 -8:00PM
 - Rogers Dryland Facility
21122 134th Ave N
- Name on Helmet
- Mouth Guards - need to be attached.
- Helmet comfort
- Stick length (nose/chin)
- Skates
 - Quality
 - Tightening
- Playing Goalie
 - Everyone (Mite C and above) given an opportunity
 - Goalie specific training



Mite Season Structure

- October 7th - Mid November
- Players will be broken up into groups (5 tiers Mites, 1 tier 8U)
 - Kids will initially be separated by last years teams and a combination of skill and grade, adjustments will occur during this timeframe
- November- End of Season
 - All players will be placed on Mite or 8U A-D
 - 3rd Grade-Mite or 8U A/B/C
 - 2nd Graders- Mite or 8U A/B/C/D
 - 1st and Kindergarten- Mite or 8U B/C/D
 - Pre-K: Mite D
- Some Exceptions may occur, however if an exception does occur the parental guardian will be contacted prior to placement



Training Camp Process

Training Camp is Conducted by a Committee appointed by the Development Director and Level Director, which will include:

- •Development Director
- •Level Director
- •Mite Coordinators
- •Select Coaches

Players will be evaluated throughout this time to be placed in proper level for best development

Training Camp process will be continuous through the Tier Concept to place players on the correct level for their development

Group Information and Translation to Teams

Tier 1 - A/B - Mostly 3rd graders and some 2nd graders

Tier 2 - C - Mostly 2nd graders and 3rd graders

Tier 3 - C - Mostly 2nd graders and experienced 1st graders

Tier 4 - Upper mite D - Mostly 1st graders and 2nd year K, some 2nd

Tier 5 - Beginner mite D - Pre-K, K, 1st

8U Tier - Girls A/B

Practice Structure

- All Practices are already pre-planned and Coaches are expected to follow plan for that session
- Practices are intended to support our initiatives around fun and skill development
- ADM model will be used
- Ice Time
 - All sessions will be one hour
- We are a program designed for individual development and puck touches. This philosophy and commitment can only be achieved by promoting small area games where we allow players the best opportunity to practice skills, while maximizing game skills.



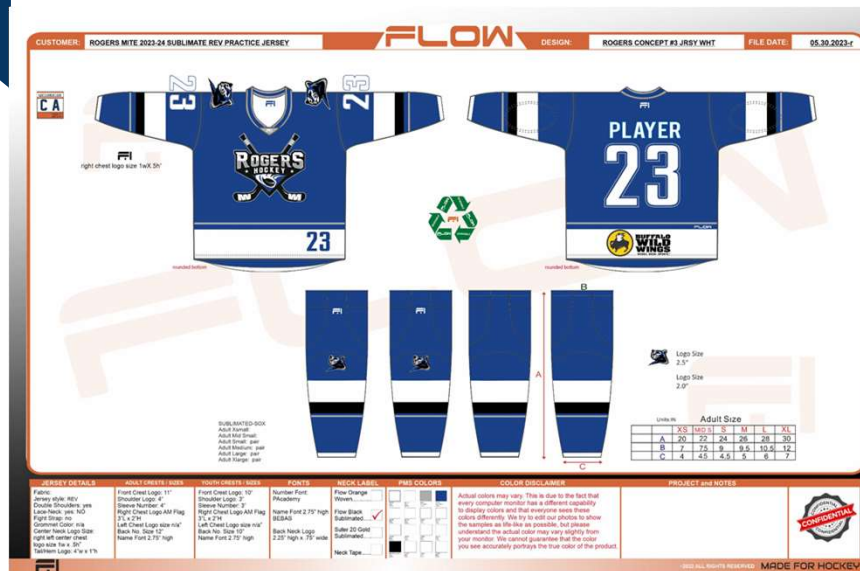
Additional Practices

- Outdoor Ice:
 - Cover ears
 - Dress in area by Zamboni
 - Will need volunteers to help maintain (Look for emails-Dibs)
 - Coaches will work with RAC if conditions are questionable
- Dryland
 - more use of dryland facility this year
 - dryland sessions before practice
 - will need volunteers to help run DIBS

Team Information

- Final teams in November
- Final Jersey distribution in November/December
- Dibs are available to all Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches. Help is greatly appreciated and encouraged. *You have to be registered with USA Hockey, RYHA and have a background check and Safesport complete to be on the ice, in the locker room or working with players.*
- Coaches Meeting will be in late October.

Team Information



Team Information

- Tier Sessions
 - Mite/8U - A/B
 - Half ice games will occur after 2nd week
 - Mite C
 - Cross ice and half ice games will occur after 2nd week
 - Mite D
 - Cross ice games will occur after 2nd week
- Regular Season
 - Mite/8U - A/B
 - Half ice games
 - 4 full ice D10 league games
 - 3 Jamborees
 - Mite C
 - Half ice and cross ice games
 - 3 Jamborees
 - Mite D
 - All cross ice games

Important Parent Information

- No Cellphones/Pictures in the Locker Rooms
- Locker Doors will remain OPEN at all Times
- Please reference our RYHA Code of Conduct for questions on behavior
- No Scholarships will be given at this level, so let the kids have fun!
- Bullying will not be tolerated, if it does occur please contact Level Director and there will be swift action
- May play at other arenas other than Rogers. We have tried our best to get as much ice at Rogers as possible, but events will be scheduled at the Super Rink in Blaine and Anoka as well.

High School Partnership

- Sara Weis - Booster Club President





Thank You!

- We look forward to a fun season! Our association is growing and we strive to make this a great experience for you and your families. There are a lot of volunteer hours that go into a season during the season and throughout the summer. Lots of lifetime friendships are formed during these years and we ask that you represent Rogers in a positive manner at all times, but especially when we are visiting other cities for games and tournaments. Have fun play hard and let's make sure the memories that are going to be talked about 10 years from now are good ones about the hockey team and the kids and not something a parent or coach did.
- Make Good Decisions!
- Enjoy the Ride - It goes fast so hang on and be proud of your child and your team! Let's have a great Season

Questions?

